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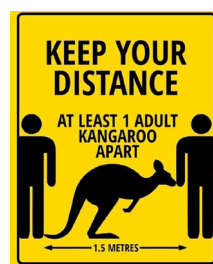
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from the editor

rate equity/inequity – a false dichotomy?

With local government elections to be held in October, and in the interests of fair and informed debate, I invited Cr Kokocinski to hold her letter in this month's Trumpet over until September so that it could be run in parallel with the opposing view. That offer was declined.

The perception that a significant imbalance exists in respect of the percentage of ratepayers' funds invested into Hepburn's five wards, to the detriment of Coliban Ward, has festered for many years and remains a storm cloud over Trentham that deserves more than to be swept aside as a straw man argument.

Cr Kokocinski dismisses the matter of rate equity as 'dubious' 'simplistic', 'seductive', 'misleading' and 'divisive'. Mr Hood's letter published in the June edition of Trumpet, maintains Coliban ward has for many years, and continues to be, unfairly treated with regard to the amount of Council resources allocated to Coliban Ward in the form of capital expenditure.

Cr Kokoconski's letter tells us that 'to split rates by ward would result in infrastructure spend on no critical assets.' No argument I have read or heard is in any way suggesting that rates be split and allocated by ward.

Cr Kokoconski is firm and unequivocal in her assertion that no inequity exists ... but does this contention pass the pub test? Infrastructure spending by Council across 5 wards over many years will inevitably be lumpy. Demographic changes and specific needs will vary over time and place. Doesn't that reality necessitate that some of the lumpiness will, on occasion, land in Coliban Ward?

Both sides of this argument should be put to the community and the bar of debate on this and in fact all issues must be raised beyond the adversarial bludgeoning of opposing points of view. Informed debate is essential to the democratic process. Trentham has been growing at a fast rate for some time, placing strain on existing facilities and creating demand for more. Post COVID-19 the exodus from Melbourne to regional towns within commutable distance and the growing trend of working from home will likely make Trentham even more appealing as a place to call home.

Coliban Ward voters will have the opportunity to exercise their democratic voice on this issue and all matters affecting both the ward and the shire, in the October election.

amanda marx

STOP PRESS

At its July meeting Hepburn Council resolved to 'receive and recognise' the new Trentham Community Plan.

The Plan was prepared by the Trentham Community Forum following consultation with the community over the past 18 months.

Council is now proposing to appoint 'a charter group', separate to the Forum or any other established group or organisation in Trentham, to oversee the implementation of the Plan.

This may seem strange to many people and to paraphrase a former Prime Minister, 'we will decide who represents (Trentham) and the process by which (Trentham) is represented'.

The Trumpet asks, regardless of the merits of the new plan, what gives Council the right to snub any and every duly elected representative body in Trentham and replace it with a behind closed doors Council picked group.

a m

THE TRENTHAM COMMUNITY HUB SURVEY CLOSING MONDAY 31 AUGUST.

Everyone is encouraged to complete the survey and to email and write to Council. [Please click here to complete the survey.](#)

Editorial comment:

At this time of pandemic restrictions and lockdown can the public genuinely be consulted on such an important matter?

While the survey allows for individual views... these views cannot be shared and there can be no meetings or debate.

Council's proposal ignores the two key findings of the Facilities Review (a 250-capacity hall and Trentham Neighbourhood Centre inclusion).

Does the proposed solution – an under-sized renovated Mechanics Hall; TNC 100m up the road and a function room at the sports grounds represent a hub/community centre?

We are only weeks away from the mandatory caretaker period ahead of the October election.

That said, should council elections be postponed re our Stage 3 COVID-19 lockdown?

Should a request be put to Council to halt the "consultation" process until virus restrictions are lifted and a new Council is elected? It's been a long wait thus far. Another few months may be all that's needed to avoid the possibility of an expensive white elephant.

a m

august essay

spirits resilient

In times like this the need for resilience is more pressing than ever. Resilience on all fronts; physical, psychological, emotional and spiritual.

We have all faced suffering, loss and death but to face it as a broader community and on a collective scale is a magnitude hitherto unknown, unexperienced. These times don't even have the enigma and drama of a natural disaster such as a bushfire etc as there is no predictable end in sight. Perhaps we might call it pandemic fatigue.

And so as we grind our gears and wake each morning to go about our work, I feel it is timely to reflect upon the resilience of spirit.

As indeed what is it we are facing ultimately in all of this upheaval, change and loss? We are facing our own mortality. Not just in the quotidian abstract moments staring blankly over a cup of tea into the cold Winter sun or flicking absently through our phones or getting lost in the cool greens of the forest, but as a group, as a collective. This can be a difficult experience, unmediated as it is by our own comfort markers. In this collective arena we are not dealing with the privacy of solitude, the intimacy of the pew or the temple.

It is here through and within this collective aperture that one stumbles upon the dross and knots of one's own character (perhaps in the mirror of the other), those things half said, done, half begun. Those things regretted, wished for, hoped for, secretly prayed for. Those things resolved and unresolved.

But this is precisely it. In a very real sense, as well as a broader one, it doesn't matter. Because just as our

bodies suffer, if one limb suffers, so does the whole body. And similarly if one of us is suffering so does the whole community.

In a very real and visceral way we are all being urged by circumstance, to engage with this, one of the greatest mysteries of life, our own passing. Mortality. Even, immortality. This is the stuff of the great religious and spiritual traditions, the stuff of yawning cathedral ceilings, hidden grottos and mysterious megalithic architecture. It is the stuff of epic texts, transcendent music and sacred mathematic theorems. It is the frankincense of the priest, the drums of the shaman and the chants of the mystic. It is the journey of Gilgamesh searching the four corners of the earth for immortality, it is the ancient Sumerian Ziusudra, the Hindu mystic Markandeya, the ancient Greek Tithonus, Merlin, St Germain, Babaji, Jesus.... And so on.

And it is us.

Here. Now.

In this time of opportunity.

Opportunity for what you might ask? Well this is as opportunity that has always been always with us but that deserves attention now more than ever. And that is the opportunity to nourish one's own inner lamb. An opportunity to subdue the wolf. To embrace goodness, to gather courage, despite and even because of uncertainty, to surrender and to trust the currents of this great mystery we call life.

Alice Melike Ulgezer



Duke and Duchess of Trentham

stage 3 COVID-19

From 11:59pm on Sunday 2 August 2020, every person living in Victoria must wear a face covering when they leave home. This change follows a recent concerning increase in coronavirus (COVID-19) cases in Victoria and increasing evidence that wearing a face covering helps prevent the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19). Wearing a face covering provides an additional physical barrier and helps to reduce community transmission.

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Can I be refused entry or service if I am not wearing a face covering?

Yes, unless you have a lawful exception for not wearing a face covering. For their own and other customers' safety, a business owner or worker can ask you not to enter until you wear a face covering such as a mask.

Victoria's Chief Health Officer, Dr Brett Sutton

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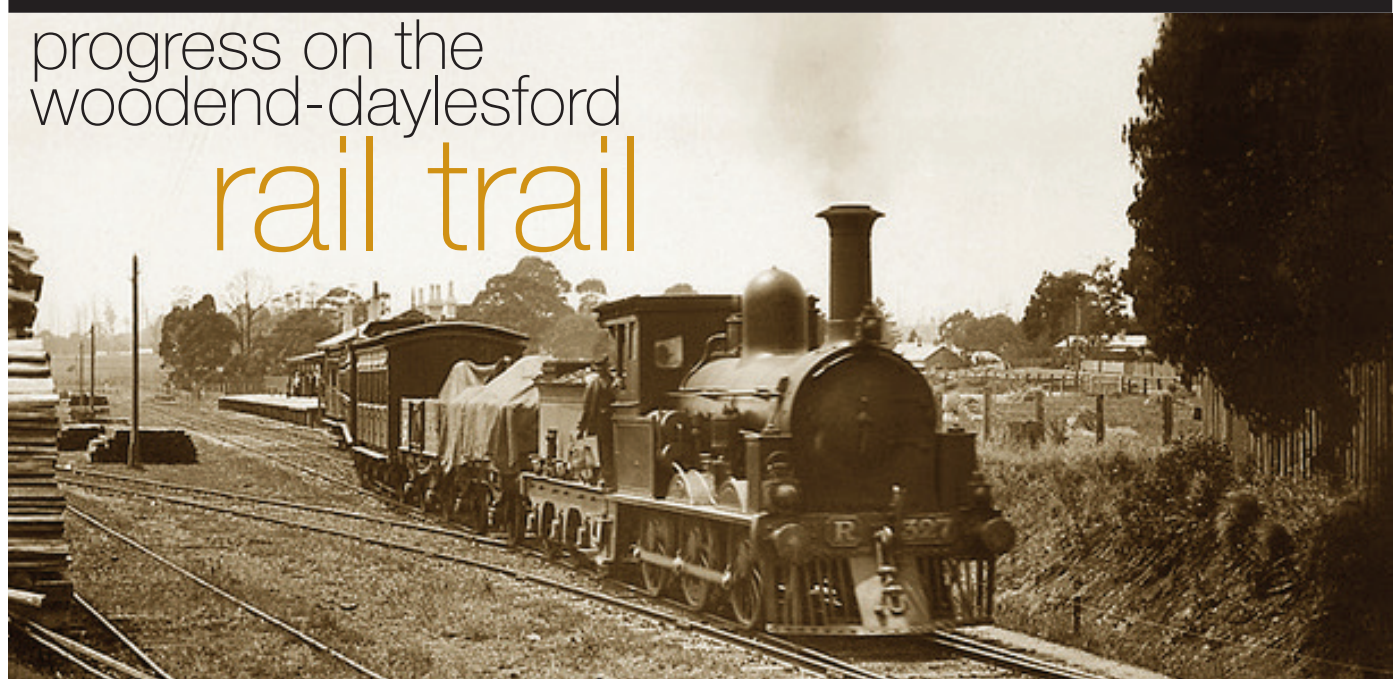
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rail trail



Train leaving Trentham station

Over the past 10 years a group of residents from the Macedon Ranges and Hepburn Shires have been actively pursuing their Local, State and Federal representatives to gain their support for a Rail Trail on the old Daylesford line. It seems that now, after all this time, things are starting to happen.

Hepburn Shire Council is actively pursuing the Daylesford Macedon Rail Trail Project and since late last year has continued to engage in proactive discussions with key State Government representatives to advocate for funding to progress this significant regional project.

A joint Project Control Group (PCG) has been established to investigate opportunities to progress the trail comprising representatives from;

Hepburn Shire Council

Macedon Ranges Shire Council

Daylesford Macedon Tourism

**Regional Development Victoria
Grampians and Loddon Mallee**

In addition to establishing the PCG, Hepburn Shire has progressed a Request for Quote (RFQ) for a feasibility study into the Daylesford section of the project. This piece of work will align to the Macedon Ranges study, which was completed

in August 2019, and provide the full picture of the trail project.



Trentham station

Tenders have now closed, and Hepburn Shire is evaluating submissions. It is anticipated that Council will award a contract in July 2020 (pending a suitable contractor being identified).

Council anticipates that the feasibility study will take a number of months to complete given the comprehensive nature of the project and the complexity of the stakeholder engagement with the final report due early 2021.

In the meantime – Domino Trail needs help!

As many are aware, in 2013 the rail corridor from Trentham Station to Lyonville was cleared with the support of a grant from Hepburn Shire. The TRATA Committee (now Trentham

Rail and Tramway Association) was instrumental in making this happen.

TRATA recently reported that it is going ahead with plans to “smarten the place up and expand”. This is encouraging as the station precinct has great potential and is the ideal starting point for the Domino Trail. TRATA also stated that, in association with the Trentham Historical Society, they want to develop the site as an historic museum. This is a great idea as it will provide a focal point for visitors to the town and will help make Trentham a significant “stopping” point when the Woodend – Daylesford Rail Trail is opened.

The Domino Trail has become extremely popular with walkers and cyclists however, owing to some confusion with the Victrack leases, it is starting to become overgrown again with broom and gorse. It is in dire need of maintenance and we would encourage Hepburn Shire and TRATA to work out a plan to maintain the trail until a final decision on the Woodend – Daylesford Rail Trail is made.

Michael Keane

food for thought

nostalgic eating

Living with the pandemic has brought a whole lot of changes for all of us and it does feel that life from here on will never be quite the same as before. We have all spent some moments thinking back on 'what was' and 'what might have been', so it is not surprising that when it comes to thinking about what to prepare for dinner, we are drawn back to favourite dishes from the past.

The recipe offered in this article is truly such as dish. Moussaka is a Greek dish and like lots of traditional cuisine is based on just a few simple ingredients: eggplant, onion, lamb and tomato.

In our family, we made this dish often, as students, when the kids were growing up and now as an excellent 'no carb' alternative for lasagne!

But how did it come into our lives? While neither of us has Greek heritage, David's father was a Czech migrant to Australia in the late 1940s who married

an Aussie girl. For many post-war migrants, one of the hardest things to adjust to was the lack of familiar cuisine and ingredients. Do you remember stories about only being able to buy olive oil at the pharmacy? Fortunately, the many waves of migration since WW2 have contributed to a rich and diverse food culture in Australia, even though we still lack a widespread appreciation of indigenous foods.

Well, one of the recipe books that saved the day for David's mother was called *Continental Cookery in Australia*, written by Hungarian-born Maria Kozslik Donovan and first published in 1955. In her introduction, the author says that each recipe "is adapted to conditions prevailing in Australia, such as the shortage of domestic staff and the supplies available of foreign ingredients". The following recipe for moussaka is based on the one in this charmingly outdated cookbook.

MOUSSAKA

Serves 6

Ingredients:

3-4 firm eggplants, medium size

3-4 medium brown onions

600g minced lamb

Olive oil

Salt, pepper, dried oregano

150g/3 sachets tomato paste

2 egg yolks

1 cup sour cream

Method:

- Slice onions and fry in olive oil until cooked. Add dried oregano and salt and pepper to taste. Slice eggplants into rings about 15mm thick and cook as you prefer (this could be fried gently in oil, barbequed or steamed).

- Choose an ovenproof dish that will tightly fit two layers of each of the key ingredients. Prepare the dish by greasing with olive oil. Divide eggplant, onion, mince and tomato paste into two lots so you have enough for two layers.
- Start layering with the cooked eggplant, followed by a layer of cooked onion. Form thin, flat portions of raw lamb mince with your hands and place on top of the onion. Spread tomato paste on top of the lamb. Repeat layers. Mix sour cream with the egg yolks and set aside.
- Cook at 180C in the oven for about 30 mins. Halfway through cooking, add sour cream as a top layer. The moussaka is ready when the meat is cooked and the sour cream layer is firm and lightly browned. Remove from oven and allow to set for 10 minutes. Sprinkle with finely chopped parsley to serve.

Serve with a crisp salad and if you want the carbs, steamed rice!

Bon Appetit!

Margot Burrows and David Kotzman

trentham and district historical society

EARLY DAYS AT NEWBURY – PART 1: AN INTRODUCTION

Peter Parsons



Coach and store at old Newbury, site of Blanch Mansell's birth, showing her grandfather, father, mother, and Mr. Jack. The man on the right is Mr. Cook. The word "Rapid" is on the side of the coach. The building is now next to the school in Victoria Street, Trentham. Original photo courtesy Albert Dunn.

The earliest white settlement in the Blue Mount - Garlicks Lead - Newbury area is not well documented. There are however, some scattered references. It is known that from the beginning of the Blackwood goldfield in January 1855 that a route from the north existed in that year, passing near present day Trentham, that was sufficiently well defined for Cobb & Co. to run a coach service. (Asp.: Alan J. Buckingham and Margot F. Hitchcock, *Aspects of Early Blackwood*, "Bairnsdale, 1980, p.10). This route was the Old Blackwood Road on the eastern side of Blue Mount.

The Trentham Parish Plan shows the original route from Daylesford to the Blackwood diggings running from Lyonville to Blue Mount along the three-chain Kearneys Road.

A document held by Mr. and Mrs. Merv Stevens of Newbury states that Henry Garlick claimed to have discovered gold at Garlicks Lead in 1863.

In June 1855 the Trehwella brothers pegged their first mine at Simmons Reef. In 1857 they found the first of their rich Sultan mines at Barrys Reef (Asp.p.75). Poor health made Ben and Matthew Trehwella sell out to their brothers and select land in 1865 (Asp.p.75). Ben selected 80 acres on Blue Mount calling it Fountain Farm, the site of the present Kattemingga. Matthew's 80 acres was the Waterwheel Farm, west of Blue Mount.

While travelling between Simmons Reef (sic) and Blue Mount the brothers discovered gold at Split Tree Gully, 3 km. south of Newbury in 1866 (Asp.p.30)

In 1868 Charles Cowle built a saw mill to the north of Blue Mount, two miles south of Trentham on the Stony Creek. Timber was carted to Trentham. Whether the route was the three chain Blue Mount Road or the Cosmo Road section of the Old Blackwood Road, which followed the

divide and would have been relatively dry, is unknown. James Lyon, who took over the mill in 1877, sold it to William and Benjamin Trehwella in 1887 (T&G: Norm Houghton, *Timber and Gold*, Light Railway Research Society of Aust., Melb., 1980, p.59). It was here at the Blue Mount Mill that William invented the first Trehwella jack, later known as the "Wallaby".

Garlicks Lead was renamed "Newbury" when the Post Office at Newbury Corner was transferred there, probably prior to 1888 (see Fletcher, p.). Mr. Colin Duggan of the Australia Post Historical Unit, quotes Australia Post records as stating that the Newbury Post Office opened on 1 August 1863, and that its name then may have been Blue Mountain Rush. There is no record of whether this was located at Newbury corner or Garlicks; the date implies the former. The area south of Kearneys Road was known as Blue Mount. "Garlicks Lead" referred to the area north of the road.

In this Context of limited information then, Miss Fletcher's reminiscences are a valuable addition. Of particular interest is her mention of the origin of the names "Blue Mount" and "Blue Creek"; the first white settler in the area; the site of an aboriginal corroboree (at the head of Blue Creek, immediately to the north west of the Kearneys and Greendale – Trentham Roads intersection); and the presence of the celebrated Australian novelist Joseph Furphy (1843-1912).

Miss Maria Fletcher (1874-1961) was a lifelong resident of Newbury. Her reminiscences were recorded by Mrs. Gertrude Giles, nee Robson.

*Excerpt from The Recorder –
Trentham & Districts Historical Society September 1988*

trentham and district historical society

living legends

The Trentham & Districts Historical Society has been given a Community Grant from the Hepburn Shire Council to purchase audio and video equipment.

We will record interviews with notable residents of Trentham and the surrounding district which will capture important historical events and insights involving what we refer to as 'living legends'. These are people with significant 'footprints' in the District who have rich memories or stories involving families, relatives, friends or forebears.

They will be people who can 'shine a light' on the events, achievements, hardships, customs, and beliefs of the past. (The District includes Trentham, East Trentham, Newbury, North Blackwood, Fern Hill, Little Hampton, Lyonville and Bullarto).

We have planned a combined interview with two notable women, Kath Morrison and Kit Manning, after COVID-19 restrictions are lifted. Both have deep roots in the area and are recipients of the Shire's Heather Mutimer Award.



Kath Morrison

Kit Manning

This key event will be captured by voice recorder and video and made available to the Community and preserved by the T&DHS and Victorian Collections (Victoria Museums) for posterity.

There are also a number of well-known families with long lineages stretching back to the mid-1800's. Moreover, the histories of buildings or businesses such as the Trentham Mechanics Institute, National Bank and the Redbeard Bakery are also best told via the recollections of the 'living legends'.

We look forward to engaging with the "living legends", once the equipment has been purchased.

Natalie Poole



Unfortunately, once again the Trentham Neighbourhood Centre is closed to the public.

While the centre is closed for all classes and face-to-face services we will be opening for an hour on Monday, Wednesday and Friday for face mask sales.

- Monday 9.30am - 10.30am
- Wednesday 3pm - 4pm
- Friday 9.30am - 10.30am

Masks can also be ordered and paid for remotely and either picked up at TNC by arrangement or delivered within Trentham township - call 5424.1354 to arrange.

*Free masks for those in need are available on the Food Bank in our foyer
(Donated by the Green Store and the TNC).

trentham community hub update

SURVEY CLOSES MONDAY 31 AUGUST

The Trentham Community Hub (TCH) Project website is now live and all information relating to the plans and designs, FAQs and the survey for community feedback is now available for review and constructive feedback:

<https://www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/trentham-hub/>

All community members are encouraged to inform your network of friends and colleagues to complete the survey so there is a balanced and comprehensive involvement by all interested parties.

Ben Grounds is the TCH Project Co-ordinator, please contact Ben if further information and clarification is required.

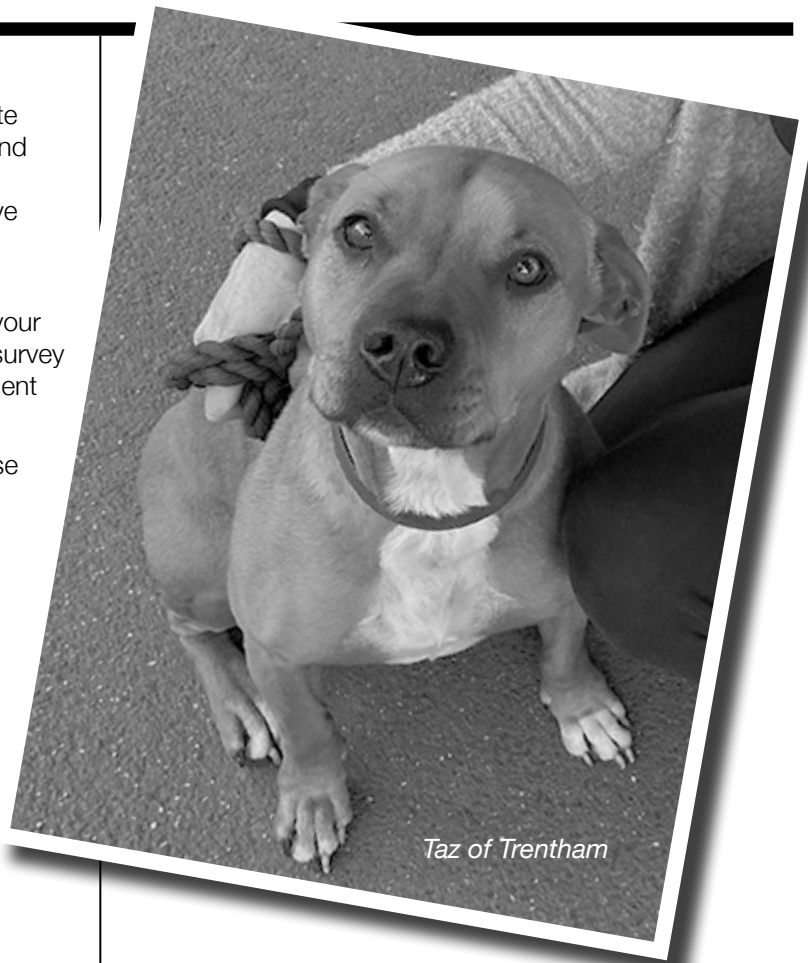
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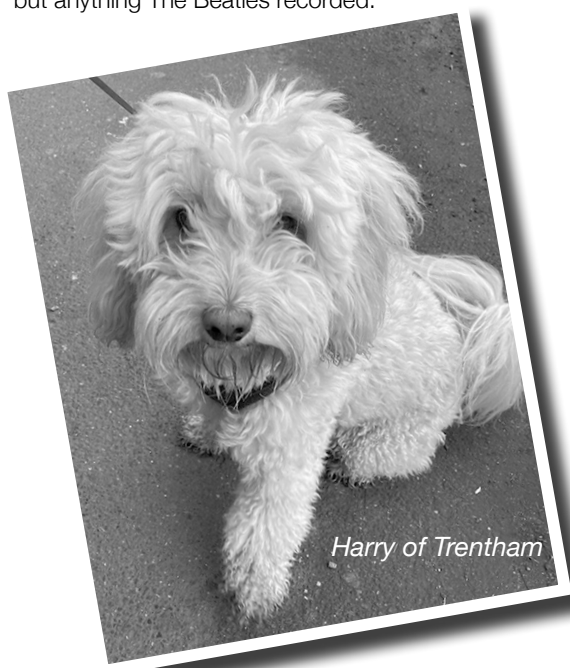
iso quiz

Have you run out of COVID-19 jigsaw puzzles, country classic recipes or knitting projects?

Here's a Words in Winter Stage 3 Shutdown competition for you. Read Richard's short story, "Things We Said Today", and name all the Beatles' songs you can find. Richard has used only song titles and song lyrics in composing the story. How many can you find? List them by title and send them, by 25 August, to: trumpet@trentham.org.au or drop your answers into the TNC for attention The Trentham Trumpet.

The winning entry will be applauded in the September, Words in Winter edition of Trumpet and receive a cash prize of \$50 for their effort.

- There are at least 36 Beatles' songs used in the story; song titles and song lyrics
- There are no words used that are not in a Beatles' song
- Some songs are represented more than once but are only counted once
- No songs recorded by individual Beatles in their solo careers have been included
- Songs are not exclusively Lennon/McCartney compositions but anything The Beatles recorded.





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things we said today

She's leaving home.

She said, "You don't understand what I said."

I said, "Wait, wait a minute, you're moving way too fast, we can work it out, you were meant to be near me. You know I love you still. If there's anything I can do".

She said, "Try to see it my way, think of what I'm saying".

I'm so tired; I'm feeling so upset. When I wake up early in the morning, lift my head, I'm still yawning. She wakes up, she makes up, she takes her time and doesn't feel she has to hurry.

She's leaving home.

And I love her.

I said, "I want to hold your hand, whisper in your ear, I need you."

She said, "I've been in love before and I've found that love is more than just holding hands".

She's the kind of girl you want so much it makes you sorry; still you don't regret a single day. To lead a better life I need my love to be here.

I say, "Take a good look around you, take a good look, you're bound to see that you and me were meant to be with each other. Look what you're doing".

She's leaving home.

She said, "You say 'why' and I say, 'I don't know'. I should have known better."

I say, "I thought I knew you, what did I know? Oh darling, if you leave me, I'll never make it alone."

And in the end, I have to admit; she's a woman who understands, there was something inside that was always denied, for so many years. I realise I have left it too late.

Though tonight she's made me sad, I still love her. Oh dear, what can I do? I think I'll take a walk and look for her, come on, let me through, I got so many things I got to do, don't want to cry when there's people there. But I'll be back again. If she turns up while I'm gone please let me know.

The end.

Richard Ryan

safe place

a warm bed for the night?

Do you have a warm bed for tonight? And do you have a front door to close out the world? Many in Hepburn Shire do not!

The Victorian Department of Health tells us that in Hepburn Shire, "The percentage of households with rental stress is among the highest in the State." The amount of social housing available in the Shire is about half of the State average, ranking 51 out of 79 local government areas.

Child and Family Services Ballarat Inc. (CAFS), assists people seeking housing services in Hepburn Shire. CAFS operates from the Community Health Centre in Daylesford and annually has around 100 women, children, and men across a range of ages visit them looking for housing help. Many of these people have no home and are couch surfing or sleeping in cars or tents. Others have inadequate housing or housing, that is way too expensive for them.

It can take 10-12 years to come to the top of the social housing list.

There must be better ways to address the housing needs in the Shire.

A small team of concerned residents called 'Safe Place Homes Inc' is working to increase the stock of affordable homes and homes for the socially, physically and mentally disadvantaged in the Shire. Safe Place was established in mid-2017 at the instigation of local Daylesford resident David Hall in response to community concerns about:

- the lack of housing for those who are homeless in Daylesford, and Hepburn Shire more broadly; and,
- the lack of affordable housing for those who work in our main towns, forcing them to live elsewhere and commute long distances, or leave those towns and seek work in areas where affordable housing is available.

The name 'Safe Place' arises from our belief that every member of our community deserves a safe place to live.

Hepburn Shire Council (HSC) part-funded construction of four homes for the disadvantaged, in Clunes. This significant development at 17 Smith St is to have four lower rent homes in an anticipated agreement between Council and the developer.

At a recent Council Briefing Session, Safe Place asked HSC to adopt a pro-active set of policies to stimulate the building of more homes for those in need. Policies with specific targets and deadlines were sought.

Council reacted positively to our presentation. But we were told that it would take another twelve months before a Social and Affordable Housing policy is developed.

Creative thinking needs to be applied to this challenging problem.

Other Councils have developed policies to stimulate home building for the disadvantaged, at minimum cost to ratepayers, through partnerships with Government registered housing providers and philanthropists.

Safe Place is seeking sites in the Shire which could be made available for houses for the disadvantaged. HSC has been asked to review its landholdings to identify suitable sites. Safe Place is in contact with several registered housing providers to be ready to review sites and propose new homes.

Safe Place hopes to find sites in all wards in the Shire, available for long term use, either free of charge or at minimum cost, where plans can be made to fund, build and manage new affordable homes. Please let us know of potential sites.

For more information contact

David Hall

President, Safe Place Homes Inc.

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trentham sustainability group

power to the people!

At its recent meeting, the Trentham Sustainability Group (TSG) resolved to gather its efforts around the scourge of Trentham: Power outages.

This will be one of the Sustainability Group's major projects for the coming year, bringing together the people, the knowledge and skills to map a way forward for energy security in Trentham.

The nation's Chief Scientist, Alan Finkel, characterised our energy challenges as a trilemma, or a 3-way dilemma... those 3 problems being:

- 1) Energy reliability;**
- 2) The cost of energy;**
- 3) Eliminating fossil fuels.**

We already have the technology to provide cheap, reliable, clean electricity when we need it. But the multi-national power companies are not going to provide it without some community action...enter TSG's renewed focus on this important issue!

So, what does TSG want to see?

Secure, clean and affordable energy produced right here in Trentham.

We know already that solar pays in Trentham (despite the weather!), also that we value our climate: the water, our gardens and fertile farms... and we know that we are sick of the power going out: ALL THE BLINKIN' TIME!

How can energy security be achieved?

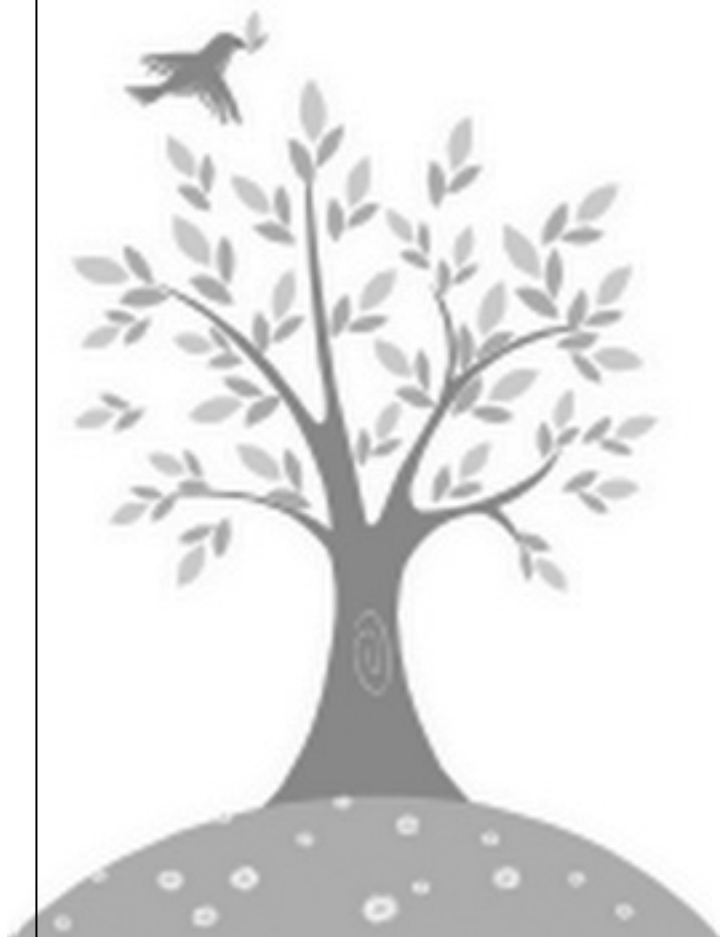
New technology like smart inverters and home-batteries mean that we can link our household solar production together, making the most of it across the community even when the sun doesn't shine. We can create a community-driven "micro-grid" by linking these renewable energy resources and grid-scale batteries, in a way that ensures that when the lines go down on the edge of town - the power stays on.

With some investment in our local renewable resources – we could even conceive of a day where we don't need to be connected to the rest of the grid at all!

If you're keen to help out on this exciting project email the Trentham Sustainability Group at tsg@trentham.org.au. And watch this space for a community conversation in the springtime as we share how all of this can be achieved.

Sebastian Klein

on behalf of the Trentham
Sustainability Group



councillor's corner

As I write this, I note that restrictions on movement is again in force in the Greater Melbourne metropolitan area and the Mitchell Shire. From 23 July, people in these areas who leave their homes must wear a mask. We also note that residents from the restricted zones are not permitted to travel outside these zones unless they have written authorisation or under certain circumstances. As per the government's guidelines, it is desirable that where local residents cannot or are not satisfied that appropriate social distancing can be maintained that they wear a mask that covers their nose and mouth. Importantly, all residents should stay safe and support each other.

From what I can see and with the absence of Melbourne-based tourists and day-trippers, that a new type of day-tripper is becoming evident – people from other regional areas. This certainly takes up some of the shopping and dining opportunities in this town. Also, it is evident that local shopping has increased because many locals are reluctant to shop outside Trentham. This has to be good, providing a reliable supply chain continues.

Trentham Community Hub

I had hoped to present draft options to the residents of Coliban. Instructions were given to the architect after the last Council meeting and the community-based Project Advisory Group. As things stand, they may well be ready in the next week, so if this article and the publication of the options cross each other, it is inadvertent. Once published, the options will be out for comment for four (4) weeks.

Please note, given that the Council enters caretaker mode from 22 September until 24 October, any recommendation

that is not ready for Council's September ordinary meeting will not be tabled or considered until a new Council sits. From my perspective, I am disappointed that we may not be able to conclude this issue in this term of Council.

When residents view the options, I would urge you to resist the temptation to make a 'wish list,' nor attempt to re-prosecute past but highly divisive arguments. The constraints are: practical needs of a relatively small township which has limited growth potential; funding; community cohesion; council processes and timing. The third constraint is probably the most important one, and will heavily influence political support (or not) for funding.

Trentham Streetscape

I note that the streetscape works are virtually complete. There is still work to be commenced in Albert St. and Market St. is still without proper signage. The new works should see the drainage situation alleviated at corners of Market and High Streets. There is now additional seating at this intersection. I will be investigating when some planters can be placed in this area to give these spots a bit of colour.

Trentham Early Learning Centre

Progressing, with foundation and north-facing frame in place.

Cr Licia Kokocinski,
Coliban Ward Councillor

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a trentham cottage



1860's Trentham miner's cottage

one of trentham's oldest miners' cottages lovingly restored

For everyone who loves their Trentham history, a miner's cottage in Market Street dating from the 1860s, has been painstakingly restored by Paul Feikema. Paul and his wife Jozette, own the delightful main house in Market Street, which was built and then owned by Michael Tilley in 1884, and has been recently extensively restored. Paul has been a passionate perfectionist in its restoration. He initially worked for approximately six days on the cottage, with the help of a skilled Trentham carpenter. Paul found the miner's cottage to be in a completely decrepit state with rotting floorboards and the entire structure about to collapse in a heap at any given moment. Several people advised Paul to demolish it, saying it basically had no historical or intrinsic value whatsoever. Paul stubbornly refused to believe this and decided to go ahead with the immense challenge of restoring it and maintaining a part of Trentham's former history. It eventually took him well over a year and a half to complete the restoration. He felt it was worth every minute!

In the restoration process almost nothing was bought, as Paul used recycled wood and bricks for the walls and the floor, in keeping with the approach taken by the builders of the original cottage. Surprisingly, the roof was still in good condition. Paul has added atmospheric electrified lanterns, antique bits and pieces such as old horseshoes and a fully functioning potbelly stove.



The cottage is used as a sort of outhouse, where people can just sit and read or ponder, absorb the atmosphere, and even have dinner (as we have!) and look out onto the large, interesting garden.

This miner's cottage is among one of the oldest structures in Trentham and promotes a positive image of the area's history. It makes a valuable contribution to the historical record of the town.

Renée Feikema and Paul Feikema

cool country classics

Cool Country Classics Trentham Inc was formed in 2011 as a result of Ken Byrne introducing Bill Franzke to John Gray at a Trentham football club home game on a Saturday afternoon, and as they say "the rest is history".

Ken had been doing electrical work on Bill's house when he noticed that Bill had a pair of classic cars and thought that an introduction would be appropriate.

As both Ken and Bill had history in the local area I thought it would be interesting to find some background history of the two people who led to the formation of Cool Country Classics Trentham.

Bill Franzke was born in Melbourne but his family history was centered around Trentham and Bullarto back to the 1800s. Franzke Track still exists at Bullarto South.

Bill's father and grand father, who worked at the foundry, were born in Trentham and his great great grand father is buried in the Blue Mount cemetery.

A block of land situated on the right side of the Newbury Road just past Old Blackwood Rd was purchased by the Franzkes in 1872 and was sold in 1982, I wonder what the capital gains tax was.

Up to around 1974 Bill used to spend a lot of time in Trentham and eventually moved back to Trentham upon retirement in 2010 where he was able to pursue his hobbies of fishing and gardening.

Bill proudly claims to have "known where every trout lived between Upper Coliban Reservoir and Sam Clark's still.

Bill's gardening exploits included growing orchids, not all survived, and recently growing and then eating, his own pineapple.

Bill's Bristol, which shares a garage with a Porsche 911 Targa also has a local history. It's first owner was Bill

Weston whose mother was Tina Bremner from Bullarto. Ken Byrne was born at the family farm Byrneside on the Trentham Tylden Road.

After schooling at the local schools Ken completed his Electrician's training and started his working life as a local electrician in 1976.

He moved to the old Bank in High Street Trentham building in 1987 and then to Pearsons Road in 1992 where he raised cattle and two sons, both of whom are now electricians.

Ken has been involved with the Trentham football club as a player since the under 11s, through to the seniors, a feat followed by his two sons.

Ken is found on home games running the scoreboard while wife Leanne is also helping around the club.

Ken's classic car is a 1975 Ford XB Falcon.

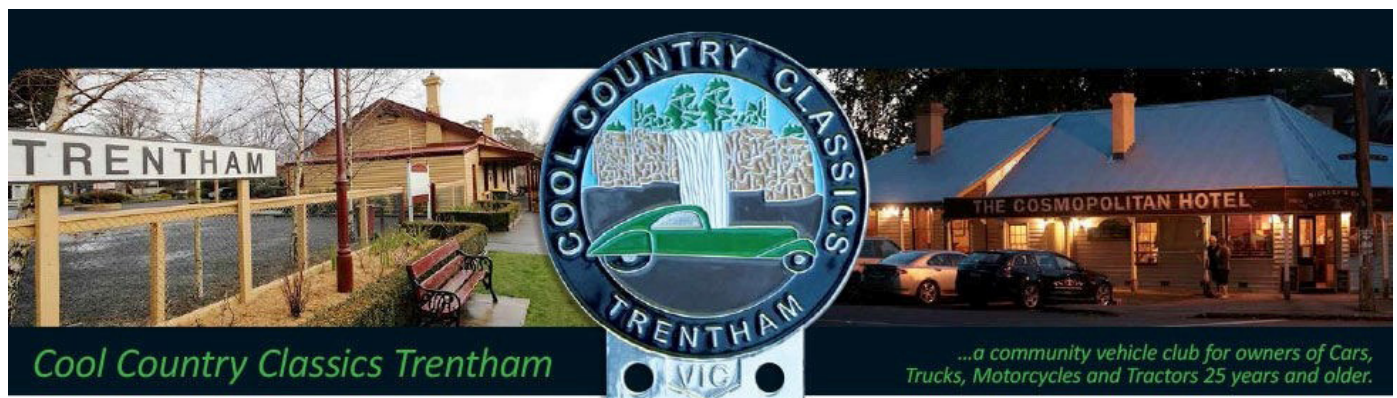
The car was bought new by Ken's sister and was acquired by Ken in 2007, having been in the one family since new.

Although in remarkably good condition when Ken got the car he has completed a comprehensive refurbishment of the car to bring it up to its current excellent standard.

With the two boys now being electricians maybe Ken can look to slowing down his work load and concentrate on obtaining another Blue Oval product to restore, or maybe just get involved in running the club for which he is responsible for starting up.

John Gray

Cool Country Classics Trentham President



quarry street reserve

council funds biodiversity grant for quarry street reserve



*Trentham Quarry Street Reserve Zones
(kindly drawn by Dianne Caithness)*

The Quarry Street Reserve Committee of Management has received a grant of \$4,480 from Hepburn Shire Council's Biodiversity project.

"This welcome grant gives a significant boost to putting into place the Management Plan adopted late last year, the grant supports dealing with weeds, extensive mulching, indigenous planting and clearing the waterways," said David McCallum, Chair of the Committee.

Four park 'zones'

The Management Plan identifies four 'zones':

- General Parkland (the pavilion and surrounds);
- Bushland Reserve (from the Lelant / Victoria Streets corner to the drain);
- Bushland Recreation (from the drain to High Street); and
- the Island (now cleared and planted).

A major focus of the Biodiversity project is renovating the Bushland Reserve, and this will see the planting of a variety of indigenous plants in this area. The pine tree in the midst of its gums, identified as a weed, is being removed by Council staff in late July.

Brian Bainbridge, the Shire's Biodiversity Officer, assisted the Committee in preparing the Plan, along with local garden expert Jill Teschendorff, whose recent book *Grow Wild* is guiding the choice of plants.

Both exotics and natives

A new exotics area on the Lelant Street side of the park, between the drain and red bridge, is being established. The donated mulch piles are now ripe enough to use to lay out this area, which already has dogwoods and flowering plums. Exotic plants will be moved there from the Bushland Reserve, so the latter can be cleared of weeds, and new planting commence.

"The June 2018 review of all the trees in the park by Homewood recommended that attention be given to the gums' understory," said Committee member Fay Magee, who supervised the re-planting of the island. "This is a key aspect of the Biodiversity project."

Bushco was earlier engaged to poison sections of the waterway and lake edges; its application of Garlon, an environmentally safe herbicide, has seen good results. The grant includes plans to continue this work over the winter months, so that planting can commence later in the year.



*Helen van der Werff marks out the new exotics area
(Photo by Fay Magee)*

Volunteers needed

The Reserve is probably the part of Trentham most used by locals and visitors alike. The Plan aims to ensure its medium-term future. The Plan's Vision is for the Reserve to be a place where the natural and recreational landscape is managed and protected for its own sake, and for the enjoyment of residents and visitors.

Achieving this calls for a fair bit of leg and spadework!

Volunteers to take part in working bees are needed. It's satisfying, fun and helps the natural, communal and recreational environments!

If interested, contact a Committee member –

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Charles Sherlock	charlesherlock@gmail.com

the fellowship of the ringers

Since early March, a group of seven members from the three Trentham churches has been ringing the only church bell in town at St George's Anglican Church. At the start of August that makes twenty weeks. Every day at midday one of us turns up and rings the bell twelve times. It is meant to remind the town that we care, God cares, we hope for the future... or whatever you need it to mean. We observe social distancing and we take care to use gloves or some protection when we handle the bell pull. It happens every day in sun, rain, wind or snow.

That is the theory. In practice it is actually quite hard to ring a single bell but we have all made some kind of personal progress. Some of us ring fast and furious, some slow and tolling, some still hesitantly. The consensus has been that you ring eleven times and the bell just does one more. Occasionally one of us forgets, but only God is perfect. I can hear it from my place behind the lake if the wind blows in the right direction. Some locals tell me it reminds them to pray, others are just grateful that we make the effort. Occasionally we have had a "guest ringer", just ask if you want to try your (sanitised) hand. The sheer routine

has given shape to our week: I am the Monday ringer, Bob is Tuesdays and so on. I confess the other day it was so bitterly cold I rang it five minutes early.

For some major church festivals, mostly Sundays, we have had short prayers and even sung a hymn, standing at 1.5 metres from each other around the bell. It is hard to think that the building has had to be locked for the first time in fifty years, perhaps ever, especially at Easter and Pentecost. St Mary Magdalen has tried re-opening but found it too difficult. Some of us have tried on-line worship but it is a poor substitute after all these weeks.

Trentham is fortunate to have the Combined Churches Committee to bring together Anglican, Catholic and Uniting folk. I have been grateful for the email contact we have and the encouragement that the Fellowship of the Ringers has given me.

Peta Sherlock

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community announcement

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trentham forum

report on the 2020 AGM of the trentham forum

With COVID-19 restrictions in place, the 2020 AGM was held online, with a large number of members attending.

President Helen Macdonald, who has led the Forum for the past three years, thanked the outgoing committee for their efforts, commenting that they had put in a huge effort during the year, particularly on the development of the Community Plan.

Communication from the Forum committee to members and the community this year has been more consistent through the Website, Facebook page with cross-posting on Trentham Connections, regular articles in The Trumpet and direct email updates to Forum members.

The biggest achievement of the year was the completion of the Trentham Community Plan 2020-2024. It was ratified by Hepburn Council last week. This has been an enormous effort, with numerous layers and some very tough conversations.

The focus of the plan is on projects and improvements that can be taken on and hopefully finalised in the timeframe of the plan - between now and the end of 2024.

The main event of the meeting was the election of members of the "Business Committee" (the official name for the Forum Committee). Liza McDonald was elected President, Robert Callant is the new Vice-President and Christine Heazlewood and Corina Sabo were re-elected to their positions of Secretary and Treasurer respectively. Simon Phillips agreed to continue on the Committee and was joined by new members Ethan Brown and Amanda Marx.

To ensure effective implementation of the Community Plan, outgoing President Helen called on the whole community to step up and contribute at a higher level, by being on the committee or participating in the groups that will be working on the many different projects in the plan. "Don't sit back and wait for 'someone' to do it," she said, "Step up and help make it happen!"

Helen Macdonald

Outgoing President
Trentham Community Forum

2020 hepburn shire council elections

The 2020 Hepburn Shire Council Elections will take place on 24 October 2020 this year.

The Victorian Electoral Office (VEC) manage the election process.

Snapshot of election time frames:

- Friday 28 August 2020 – close of the roll at 4.00pm
- Wednesday 16 September – office opens to the public
- Thursday 17 September – certification of the voter's role and opening of nomination period
- Nomination period from 17 September – 22 September
- Close of nominations at 12pm noon
- Ballot draws to determine the ballot paper orders
- 23 September – early voting for each election

- Deadline for lodgement of personal statements and photographs for postal elections at 12pm & deadline for lodgement of candidate questionnaire at 12pm
- Friday 23 October – close of voting for all elections at 6pm
- Saturday 24 October – Extraction and counting activities commence
- Friday 30 October – postal vote receipt period closes at 12pm noon
- Saturday 25 October to Friday 13 November – Declaration and counting

For more information on Hepburn Shire Council 2020 General Election, including timetable and ward structure please visit <https://www.vec.vic.gov.au/voting/2020-local-council-election/elections/hepburn-shire-council>

letters to the editor

The Editor, Trentham Trumpet

Brian Hood's letter in the June issue was very interesting. It is not the first time we have heard the cry for rate equity and I guess it won't be the last time; I have no doubts that the majority of us support the idea. Numerous letters and discussions have taken place in the past but nothing positive has happened, why, because no goals have been set.

Okay, Coliban Ward contributes 16% of council's rate revenue with a 4% return to the Coliban Ward but how does this compare to the other wards? What is a realistic rate return to Coliban Ward? This, to my knowledge, has never been discussed by the current or the previous councillor in public or any local publications. So let's put our apolitical heads together and decide "what is a realistic rate return for Coliban Ward"?

Once that realistic attainable rate return has been agreed upon then all the candidates for the October council election will be able to state "how they plan to achieve that rate return to the Coliban ward". Then having stated their plan the community will at least have one simple measure of the incoming incumbent's commitment to the ward.

Yours faithfully,

Tony Johnston

Letter to the Editor, Trentham Trumpet

The issue of rate equity (interpreted as rate revenue from Trentham being more than infrastructure spending in this area) has been pursued for many years in this community. This line of argument gets pushed selectively across Victoria and each time it is found to be dubious.

The Hepburn 2020/21 Draft Budget shows that total income is expected to be \$35.2m. The biggest revenue items are: Rates and Charges- \$22.3m; Operating & Capital Grants (from State and Federal Governments) - \$9m. Expenditures are budgeted at \$33.3m. The biggest items are: Employee costs - \$14.2m; Materials & Services - \$10.7m and Depreciation (the reduction in the value of assets due to use and age) - \$7.1m.

The Draft 2020/21 Budget has \$12.1m in capital works. \$3.4m for new assets, \$7.2m for renewal of existing assets and \$1.5m for upgrade of existing assets. The proposed capital works for the 2020/21 Budget will be funded by \$2.0m in grant funding from the State and Federal Government, \$7.0 million from rates revenue, \$3.0m from borrowings and a small amount from contributions.

Grants from State and Federal Governments are critically important for the building of new assets, while rate revenue is predominantly used for renewal of existing assets, fixed employee and program/services delivery costs.

Capital works spending is based on prioritisation and asset condition. To split rates by ward would result in infrastructure spend on no critical assets. Councils do not account income or expenditure by ward and there is no legislative requirement to do so.

Like most simplistic arguments, the rate equity argument can be seductive, easy to grasp and invariably misleading. Ultimately, it is divisive.

The Victorian Government has concluded its Review of the Local Government Rating System. It appears there were no contributions or submissions arguing for ward or town based revenues to expenditure. It was a once-in-a-generation opportunity to reform the rating system. Similarly, during the public comment phase for our Draft Budget, we did not receive one submission arguing that expenditures (infrastructure and recurrent) should be determined by ward/town contributions. If the proponents of (the limited interpretation of) rate equity are so confident in their case, why were these opportunities disregarded?

Cr Licia Kokocinski

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the trentham garden

roses



Few other plants are as interwoven with the human imagination as the rose. Its poetic, culinary and medical

applications span millennia and the development of the modern garden rose is a story that crosses continents and civilisations.

I remember walking around the Royal Botanic Gardens in Kew, London and noticing which parts of the garden visitors engaged with most. People often sped through the fabulous new double herbaceous borders and gnarled old trees planted by plant hunters in the 18th century. However, the rose garden was different. Everyone seemed to slow down and very literally take time to 'smell the roses'.

As a designer I love to see people interacting with gardens in this way and it really got me thinking about the value of this most treasured and evocative of garden plants.

Even the selection of individual rose cultivars for your garden can have a richness of meaning. A collection of roses can have an historical theme such as roses of the Victorian era or symbolic roses such as the red rose of Lancaster or the white rose of York (unfortunately under debate!) Personally, I have a 'Mermaid' rose in my garden that I first saw on a trip to Sissinghurst, Vita Sackville-West's famous garden in the UK. It's a monster of a rose

that will theoretically take up the entire side of my house!

Rose pruning is a subject that can cause much angst and unnecessary wringing of hands. Don't worry too much... everything will be ok! I generally go by the RHS recommendations which you can find online, just remember to flip the months of the year as it's a northern hemisphere organisation! The only real trick is trying to recognise which type of rose you have (hybrid tea, climbing rose etc.) and see how it fits in within the classifications. From there it's pretty simple to get the general idea of what needs to be done. There is no such thing as a rose pruning disaster... the worst you can possibly do is prevent it from flowering for a season, and even that is pretty unlikely.

One factor influencing my selection of rose varieties for clients is their need for spraying, which varies enormously from cultivar to cultivar. Make sure that you plant your roses in a sunny site and be sure to add plenty of cow or sheep manure and compost. This will greatly improve the health of the roses and reduce the need for sprays. If your roses need more than the occasional organic spray I would question the cultivar that has been selected.

My recommendations for roses? Amongst my favourites are Rugosa roses as they have beautiful Autumn

foliage and brightly coloured 'hips', and are very tough. I also like the David Austin roses for their beautiful scented flowers, bushy form and tendency to flower again and again throughout the warmer months.

In this way, they fill the gap between early spring flowering plants and summer perennials, and also put on a nice display at Christmas when many of us are entertaining etc.

Winter is generally the best time to buy roses for the garden as they are available bare-rooted. Not only are they cheaper, but there is also a wider variety available. Reportedly, stocks are selling out quickly this year, with lots of people getting out in the garden for something to do during COVID-19 restrictions!

I used to quite dislike roses and found them a bit too sickly-sweet and traditional for my tastes, but now I love them for their richness of meaning and association, stunning range of colours and ability to repeat flower right throughout the Australian Summer. Long may she reign as the 'Queen of garden plants'!

Happy gardening,

Kaz Krasovskis

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biggest morning tea



trentham's biggest morning tea

friday 28 aug 2020 @ tnc

Due to the COVID-19 restrictions and to protect our community we are doing things a bit differently this year. The Trentham's Biggest Morning Tea 2020 event will be a ticket only event.

Tickets can be purchased at Trentham & Districts Community Bank branch located at 37B High Street or by arrangement (i.e. pay online). Please phone 5424 1608 or email the branch trenthammailbox@bendigoadelaide.com.au if you need any assistance.

As Trentham Neighbourhood Centre (TNC) can only allow 20 people in the main room at a time, we are asking you to come, collect your tea and take it home to share with a friend.

When purchasing a ticket, you will be allocated a time for picking up the order from TNC. If anyone is unable to attend due to isolation we can deliver, contactless if necessary.

Tickets are \$15 each. This includes -

- 4 Scones with Jam, Cream & 2 tea bags,
- Lucky teacup competition entry, and
- Entry into the raffle draw.

Thank you to our local supporters of the Trentham's Biggest Morning Tea. This year Chaplin's has kindly come onboard to bake, make and provide scones and the TNC is once again offering their venue to make all this happen.



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COLIBAN WARD UPDATE

TRENTHAM COMMUNITY HUB

We want your input on the design of the Trentham Community Hub.

Council has previously confirmed the budget and scope for the project. The Trentham Community Hub will be at 66 High Street, Trentham – the site of the Mechanics Institute, and will incorporate the original parts of the Trentham Mechanics Institute.

The scope includes Council customer service, library and visitor information, along with community meeting rooms and incorporating the existing hall.

Council is now undertaking the design for the project, in order to be able to source external funding for construction.

Draft concept designs are available to view on the project webpage www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/trentham-hub

The Project Advisory Group (PAG) is made up of select community members representing the broad interests of the Coliban Ward community. The PAG have had input into the thinking and priorities that have helped shape the draft concept designs.



We are gathering community input via a survey, which asks targeted questions about the designs and how you will use the Trentham Community Hub. The link to the survey is also on the above webpage.

Due to COVID-19 we will not be holding any formal face-to-face consultations. The Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on our website provide information about the project, and the Project Manager, Ben Grounds, can be contacted for other queries on 0447 394 432.

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trumpet notes

Vale Brian Crook

Brian Crook (1938 - 2020) passed away peacefully at Bendigo Hospice after a long illness.

Mr Crook was the President of the Trentham Bush Nursing Hospital for over ten years, prior to its amalgamation with Hepburn Health Service in 1998.

Mr Crook was instrumental in the Bush Nursing Hospital's successful application for Government funding to build the Trentham Hostel, which took more than three years to secure. He was also a major contributor to the campaign to raise money and seek community support for the new build. The Hostel opened on 10th October 1994.

Mr Crook was recognised as a Life Governor by the Board of Management at Hepburn Health Service for his significant contribution to the organisation. His commitment is greatly appreciated and recognised.

Our thoughts are with his family.



Hepburn Health

Brian Crook died 24/6/2020 aged 81 years.

Brian and his wife Diana came to Trentham in December 1979 as proprietors of the Trentham Newsagency.

Many local primary school boys and girls came under Brian's wing as paper deliverers.

Brian was heavily involved with the community especially the Bush Nursing Hospital.

He was an accomplished golfer and lawn bowler and a member of both clubs.

He served on the parish council of his local church and was a charter member of the Trentham Lions Club, serving for many years.

He and Diana relocated to Bendigo in recent years where he passed away after a long illness.

He will be remembered fondly and with great respect by many Trentham residents both past and present.

Moir Bourke

thank you ...

.....During this COVID-19 pandemic one has to take a moment to appreciate how fortunate we are to live and work in this town, where we feel 'safe'. At such a time our geography, being detached from the hideous happenings of greater Melbourne has worked to our advantage, but it is more than distance. It is the outstanding and selfless efforts of our traders and service providers in ensuring our essential and pleasurable needs are met, that have greatly contributed to our safety.

Whether it be food, wine, petrol or feed for the chooks and horses; medical and pharmaceutical needs; a pie, a pot of pate, a coffee or a little luxurious chocolate; a gift or a new jumper to ward off the winter's chill, all have been available to us through a warm greeting and a chat. Coming from the hospitality industry I am well aware of the many changes required to deliver the lunches, dinners and quality take-away food that we have enjoyed whilst working through the dictum and limitations of the current health and service laws.

I, together with many others who have expressed the same sentiments, thank you.

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