



TRENTHAM TRUMPET

Trentham & Districts Community Newsletter
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Spudtastic fun, food, music, games, entertainment and activities galore!

This festival is a wonderful way to celebrate the spirit of our community and recognise its potato-growing heritage. Here's just a taste of what's on offer.

Colouring competition for children aged 3 to 12 – entries in by 17 May.
TNC Spudfest Photo Competition for everyone – entries in by 9 May.

Friday 18 May, 7pm – Opening night at the Mechanics Hall

Tickets \$20 from Trentham Neighbourhood Centre (includes complimentary drink). Enjoy spudelicious finger food lovingly provided by TCCC. There will be music to entertain you by Maria Forde and Family Farm. Peter Fernon and 'Reg' will drop by.

Saturday 19 May, from 10am – fun, games, food and music in Quarry Street Reserve

- **Spudtastic children's activities and games** such as spud pot luck, spud hoopla, spud smasher, spuds alive!, the great spud sack run, the great spud peel, the great spud fill, sew and stack, the great spud eat, the great spud scramble, jumping castle, rock climbing, an animal farm, face painting, bike 'n blend and much more!
- **Bonza Banana Band** and spud street theatre.
- **Spud sales** – varieties of potatoes for sale by local growers.
- Amazing variety of **food, wine and other stalls**
- **Live music** – Black & Blue, Family Farm and more!
- **Spud hut guided bus tours** around East Trentham.

Saturday 19 May – other events around the town

- **Trentham Historical Society, Old Police Station, Camp Street.**
View historical machinery, old gaol open and photographic display of spud huts.
- **Maria Forde** presents 'Sing a song for Ireland' (St George's Anglican Church – \$15)
- **Cool Harmony Choir and Robyn Mills** (St George's Anglican Church – gold coin donation)
- **Spudtacular Dinner** – Mechanics Hall – Tickets \$70 per head from Trentham Neighbourhood Centre. Catering by Spade to Blade serving an amazing array of potato-inspired dishes. Music by popular band, Black & Blue. Alcohol and soft drinks available for purchase.



www.trenthamspudfest.org.au for more details • enquiries 0419 897 660

Funds raised from the 2012 Great Trentham Spudfest will be distributed to participating community groups and utilised to deliver next year's event. Thank you to our major sponsors: Kyneton Toyota, Hepburn Shire Council, McCain Foods, The Cosmopolitan Hotel and FitzGerald Property.

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Housing in Trentham

After the weather, housing (or real estate and building) must be one of the next most popular topics of conversation in Trentham – and there's certainly lots of action currently.

Our Community Plan lists affordable and sustainable housing as an issue for many people and proposes an investigation into how "the community (can) influence the provision of affordable and energy-efficient housing".

Hepburn Shire's Council Plan includes encouragement of 'a wider, more attractive, environmentally sustainable range of property, housing and lifestyle choices' and a commitment to 'reviewing our Planning Scheme to provide for different housing and lifestyle choices which are more resilient, less dependent, environmentally sustainable and socially cohesive.' (Council Plan 2009-2013, p 22)

A small group of local people is interested to pursue this general subject so, if you are interested in a community-driven housing cooperative, affordable housing, energy-efficiency, retirement options or downsizing and would like to be part of the discussion, please contact Ian MacBean, 5424 1727.

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Councillor's Corner

May 2012

April saw council pass the draft budget which means that it is now open for community comment at: http://www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/page/page.asp?page_Id=1208.

Please have a look and provide feedback – particularly worth noticing is how capital expenditure compares across the shire, as is the increased number of small to medium size projects running in Coliban Ward this coming year. Alternatively, visit a community budget session at the Mechanic's

Institute at 6pm on Monday 7th May, or one of the other ones around the shire – dates in the Advocate paper.

Submissions for the budget must be received **by 5pm on Monday 21 May 2012**, after which they will be considered by council at June's ordinary meeting.

I will be away for the last two weeks of May at the Australian Rural Leadership program. This is the first of six sessions over 18

months and will be held in the Kimberley – my first time to WA! Also watch this space – I plan to do some fundraising to represent Hepburn and Australia at the International Cities for Local Environmental Initiatives and the Rio+20 world conferences in Brazil in June. If you have any ideas or any questions about what it's all about please contact me.

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Has anyone noticed our Red Beard "spruiker" always says welcome to "Sunny Trentham"? (With tongue in cheek?) Well it was actually sunny for the April market!

Great to see so many people willing to buy an ANZAC badge as well as all the other goodies. Our regular minstrel Tim Walsh is rumoured to have been making a CD on the day "Best of ... Live at the Trentham Farmers Market", we think he is planning to launch it at the "Centre of the Universe" (aka Radio Springs Hotel) at Lyonville in May!

Welcome to new stallholder "The Australian Tea House". Try his Liquorice & Lemongrass tea blend,

tastes medicinally good for you in a pleasurable way.

Some of our previous stalls are no longer able to attend the market (getting older?, family commitments, seasonal adjustments, GPS doesn't work anymore!). So if you know of anyone who is interested in being a part of a soon to be accredited Farmers Market in Trentham, get in touch with Shirley 5348 5690 or email trenthamfarmersmarket@yahoo.com.au.

Next market is May 19 – **Spudfest time!** Lots of activities happening at Quarry St Reserve, so come early so you can park your car close, or just walk the dog down to the market AND STUFF YOUR PANTRY!!!

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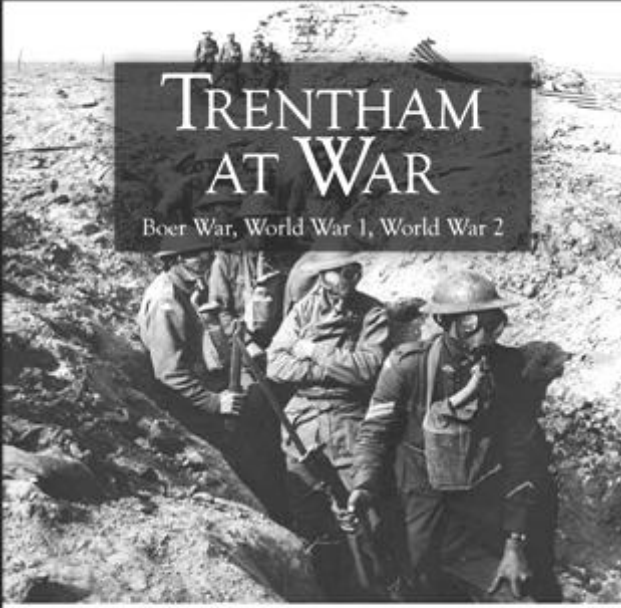
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 TRENTHAM & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

A Quiet Changing of the Guard

by Katherine Ross

Trentham District Primary School recently farewelled its Principal teacher, Philip Parkinson, affectionately known to students, parents and staff alike as Mr P.

Sixty nine students are currently enrolled at the school, which first opened its doors on April 1st 1860. It moved into splendid new purpose-built premises in Bridge Street that boast dedicated space for art, music and the performing arts in July 2009. The school has long had a tradition of producing good maths students so it comes as no surprise that Trentham District Primary School currently tops the state in Year 5 maths.

Results like this clearly stem from good leadership yet Mr P is modest about his own achievements and quick to praise his staff. "They are all very committed to bringing the best out of our students and to maximising their potential," he says. "We have planned wisely over the years and we provide a first class learning environment. Student numbers are on the way up. We are seeing new families move to the area. This is good for the school and good for Trentham. This is a friendly school and we are keenly sought after and very well resourced."

Mr P taught first at Little Hampton Primary School, moving there in 1988 and transferring to Trentham District PS when it merged with Little Hampton in 1994. Over those years many children have benefitted from his guidance and tutelage, as parent Livia Bourke attested in her speech at Mr P's leaving celebrations.

"He has always encouraged the children to try their

best and have a go, which could well be his motto," she said. "His tireless efforts have gone a long way to producing the recent standards of excellence achieved by the school as well as producing students that are well prepared for secondary school. I have found this out first hand as my son Ryan started Year 7 this year and commented that his classes are easier than Mr P's." She went on to tell Mr P: "You leave behind a legacy of excellence and your shoes will be hard to fill."

Ash Nolan, a student at the school in 2009, agrees. "Mr P always made sure you learnt what he was teaching. He certainly taught me a lot about maths and other interesting stuff I knew nothing about."

Mr P is currently enjoying well-earned long service leave before his official retirement later this year. In the meantime the school is in the capable hands of Acting Principal Aleasa Carlton.

Asked what Trentham means to him, Mr P had this to say: "This part of Victoria is quite a revelation, it is simply a beautiful part of the world. The scenery is first class." And it is fitting that a man who has been a vital part of the community should also pay tribute to the community. "The people around here are very friendly, honest and supportive and that has not changed. Over the years, I have found the families of the students have done so much for the school. We all benefit from being part of the close community that is Trentham."

Trentham Easter Art & Craft Show 2012

Another successful Art Show was held in Trentham over Easter, with just under 2,500 people visiting the Mechanics Institute to view and purchase the fabulous works on display. This year saw an increased interest in the craft pieces on offer with 30% of the craft entries being sold. In all 301 pieces were entered by 128 artists in the Art, Craft and Junior sections and a total of 58 pieces were sold.

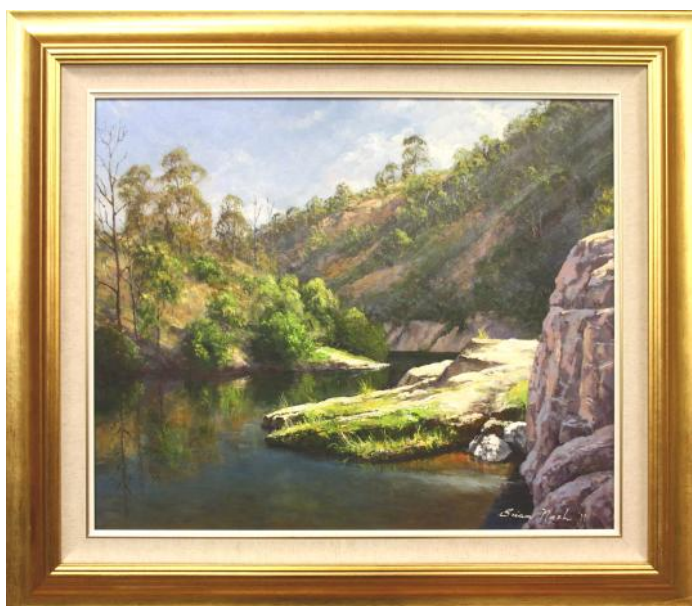
Daylesford artist Brian Nash won the Best in Show and Best Acrylic for "Lerderderg Gorge".

The other winners were: *Best Oil* – Patrick Verdun, *Best Watercolour* – Judy

Piedrahita, *Best Pastel* – Elaine Tatchell, *Best Other Media* – Keri Adcock, *Best Photography* – Daniel

Martin, *Best Botanical* – Anne Fisher, *Best Sculpture* – Ron Davis, *Best Textile* – Faye Cumming, *Best Embroidery* – Robyn Cary, *Best Ceramic* – Tony Barnes, *Best Manipulated Fibre* – Ruth McLaine, *Best Jewellery* – Lyn Williams, *Best Woodwork* – Ian Hansford, *Best Junior Art* – Hannah Lawrence, *People's Choice Art* – Anne Zemlic, *People's Choice Craft* – Alice Clague

Thanks to our many willing volunteers and sponsors. Funds from this year's show will go towards an Art and Craft section of books for the new Trentham Library.



Best in Show and Best Acrylic by Brian Nash

5th May**MOTHER***(S. Korea, 2009, 128Min, Crime/Mystery/Drama)*

Dir. Joon-ho Bong

Lang: Korean

A mother lives quietly with her twenty-eight-year-old son, Do-joon, providing herbs and acupuncture to neighbours. One day, a girl is brutally murdered, and Do-joon is charged with the killing. What shall a mother do? Starring Hye-ja Kim, Bin Won and Ku Jin.

2nd June**THANK YOU FOR SMOKING***(replaces "The Cup" as previously advertised)**(USA, 2005, 92Min, Comedy/Drama)*

Dir. Jason Reitman

Lang: English

Nick is a spokesperson for the American tobacco industry and a clever lobbyist. When his twelve year old son has the opportunity to accompany him on a business trip, Nick is torn between his commitment to his work and being a role model for his son.

Starring Aaron Eckhart, Cameron Bright and Maria Bello



Trentham Senior Citizens

Thanks to those people who have spoken to me with offers of help and ideas. We will keep working on it and with a little luck come up with something that will suit most of you. Val has asked if I would see if anyone in the community had any board games that they no longer need. The seniors enjoy playing these on occasion so if you would like to give them a new home there is one waiting. Seniors are at the Mechanics Hall every Friday from 10.30am so feel free to join in the activities or just drop off the games. I also thought that now Summer is over those who participated in bowls may like to join in the carpet bowls that the seniors play, all the equipment is there just waiting to be rolled into action.

Georgie Patterson

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Expression of Interest—New Directors Trentham & Districts Community Bank Branch

The Board of Cool Country Community Enterprises (CCCE) is looking to attract new directors to join our team. We are keen to hear from community minded people who are interested in contributing to the governance and management of this exciting new local business.

Board members are volunteers, are passionate about their local communities and are able to work well as part of a team. Board members also work closely with the staff members in the branch and the Bendigo Bank management group. We have no

involvement in the banking processes, nor do we have visibility of personal details of those who bank with the branch.

Bendigo Bank provides training for new Directors and significant support to the Board on all banking related matters. We are looking for people with time and enthusiasm to help grow our business and to be part of a focused team.

Duties will include the following activities,

- Attending regular monthly Board meetings (Thursday evenings)

- Being actively involved in one or more Committees of the Board
- Representing the Board at community events
- Encouraging community members to bank with our branch

If you are interested in a confidential discussion about the role of a Director please contact the following members of the Board:

- Mr Rick Nolan (Chairman) – Ph: 54241573 (after hours)
- Mr David Baker (Secretary) – Ph: 54241671

Are you familiar with the environmental (or woody) weeds which affect Trentham and surrounds?

Primarily it comes down to **four** introduced plants which pose a serious domestic, environmental and agricultural threat to this magnificent area. They are worth becoming familiar with if you are new to the area, or haven't taken a closer look around your immediate surrounds. They can be mistaken for native plants, especially with the splash of colour they produce in flower. As opportunists they

find many opportunities in and around our town.

The offenders are **Gorse** *Ulex europaeus*, two **Brooms** – Montpellier Broom *Genista monspessulana* and English Broom *Cytissus scoparius*, **Blackberry** *Rubus fruticosus* and **Holly** *Ilex aquifolium*.

If you're unfamiliar with these weeds, WeedFree Trentham will be showcasing them in coming issues of the Trentham Trumpet.

In the meantime, look around your area. How many have you noticed? I know I don't need to go

far at my place.

WeedFree Trentham gathers monthly, on the third Saturday afternoon (after the Farmer's Market), to counter the woody weed incursion into the area. Contact: Brad on 54241126 or Jan on 54241100 if you're interested in joining the monthly sessions. We can also assist you on your own verge if it is slightly overwhelming. Just give us a "Hoy".

Brad



Trentham Reserves

Good progress is being made with weed control on local reserves.

A contractor has begun spraying blackberries and English Broom on the Bath Street Reserve by treating the perimeter. He is to follow up with further work along the creek.

The Trentham Reserves Committee of Management has also received funding to spray gorse on the Racecourse Reserve which should be carried out before winter.

At Stoney Creek Reserve the Bowling Club has offset their annual rent by arranging to have the grassed area slashed. Some spot spraying of gorse and blackberries has been carried out and a new branch of the walking trail has been constructed running east to link with Camp Street. Major repairs are to be made to the original walking trail through flood recovery funding. The Committee is looking forward to the inclusion of the Water Reserves adjacent to the creek south of the Reserve into the Reserve area so that the trail can be continued to the cemetery where tracks into the forest begin.



The Great Trentham Spudfest

Spudfest needs you! Be a part of this great community event and help us make it a success. Can you help set up, clean up, attend a stall or info tent, can you help with the spud games or activities, do you have a food handler or RSA certificate or are you just willing to help anywhere for an hour or two? You will laugh, have fun and fall in love with potatoes. All enquiries most welcome. Please register now by contacting Nicole Stockton via email on nicole_stockton@me.com or phone 0403 764 037. www.trenthamspudfest.org.au

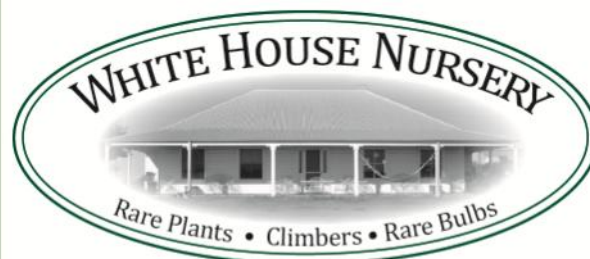
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Historical Display at Trentham Station – We need your help!

The Friends of Trentham Station (FOTS) have a magnificent collection of railway memorabilia that we want to display in the old waiting rooms at the Trentham Station and **we need someone** with museum skills and experience to help us design a layout for the two rooms.

Now that the Visitor Information Centre has moved into the larger room, the plan for the other two rooms is to set them up to display historical material related to the station and its importance in the economic and social development of Trentham. If you can provide some expertise, please call Michael Keaney on 0418 3436505.

On March 31st, 100 classic cars on the Great Macedon Grand Tour rolled into the railway station for

morning tea. Ross Urquhart from FOTS said "This is a fine example of how groups such as this can use the station as a facility and we



encourage other groups such as cycling, motoring and walking groups to consider it in the future."

The Friends of Trentham Station are a small, but dedicated, group

who work to maintain the historic station with the funds generated by our monthly markets and visiting groups. This revenue will be used to progress some of these priority projects in 2012:

- Establishing an historical display in the former General and Ladies Waiting rooms
- Fencing the entrance to the station yard at Station Street
- Supplying power and water to the restored Goods Shed
- Moving some of the goods wagons to the eastern end of the platform

As always, if you can spare any time to assist, call Ross on 54241509 or come to our meeting at 7.30pm on the 1st Monday of each month.

Youth Driver Education Course

The Greenlight Youth Driver Education Course will run in Trentham on 19th and 20th June 2012. There are **eight** positions available with application forms available from Trentham & Districts **Community Bank®** Branch. Please submit your application to the Branch no later than 18 May 2012 for consideration.

Greenlight Youth Driver Education Courses are conducted by the Driver Education Centre of Australia (DECA) at a cost of \$460 per student. Courses generally take place at the driver training centres at Altona or Shepparton. Thanks to the support of Lead On and CGU, through Trentham & Districts **Community Bank®** Branch and its Board, Cool Country Community Enterprises Ltd, learner and probationary licence holders who live in Trentham and surrounding districts may access Greenlight for \$150, with the 2-day course being conducted in and around

Trentham for this heavily subsidised price.

A Registration Night will be held on Thursday 31 May 2012 at 7.30pm at the Trentham Sportsground Clubrooms. Applicants are requested to attend the Registration Night and, if successful, pay the course cost of \$150 to secure your place. Registration Night will coincide with the Trentham Saints regular Thursday night dinner. Visitors are welcome to join players and members for dinner (usually around \$10 per person).

For additional information please contact Sue Bruton on 5424 1836.

Note: Trentham & Districts includes Trentham, East Trentham, Springhill, Tylden, Little Hampton, Bullarto, Lyonville, Newbury, Barrys Reef, Blackwood and surrounds. Applicants residing outside this area may be considered.

Words in Winter—Committee & Content Wanted

Words in Winter is an annual event across the Hepburn Shire that celebrates words – short stories, prose, poetry, drama and more. The Trentham group is looking for people to join with them to create another wonderful festival; we are inviting anyone with event ideas or anyone who enjoys the written word to come jump onto the committee.

Words in Winter Trentham is host to the iconic Bush

Poetry sessions, short story competitions, and this year we are looking to host a workshop that centres on self publishing and making use of the internet to showcase your writing ... you may have a business in town that could host an event, in any case we are open to suggestions. Please contact Saskia on 0418 257 156 or at saskiapost@inet.net.au, we would love to hear from you and answer any questions you may have!

Daylesford – Macedon Ranges Rail Trail and Domino Trail Report

The State Government has announced funding of \$50,000 for strategic planning works in 2012/13 for the 'Crossing Borders – Tracks and Trails' project.

The project, a joint initiative of Hepburn, Macedon Ranges and Central Goldfields Shire Councils and the City of Ballarat, includes:

- Daylesford-Macedon Ranges Rail Trail
- Creswick Tracks and Trails project
- City of Ballarat Black Hill Mountain Bike Network
- Cobb and Co. trail concept connecting Maryborough to Ballarat via Talbot, Clunes and Creswick.

The four Councils will contribute a combined total of \$25,000 to complement the State grant.

Four proposals will be investigated including discussions with

government authorities, businesses and community groups.

The rail trail, previously referred to as the Daylesford-Woodend Rail Trail, has been actively promoted for around three years by the Trentham based working group with great support from Railtrails Australia and Bicycle Network Victoria. A feasibility study will identify how the likely staged development would be implemented and provide cost estimates for inclusion in funding applications to Federal and State Governments.

A planned upgrade of parts of the Domino Trail between Trentham and Lyonville in 2012 by Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) will include clearing, excavation, grading, improved signage, gates and barriers to help prevent trail damage by trespassing vehicles.

DSE recently improved a crossing of the Coliban River near Lyonville diverting around a barricaded railway trestle bridge.

Hepburn Shire Council has also proposed upgrading sections of the Domino Trail as part of its 2012/13 Local Government Infrastructure Program. Friends of Trentham Station and the Rail Trail Working Group have provided a works schedule and cost estimates to assist the Council's planning and implementation of upgrades to complement DSE works.

The Domino Trail section is expected to be developed further as the first stage of the Rail Trail should approval and funding result from the feasibility study.

David Wilson
Daylesford-Macedon Ranges Rail Trail Working Group



Are a budding photographer?

Would you like to give your photos an airing and be part of an exhibition?

As an element of The Great Trentham Spudfest, TNC are running a photo competition. Your photography does not have to be technically wonderful. You can take the photos with your phone or a box brownie! As long as it has something to do with potatoes we will receive it as an entry. We are having an exhibition opening on 17 May at TNC. Photos do not have to be framed. You can stick it to card and then add ribbon through the top. You can enter any photo, any way, as long as we can hang it on our wall without sticking it up with tape or bluetac.

We have both adult and under 18's entry, with prizes! Full details and an entry form can be picked up from TNC. But hurry, entries close May 9. Judging and Opening Night May 17th.

Don't know your F stop from your 50mm lens? Would like to know how to make the moon look big? Or small? Or how to get all of a head inside the frame? Hubert will teach you how to use your camera to the full, exploring all options on DSLRs and compact digital cameras. If you want to know more about white balance, tripods, exposure compensation, ISOs or how to take the best photos of potatoes, this course is for you. Held on Fridays 11 May to 8 June 7:30-9pm. Cost \$70.

This is not the only new course this term. Come into the Centre to find out more. We are open Mondays to Thursdays 9:30am-4pm and most Friday mornings.

Submitted by Victoria Wells
Coordinator

Wildlife Rescue Training Course

Badger Wildlife Rescue will run a training course in Trentham in early June, subject to minimum numbers (10).

Saturday 8.30am – 6.00pm:

Rescue and transportation of injured wildlife.

Sunday 10.00am – 4.30 pm:

Locate and rescue injured wildlife from fire grounds (areas of wildfire and areas of fuel reduction burns).

Cost of course: \$30.00 Saturday
\$20.00 Sunday

Badger Members: ½ Price

Membership available on the day:
\$30.00 Single

\$40.00 Family

Anyone interested in this worthwhile and rewarding occupation can contact Rhoda Moore 54241852 or harward@netspace.net.au OR leave details at [Trentham Hardware](http://TrenthamHardware) (name, phone, email).



Familiarisation Tour on May 3

On Thursday 3 May between about 11am and 2.30pm we will be conducting a familiarization tour of Trentham for our volunteers and those of the Creswick Visitor Information Centre volunteers.

We would like as many of our volunteers as possible to join this tour to learn about and see more of our own backyard and to share your knowledge with those Crewickians, so they can tell all and sundry about how brilliant Trentham is. We will be visiting some Trentham businesses and sites (yet to be determined). We will also be stopping for lunch (at a small cost). Please contact

De b S h a d d o c k a t dshaddock@hepburn.vic.gov.au to register.

As you are aware the Visitor Information Centre is now located in the larger room at the station. It is proving to be a much more user-friendly space for visitors and volunteers. A new wall heater has been installed which should make for a more comfortable environment in the winter months.

Two hundred and seven people were registered as visitors to the centre for March. Averaged out of the seven days we were open this means we averaged 29 visitors per

day. In the same period last year we registered 214, so the March numbers are pretty good considering our limited opening hours. Well done everyone. It will be interesting to see the numbers for April, as this is the major holiday period and the weather has been superb.

Thank you to the seven (7) new volunteers who have signed on. This is a great boost as we move towards having the VIC open all weekend. So, remember, if you can spare a half day every four to six weeks then please contact Debra Shaddock at Hepburn Shire Council on 5321 6100.

Sustainability and the Golden Rule

A spiritual preparation for a next step in evolution

A farmers market can be a monthly reminder, that economic life can be just that: life, alive, humane, convivial – different from most of the time, when “the” economy operates as an impersonal and often anti-humane system. We get a sense of split between our personal lives, in which we – most of us, most of the time – practise the Golden Rule and an economic system that breaks this rule on a huge scale.

All religious and spiritual traditions know the Golden Rule, including non-religious humanists and atheists. The economy, as a discipline and a system, is historically very young, between 3 to 4 centuries old, which perhaps

explains its rather adolescent behaviour. Before this time and in non-Western regions much more recently, economic life was embedded in cultures where spiritual or religious wisdom guided its operations.

It is interesting, that the Golden Rule has been formulated quite differently according to those religious or spiritual cultures: Indigenous, Hindu, Buddhist, Shinto, Tao, Jewish, Christian, Islamic and secular expressions of it which all may have the potential to inspire the 6 billion people practising the Rule within those different traditions, to transform the current economy from an inhumane, destructive and

unsustainable system that runs our lives, into a shared instrument for making the Golden Rule work at all levels.

The movement towards associating people with farmers stems from Japan (and Switzerland) in the 1960s. In Japanese it is called ‘*Teikei*’ = ‘Put the farmers face on my food’, thereby echoing a Shinto expression of the Golden Rule:

The heart of the person before you is a mirror. See there your own form.

For information about talks on this subject, see advertisement in this issue.

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No One Left Behind Project

This community safety project aims to ensure residents have the information and assistance they need to be prepared for a major fire or other emergency. Currently the work of the project revolves around meeting up with groups, businesses and organisations in the Trentham area, letting people know about the project and looking at what can be done to assist residents to be ready to act decisively in the event of a town emergency. If you are involved with a local, sports, cultural, recreation or other group and would like me to visit your group to speak about the project, please contact me.

Anyone who is interested in assisting the project by way of some volunteer hours, offering skills we could use; admin, organisation, getting out and being a champion for the project, please contact me. This is not an onerous volunteer job, most of this work could be done at home in your own time.

If you want to know more call Mary Hogarth 0437 707 835 or Trentham Neighbourhood Centre on 5424 1354 (leave a message on either and your call will be returned) or email trenthamnc3t@gmail.com.

Trentham Sportsground Reserve

RDAV was an action packed event with around 400 riders competing over a week in SUNNY Trentham, they could not have asked for a better week. Thank you to Hepburn Shire who provided extra bins and emptied them. A special thank you to the Trenthamites who came and participated in the Bingo session on the Wednesday night I hope you enjoyed it and I know that RDAV was impressed to make around \$450-00 to help get the children with disabilities onto a horse ... great effort. On that note I am being asked to get Bingo running again but I would like to know how many people might be interested in this. Please let me know your thoughts – it is a lot of work to go to each week but if we can get the numbers we would be happy to run it. There is ongoing work at the Reserve and I would like to thank those people who donate their time, it is much appreciated. Hepburn Shire will also be installing dog waste bags and signs at the Reserve. It is important to pick up after your dogs as it is a Sporting venue first and in full use with the commencement of Football and Netball.

Georgie Patterson
Hon Secretary

Lions Club News

Monthly Old Time Dance

Old Time Dancing is held on 2nd Friday each month in the Trentham Mechanics Hall. There has been wonderful attendances for both the Lions night and also the Historical nights – being a great evening of delightful music, local people to chat with, and many from places like Ballarat, Ballan, Kyneton, Lancefield, Maldon etc ... everyone enjoys the dance program, with a sumptuous supper supplied – entry including supper and door prize is only \$8 pp. Dances start at 8pm.

Music is by Family Rhythm and a happy evening is assured for all. Be on the 'Spot' to win a spot prize.

Enquiries: John 5424 1460. Dates for the next few dances are: Friday May 11th, and Friday June 8th.

Winter Wood Raffle

The Lions wood raffle has begun once again. Get your ticket to be in the running to win a metre of Red gum and Box wood mix – guaranteed to give you a good-n-hot fire through the winter months. Tickets sold in the main street every Saturday for 3 weeks, then drawn, and will be delivered locally. Probably there will be 6-7 raffles running following each other – so keep coming back for your chance in a draw. All tickets \$1 each.

Trentham Lions Club have their business meetings on the third Wednesday of each month; new members always welcome - for information please contact the President, John Marion - 5424 1460.



Landcare

The Upper Campaspe Landcare Network includes 14 Landcare groups around Kyneton. It has received a grant to employ a part-time Landcare Facilitator for three years. Trevor Barker has been selected to carry out this role and he attended the Trentham Landcare meeting on 11 April to explain the type of support he can give to groups.

Funding from the Gorse and Blackberry Task Forces has also enabled employment of an additional officer to focus attention on these significant weeds. A bus trip to view the progress being made in North East Victoria on these weeds is to take place in early May.

Our group is attempting to get an evaluation of the effectiveness of the biological control agent released on Cape Broom at East Trentham. Our impression is that it has established well and has made a significant impact. If we can be assured that the damage has been done by the insect we will attempt to spread it to other areas.

This season has seen a re-emergence of blackberries in places where rust had defoliated older plants. The rust has been late to establish this season but is starting to have an impact. Meanwhile, our members have been busy spraying during the fine weather.

Six varieties of local plants will be available to members in the Spring with up to 100 seedlings to be allocated free of charge to members.



Trentham library lease signed

Hepburn Shire Council resolved to enter a ten year lease with Hepburn Health Service to use their premises for a library at 13 Albert Street, Trentham at their ordinary council meeting on Tuesday night.

The five year lease with a further term of five years has been executed and signed by Hepburn Health Service and Council is on schedule for the library to open its doors to the community in early

July.

Hepburn's libraries are fantastic resources for the community and the Trentham arm will be no different; not just books but CDs, DVDs, free internet and wi-fi access, a place to gather and these services continue to grow.

And Council's friendly library staff are on hand to willingly help with any queries you may have.

Hepburn Shire Budget 2012-13

The proposed budget is now available on Council's website and written budget submissions will be accepted until Monday 21 May. If you would like to make written budget submission, speak to your councillor or visit

www.hepburnshire.com.au for information.

Trentham budget information session

Cr Sebastian Klein will host a special Coliban budget information meeting on **Monday 7 May at the Mechanics Institute from 6-8pm**. Here he will talk you through the specifics of the proposed 2012-13 budget and how it affects you.

All residents and ratepayers are strongly encouraged to come along to this meeting; this is a great opportunity to hear about priorities in the Coliban ward (and shire-wide) and ask any questions you may have about the budget.

FORUM Report: community facilities and planning

In November, the FORUM asked Council to tell us what community facilities, including costs, it owns and maintains across the Shire. At our April meeting with senior officers a list of all built assets was tabled – this shows that 15 (or 7 %) of the total 214 assets are in Trentham. Without relative costs it is difficult to fully compare Council's on-going commitments, but the clearly unequal provision of community facilities is at the core of Trentham's disadvantage in Council budgets and spending.

In the discussion the FORUM unsuccessfully challenged the timeframe for the development of Asset Management Plans & Service Level Agreements, the

means through which Trentham might get more equal treatment, but which we are told '*may take several years*'.

As previously reported, the FORUM has sought to bring forward the priority for the Town Plan and Cr Klein has been fighting for this in the forthcoming budget apparently without success. Anyone who has been on either side of the adversarial planning process knows that there is negligible opportunity for community input to represent what sort of town we want in future. To this end, we have proposed a local working group to promote debate and discussion. When we asked how this might fit

into the formal process, whenever it happens, we were told that such input would be regarded only as '*background information*'.

While the FORUM's representation and advocacy role currently focuses on the rate equity issue, we have recently endorsed a draft outline economic development policy we intend to develop with the Business & Tourism Group. Another proposal to expand care facilities and employment opportunities has also been endorsed. We are keen to hear other ideas that we might be able to support to enhance our community.

Ian MacBean, Secretary 5424 1727

Sustainability and the 'Golden Rule—A spiritual preparation for the next step in evolution 3 talks and 1 meditative walk—Convenor: Henk Bak

A project in which I share my research into the spiritual/religious origins of the Golden Rule in different times and places: (see article elsewhere in this issue). The 4 sessions are designed as a whole, but I try to make each session self-contained. I hope the talks lead to good and insightful conversations. The project is inspired by Shin Gwydiion Fontalba's Earth Celebrations: '*Many Rivers – One Ocean*', Switzerland in the late 1990's and Tich Nath Han's practice and teaching of '*Walking Meditation*'

Saturday afternoons:

12, 19, 26 May and 3 June, 1.30 – 3.30pm.

Venue:

12 and 26 May: Neighbourhood House; 19 May and 3 June at 'Evera', 14 Forest Street, Trentham.

Contribution: \$10 per person/session or concession.

Further information and program: Henk Bak 54241702 or hbak@westnet.com.au Bookings at the Neighbourhood Centre 54241354 or tncadmin@ourneighbourhood.org.au

Annual Trail Ride a Resounding Success

The Riding For the Disabled Annual Trail Ride held at Trentham Sports Ground from 31st May to 5th. April was a resounding success with 80 riders participating on the first two days. A rest day followed and the final two days of rides averaged approximately 65 riders – a total in excess of 100 individual riders.

Trentham really turned on some beautiful autumnal weather for the ride and without exception, the riders, who came from all parts of Victoria and interstate were full of praise for our lovely township, the friendliness of its people and the beautiful trails marked out in the wonderful Wombat State Forest. The majority were so delighted that they nominated Trentham as being the most suitable place in Victoria to hold this event and hoped that next year's trail ride would return to this area.

The Trail Ride Committee spent many weeks marking over 100 kilometres of tracks, using approximately 3,500 coloured ribbons. This ensured riders would not get lost and that they could complete each day's ride at their own pace. These ribbons were subsequently removed by the

committee at the completion of each ride.

It was unfortunate that some ribbons were illegally removed by people around the townships of Trentham and Lyonville on several occasions. In all probability, those removing ribbons were unaware they were disrupting a charity horse ride which provides funds to assist the physical, mental and emotional development of people with disabilities, most of whom are children. In an attempt to reduce or alleviate this problem for future rides, the committee aims at increasing local awareness.

The outstanding success of this year's ride was in no small part attributable to many local businesses and individuals who were acknowledged and thanked for their generous support. Members of Trentham Lions worked tirelessly in the kitchen, thus ensuring the hungry riders were cheerfully served succulent meals each evening. Georgie Patterson was brilliant in providing an entertaining evening of Bingo and local band SIN



really got the football club rooms rocking with their fabulous music and vocals. Tim Walsh also provided an excellent evening of entertainment with his music and singing.

Most local people were delighted to see the presence of a large number of horses and riders in and around town, however, if anyone was inconvenienced, it is hoped that they understand the importance of the event in providing funds for qualified coaches/trainers to assist people with disabilities.

If anyone has any queries or comments or would like to assist with next year's ride, they can contact RDA Board Member, Alison SILCOCK at the mountaindam@bigpond.com or 5388 2238.

Kind Regards
Greg FALKINER

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Geoff Howard

Geoff Howard MP
State Member for Ballarat East



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Email: geoff.howard@parliament.vic.gov.au

Wombat Forestcare—You, Me & Biodiversity

Saturday 19th May, 1.30pm - 2.30pm

Owls of the forest

This presentation will be on three nocturnal species - Tawny frogmouth, Southern boobook and Australian owl-nightjar. Our guest speaker is Marian Weaving who is a PhD Candidate on the Tawny Frogmouth Project from the School of Life and Environmental Sciences at Deakin University.

Where: Trentham Neighbourhood Centre, High St, Trentham

Cost: Gold coin donation

Bookings: Trentham Neighbourhood Centre 54241354 or email trentham@ourneighbourhood.org.au

Trentham Fitness—Fitness Plan Success Tips

People often ask me how to create exercise plans that work and are long lasting, so I've put together my top 6 tips to ensure fitness plan success.

1. Goal Setting

Setting small realistic goals rather than looking only towards the end goal will help to keep your fitness plan alive. For example if you want to complete a marathon yet have never run before, it is best to try running 5k's a couple of times per week and work your way up from there.

2. Consistency

Exercise consistently every day or every second day to create a healthy exercise habit.

3. Do the exercise you enjoy

If you enjoy running then run. If you enjoy bike riding then ride the bike. If you like group exercise then find a group that suits.

4. Train with a buddy

Most people prefer to train with a buddy, as doing it alone can be hard. With a training buddy you can motivate and encourage one another, as well as share all the ups and downs of your exercise experience.

5. Moderation

Enthusiasm for starting an exercise program is fantastic. Let the enthusiasm simmer into a slow burning fire by ensuring that exercise is a regular part of your

life, and doesn't get in the way of you living!

6. Mind over Matter

On those days when you "just can't be bothered" it is important to still exercise. Breaking through your resistance will help to transform the "I can't be bothered" into "I look forward to ...".

If you miss a couple of exercise sessions, don't worry you can start again. Creating a successful fitness plan takes time and effort. As the saying goes: "if at first you don't succeed, just try again".

Yours in health and wellbeing
Samantha Redlich



Observers driving past the golf course over the last few months would have noticed a lot of machinery working away. The club is rebuilding four greens (4th, 7th, 9th and 17th) as part of its long-term development program.

In fact, these are the last greens on the course to be rebuilt. All 18 greens have now been reconstructed, and the current work signals the completion of the redevelopment plan that started as an idea way back in 1995. It seemed a long way off then, but like all long-term projects, persistence and careful management is the key.

The greens were sown on March 22nd after a member working bee, and with some good warm weather since, grass is already looking lush and ready for a first mowing in the coming weeks.

Members are hoping to play on the greens sometime around early June. The course has also been improved by the removal of some long-stockpiled dirt along the 10th fairway that was used in the new greens.

Trentham is maintaining its membership at around 320, and green fee player numbers and income continue to grow. The opening of the new greens will be a positive for the club as it needs to compete strongly with other courses on the outskirts of Melbourne for members and green fee players.

The club had a fundraising day recently to help purchase a heart defibrillator through St Johns. With a clientele that comprises a substantial number of more 'senior' members, a defibrillator is seen as necessary emergency equipment for a sporting club. The defibrillator will be registered through www.registermyaed.com.au, making location information available to '000' callers.

The club held two successful tournaments recently, a Junior Tournament on April 3rd and a Seniors Tournament on April 17th. Visitors came from as far afield as Waverly, Werribee Park, Portarlington and Ballarat.

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For details contact

Glenda 5424 1727 / Russell 0422 006 989

MONDAY (weekly)

Peace Meditation

9am-10am Neighbourhood Centre

Gold coin donation to TNC

Enq: Henk Bak 5424 1702

Youth Group

(except school holidays)

4pm-6pm Neighbourhood Centre

Enq: Brendan 5424 1402

Line Dancing

(except school holidays)

7pm-9pm at Trentham Sportsground \$10

Enq: Chris/Lee 5424 1571

1st MONDAY (monthly)

CWA

11am-1pm at Mechanics Hall

Subject to change depending on activities

Enq: Lyn 5438 5568

Friends of the Station

7.30pm at

Historical Railway Meeting Room

Enq: Kaye/Leigh 5424 1446

3rd MONDAY (monthly)

Trentham Hospital Auxiliary

10am at the Hospital

Enq: President, Nancy Walsh 5424 1398

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Enq: Judith 5368 6697

Trentham Historical Society

Committee Meeting 2pm at

Old Police Station

Enq: Susie 5424 1272

4th MONDAY (monthly)

Trentham Historical Society

Working Bee 2pm at Old Police Station

Enq: Susie 5424 1272

TUESDAY (weekly)

Trentham Playgroup

10am-12pm at Mechanics Hall

\$3 per family

Bring a piece of fruit to share

Enq: Kerry 5424 1646/Karen 5424 1141

2nd TUESDAY (monthly)

Trentham Car Club

7.30pm at Trentham Hotel

Enq: John 5424 1166

WEDNESDAY (weekly)

Table Tennis (April—September)

7pm at Mechanics Hall

Enq: Irene 5424 1294

2nd FRIDAY (monthly)

Old Time Dance

8pm at Mechanics Hall \$8 per person

Next Dances—May 11 & Jun 8

Enq: John 5424 1460

1st SATURDAY (monthly)

Trentham Film Society

7.30pm at Neighbourhood Centre

Enq: James/Brad 5424 1126 /

Maria 5424 1237

Community Mini Market

9am-1pm at Neighbourhood Centre

Enq: 5424 1354

Trentham Adult Riding Club

Enq: Katherine McWade

0403 962 811 / 5423 9261

3rd SATURDAY (monthly)

Trentham Farmers Market

9am-1.30pm at Town Square

Enq: Shirley 5348 5690/0427542811

Trentham Makers Market

9am-1.30pm at The Cosmo Footpath

Enq: Ruth 5424 1470 / Simone 5424 1603

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1pm-4pm at various locations

Enq: Jan 5424 1100 / Brad 5424 1126

SUNDAY (weekly)

St George's Trentham

9am Holy Eucharist. All welcome

Enq: 5427 2460

4th SUNDAY (monthly)

Trentham Station Market

9am-2pm at Historical Railway Grounds

Enq: Kaye/Leigh 5424 1466

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Enq: Saskia 0418 257 156

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Trentham Sustainability Group

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Earth Hour 2012 was a great success as Trentham joined a record-breaking world-wide event on Saturday 31 March. More than 150 countries and territories, involving millions of people, around the planet held activities to support Earth Hour. The collective action of people certainly made a powerful statement about reducing carbon emissions as lights were turned off everywhere.

In Trentham, 27 people of all ages enjoyed a magical nature walk around the lake, lead by local Naturalist and Ornithologist Tanya Loos. We learned some fascinating facts about our local water birds, followed by an interesting talk about "Owls". Then at nightfall, Tanya guided us on a wondrous spotlighting trek along Stoney Creek, where we were lucky enough to spot two Tawny Frogmouths and a Ringtail Possum ... think all the other critters heard us coming and hid!!

Thanks to Tanya for leading such a memorable event, to Wombat ForestCare for the loan of their excellent spotlight and to Trentham Trumpet for prominent publication of the event in the March edition.

TSG welcomes everyone with an interest in sustainable living. We meet monthly - meetings and activities vary so please check with contacts below for details about upcoming events.

Next TSG Get-together is a regular meeting on **Monday 14 May, 7.30 pm** at Trentham Uniting Church Hall.

More information:

Glenda Holmes – 5424-1727
Russell Fisher – 0422-006-989
email: tsg@trentham.org.au.



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