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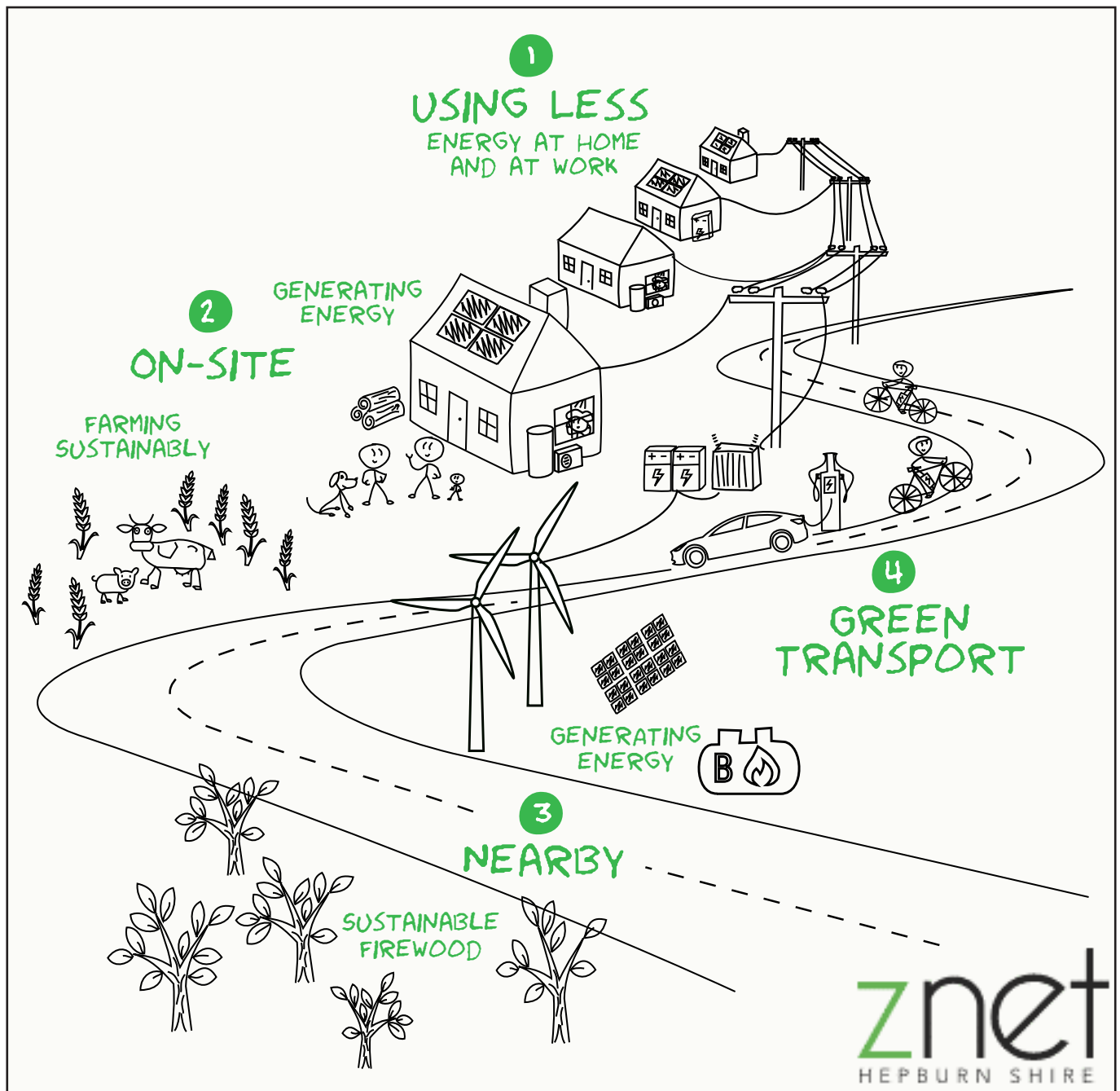


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STORM RECOVERY UPDATE

Free firewood trial

The free firewood trial was postponed due to COVID-19 restrictions. We hope to get this back up and running as soon as possible, and will share information with the community once details are confirmed. Be assured there is plenty of firewood to go around. Please note the split and cut wood is green and will need to dry out or 'season' for 12 to 18 months before it is ready to burn.

Community information sessions

Unfortunately the recent community storm recovery sessions were postponed due to the COVID-19 lockdown restrictions. Our team and support agencies will hold online engagement sessions over the coming months to provide information and support. The details of these events are still being confirmed.

Stay in touch

Keep an eye on Council's Facebook page, our website and in local media. Don't forget to subscribe to our monthly e-newsletter, Hepburn Life, at <https://mailchimp/hepburn/sign-up>.

DRAFT COUNCIL PLAN

Our Community Vision and Council Plan, which includes the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan, will be considered by Council at the October meeting. We developed these strategic documents following extensive community consultation earlier this year as part of the Hepburn Together Project.

Thank you to everyone that has been involved in the process, including attending community pop-up sessions or provided valuable feedback in person or online.

More information on the Hepburn Together project at <https://participate.hepburn.vic.gov.au/hepburn-together>.

STAY COVIDSAFE

Please continue to follow health advice, wear your mask in public, check into venues and practice good hand hygiene. Keep an eye on the current list of COVID-19 exposure sites at www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus.

Get tested if you have any symptoms to keep yourself, family, friends and community safe.

OUTDOOR FITNESS EQUIPMENT

Thank you to everyone who provided feedback during the initial consultation in March 2021. The project has moved a step closer with the location confirmed and the finalisation of the concept design for Trentham.

We have heard from the community that the design should consider:

- Back (Strength)
- Leg (Strength)
- Chest (Strength)
- Stepper (Cardio)
- Cross (Cardio)
- A combination of static and dynamic equipment pieces and
- Equipment to cater for all ages and abilities.

So why not take the opportunity to view the concept design by visiting <https://participate.hepburn.vic.gov.au/outdoor-fitness-equipment-trentham>.

The Trentham outdoor fitness equipment concept designs will be available for feedback until 5pm on 8 October 2021.

NEW FOOTPATHS

Works commenced in Trentham this month on the new section of footpath on High Street. There are two more sections to complete in the footpath program this year. Market Street (west side from Albert Street) and Falls Road from Horvaths Street to Falls Rise will also be constructed in the coming months. The contractor has been delayed a few weeks in returning with the ongoing lockdowns in Ballarat, but the target is to have all the remaining sections completed by the end of November.



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OUR COUNCIL - DELIVERING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Editorial

Hi Trentham!

Lockdowns, out-of-lockdown-but-not-really, snow, an earthquake- we are quietly waiting for the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse to ride into town any day now...

Kidding! Why would you live anywhere else?! This edition alone shares so many wonderful things that are happening in our area.

Firstly, our congratulations again to the Trentham Sustainability Group who, as we mentioned last edition, has been awarded \$44,000 for their Climate Resilient Trentham initiative which aims to significantly increase the amount of renewable energy produced in Trentham and improve the energy resilience of our community. They've shared the detail of this opportunity in this issue and also more about their 'Dream Big' plans that you'll see on our cover.

We make no apologies for the heavy sustainability focus of this edition, and in fact we're jumping on board with our "100 'Green' Bottles" initiative that you'll see on page 5! We are

super-serious about reducing single use plastic in our community to the extent and are putting our money where our mouth is (words are?!!) – bring your empty household cleaning bottle to the The Green Store (12 Market Street) and we'll pay for it to be refilled!

We'd like to thank our growing number of contributors for taking the time to submit pieces, and we welcome more! Many community activities are curtailed because of COVID restrictions, so this is a lovely way to stay connected with our diverse and talented community.

And from our regular contributors we'd like to particularly draw your attention to the beautifully written essay on Bees in Spring from Trentham Friends of Bees (page 11) and the Historical Society's fabulous insight into football in 1957, including a fantastic photo of some names you'll recognise (page 17).

Times are challenging – social isolation is real. We encourage people to get involved wherever you can – not just to contribute, but for

your own well being, and community connectedness. Both the Trentham Sustainability Group and the Spudfest Committee are calling for new members – why not reach out and see what you can do?

Please stay safe, watch out for each other, and support local wherever possible. And get vaxxed as soon as you can so we can be social again!

Regards,
Chris & Penny

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Thank you to Trentham & Districts Community Bank who have provided The Trumpet with a grant to help with our printing costs. We'll have more to say in our next edition!



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share local news and events;
engage in topical discussion;
provide a platform to express considered views and concerns;
contribute to the historical record; and
promote local trades and services.

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All submissions need to embrace our goals of inclusiveness, constructiveness and positivity.

The deadline for submissions is the 20th of the month before.

Please forward all items for publication to: trumpet@trentham.org.au

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How we might reach Zero Net Emissions
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100 'Green' Bottles

Let's Reduce our Plastic!

100 'Green' Bottles is The Trumpet's initiative to reduce single use plastic in Trentham. We're aiming to prevent 100 plastic bottles from going to landfill / recycling by providing free refills of household cleaning products.



Recycling is good, but is energy intensive and fraught with the risk of more product that can be processed – in which case it's really just expensive landfill. Reusing mitigates this risk as less 'stuff' needs to be made.

Here at The Trumpet we've been inspired by the tireless efforts of the Trentham Sustainability Group, so have devised a way we can further help promote and support sustainability at a local level. We look forward to everyone jumping on board!

100 'Green' Bottles is encouraging locals to bring their empty household cleaning bottles to The Green Store to have them refilled. **Mention The Trumpet and we'll pay for the refill.**

Yup, the refill is free, it's on us! We want to help create more healthy home habits. Check out the 'Bulk Products at The Green Store' article in the Sustainability section on page 8 of this edition of The Trumpet to learn more about what's available at The Green Store - not only will you be saving plastic, you'll also be using products which are kind to the earth - win win!

100 'Green' Bottles is a small step, but still a meaningful one. Our thanks to The Green Store and the TSG for their support of this initiative.



Small print:

Only valid at The Green Store, 12 Market St Trentham
Offer limited to 1 litre of household cleaning liquid refill per household per week, and you must bring your own bottle or container.

Excludes premium products.

Mention The Trumpet to receive this offer, first in best dressed, limited to 100 bottles.

Spotlight On

Folk Home Trentham

We welcome the ever-so-stylish Emma Connell to our main street with her fabulous new store Folk Home Trentham. It's a wonderful mix of old and new interior design, wearable arts and crafts.

The recent facelift to the building is gorgeous- chic but sympathetic to the surrounding buildings and street. The interior is light and airy and the charming period features of the original shop have been refreshed and retained.



Currently the store offers a range of wonderful homewares, art, organic scents and skin ranges and clothing- including Emma's own designed babywear made with beautiful natural fabrics.

An enchanting range of antique furniture (including a wonderful side table / old desks from the Victorian State Library) is wonderfully juxtaposed by bespoke furniture which provides clues to the other facet of Folk Home - a fully comprehensive Interior Design service. Whether for residential or commercial, metro or country the team can work with you to create your perfect sanctuary. We can't wait to see the studio up and running.

Wander in, but be warned - the cosy charm of Folk Home and Emma's bubbly personality will mean you won't want to leave...

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Trentham Sustainability Group

Sustainable Trentham: keeping the lights on come hell or high-water!

Energy & Climate Resilient Trentham

The Trentham Sustainability Group (TSG) has been successful in winning funding from the Shire's Towards Zero Grants and from the Community Bank for the sum of \$44,000 to address unstable power supply and drive the community towards more renewables and energy storage.

The June storm event saw power out for 3-6 days across Trentham and districts. Communications, water supply and other services (which could previously be relied upon in such circumstances) went down and road access to the town was cut off.

This situation was over and above the difficulties the town faces with frequent planned and unplanned power outages. This is the first time that mobile communications have gone down with the power supply. This was not the only time that the local supermarket, and other businesses, have had to throw out valuable chilled goods. It was not the first time that residents have wondered how to cook and heat their homes without power. Nor the first time that due to power outages the sewer has backed up and flowed out of pipes and into waterways.

In a changing climate this scenario was a wake-up call highlighting the vulnerability of our community and essential services to extreme weather events and climate change. Given Trentham's status as a fire-prone town it was a chilling reminder of how reliant we are on grid-supplied power and mobile communications, especially in a crisis.

The Energy & Climate Resilient Trentham project aims to achieve two things:

- more stable electricity supply for the township, and
- significant progress towards achieving 100% renewable energy supply for the township (a major goal in the Hepburn Zero Net Emissions Transition Plan and the Trentham Community Plan).

The Project will:

- analyse the town's essential facilities (CFA, Police, IGA, phone towers, Coliban Water sewer pumping station and the New Mechanics - given its status as Emergency Recovery Centre) to determine their stand-alone energy needs, such as solar, batteries, and generators, required to keep them running during a blackout
- recommend solar and battery options for individual households to achieve standalone energy stability
- review the state of the electricity grid locally and engage Powercor to assess the feasibility (including geographic area) of a microgrid for Trentham
- market test and recommend a business case for a "Trentham Power" retail electricity offer to deliver competitively priced electricity with a community dividend to support local renewable energy, energy storage and environment projects



The project will dovetail with Community Sparks, a recent successful partnership application by Hepburn Shire and Central Victorian Greenhouse Alliance for the Victorian Government's Neighbourhood Battery Initiative. It will also leverage the More Australian Solar Homes (MASH) program which is a community enterprise delivering solar and battery bulk-buys to Trentham and other Hepburn communities. Increased installation of solar capacity through these projects will be a significant boost to Trentham's total renewable energy generation.

TSG sees this as a rare opportunity to build resilience, not just in terms of electricity – but for the local economy, for the community and for the planet!

Contact Trentham Sustainability Group and project lead Sebastian Klein for further info: tsg@trentham.org.au

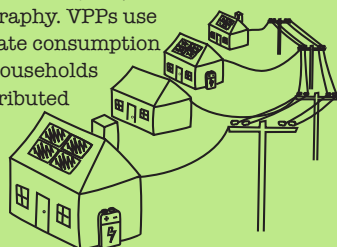
Energy sharing

Community Microgrids & VPPs



The technology

Community microgrids utilise local resources to meet local demand. They enable high local penetration and sharing of technologies such as solar, wind, hydro, storage, combined heat and power and demand response. Microgrids also reduce losses in the electricity network. A Virtual Power Plant (VPP) is a similar concept that is less constrained by geography. VPPs use internet technologies to aggregate consumption and production from multiple households and businesses: this allows distributed energy resources (DERs) like solar, batteries and 'flexible' loads to participate in markets for energy generation and grid support services.



The opportunity

Community microgrids and VPPs help participants use distributed energy resources like solar and batteries more effectively. This ability to share resources improves the return on investment and penetration of renewables. In theory, VPPs (and microgrids) that are connected to the wider electricity network generate additional revenue by participating in energy markets and providing grid support. However at present, this technology is in its infancy.

The business case for community microgrids and VPPs relies on participation (i.e. combined size of DERs), and is enhanced in areas where the grid is 'constrained' and able to benefit from grid support services. At present, Hepburn's network has reasonable capacity, but grid reliability could be enhanced.

Trentham Sustainability Group

Dream big - a sustainable, carbon net-zero Trentham

The Trentham Sustainability Group (TSG) shares more detail of the diagram on our cover (courtesy of znet).

#1 Using less at home

Home energy use, especially heating, is a major source of carbon emissions. With solar panels and reverse-cycle air-conditioning you can warm your home while the sun is shining... along with the clothes and dish washers. Hot water is another great way to store free solar energy and even better if you do this using a heat-pump.

Look closely at the diagram and you'll see the AC units and solar batteries at the side of the houses. Linking households together via a neighbourhood microgrid is a step up into the exciting times we're moving into!

#2 On-site

Look just above the car in the diagram for the large-scale 'community battery' – one of the potential outcomes of the Climate & Energy Resilient Trentham project. (Editors' note: if you haven't already, read Soph's wonderful article 'Walking through Trentham in 2050: A vision' published on page 7 of our [July Trumpet](#).) As well as solar we can start thinking about generating energy from waste through bio-digestion (see the gas cylinder marked 'B') using a variety of source materials. Will we ever see small-scale wind generation? - there's a lot of wind in Trentham!

Farming sustainably is very important with 'agriculture' estimated to produce 40% of total carbon emissions. On the other hand land use and forestry are estimated to reduce emissions by nearly 11%. TSG has a project on sustainable food and farming and wants to do more about land use planning.

#3 Nearby

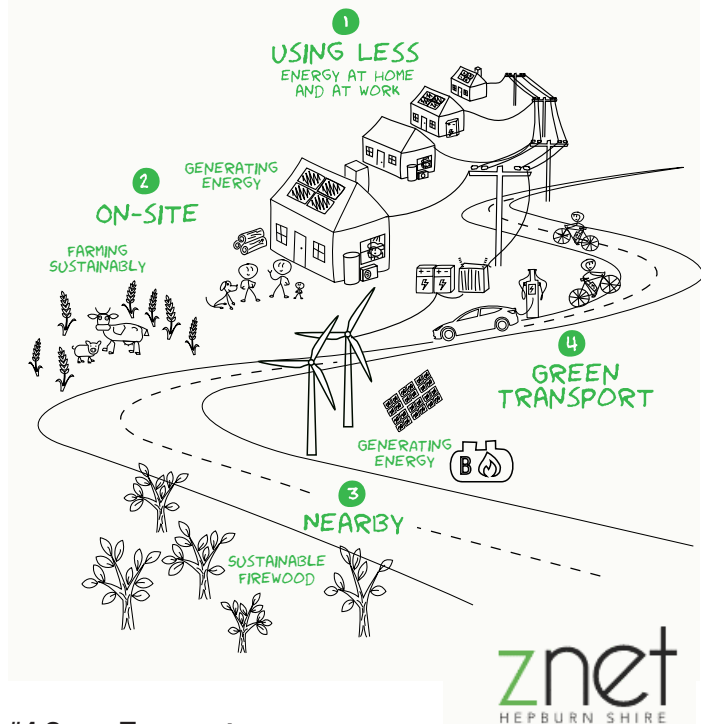
The diagram shows sustainable firewood. TSG's Carbon Forestry project, already underway, is looking at pilot woodlots for producing firewood – along with the valuable contribution these make to sequestering carbon (see the June & August Trumpets).

Caring for our existing natural environment is another key element of reducing our total carbon emissions and the work of Landcare, the Reserves Management Committee and Wombat Forestcare are great ways for people to make a difference.

Trentham Friends of the Falls

Following the severe weather and storm event on 10 June, Trentham Falls (Coliban River Scenic Reserve) was closed to the public. Ahead of a more detailed report in next month's Trumpet, Park Ranger Thomas Cook has provided an update on Trentham Falls:

'I thought I'd pass along the storm recovery update for the group to see what has been happening in the region. Trentham Falls will remain closed for the coming month. An arborist risk assessment of dangerous trees has been completed and the next step is the treatment of the hazardous trees in the visitor areas to ensure the area is safe for public prior to the site being reopened. Work will



#4 Green Transport

Transport generates a third of all emissions in Hepburn Shire. Through TSG's involvement with Z-Net an Electric Vehicle (EV) re-charge station is scheduled to be installed. One fascinating idea regarding the cost of home solar-energy storage batteries is to use your EV battery as your home battery . . . think about it, how many hours is your car sitting there when the sun is shining? And then, at night, it can feed back to keep the lights on!

If there is anything positive to say about COVID, it's great to see more people walking and cycling. It's all part of the change as we tackle the challenges of climate change.

And, as a final note:

TSG hasn't got all the answers.

We need other people's ideas and enthusiasm... as challenging as these times may be, they are also exciting! We are all making the path to the future: please get involved – we'd love to talk with you!

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require heavy machinery and is expected to take place once priority work is undertaken at Hepburn and Macedon Regional Park.'

It's important that members of the public adhere to closures that are in place, both for their own safety and to allow crews to operate safely and effectively.

Planning is underway for the Trentham Friends of the Falls AGM, more details will be provided soon.

Gael Elliott

Sustainability

Bulk Products at The Green Store

The Green Store has been selling refillable products since 1995! They are produced locally in Victoria and are garden, grey water and septic tank friendly.

By using naturally derived products for home and personal products you are not only reducing the chemical load your body has to process but you are cutting down on landfill by reusing packaging. Our products are safe, made with pure plant derived ingredients that function beautifully too.

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- Organic Pure Castile Lemon Myrtle Liquid
- Dog Wash
- Sweet Almond Oil
- Dishwashing Powder
- Laundry Powder
- Bicarbonate of Soda
- Epsom Salts

Refills for the bespoke Green Store Hand and Body Butter are also available.

In addition to the wide range of bulk refill products for home and body, they stock a huge range of biodegradable household cloths, sponges, scrubbers and dish brushes that are easily compostable when finished.

Implementing small strategies to reduce household waste adds up to a lot at the end of each year; every choice we make about what we bring home has an effect on the house environment and the planet as a whole.

The Trumpet is proud to be partnering with the lovely Green Store Team to help locals cut their household waste by reusing what we have. So grab your empty, clean container and pop down to The Green Store for a free refill on us and help us reach our goal of preventing 100 bottles from becoming landfill.

The Green Store
12 Market Street Trentham
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Support for New Recycling Services

As part of the Victorian Government's goal to divert 80% of waste from land fill, Victorian councils are being supported to roll out new education campaigns to help residents understand the upcoming four bin recycling system.

All Victorians will soon be sorting their household waste and recycling into four streams – with all local governments to transition to new glass services by 2027 and new food and garden organics services by 2030.

Local Member for Macedon, Mary-Anne Thomas said "Our new household recycling services will maximise our recycling capacity, create new jobs and reduce the amount of waste going to landfill. This is an amazing and much needed step in the right direction for our community and the entire state as well."

In Hepburn, the funding will have a focus on new household organics, food, garden and recycling collection. The council will be introducing a food and garden organics service next year in May 2022 to all households. An opt-out option will be provided to those who process their own waste.

The Victorian Government has invested over \$515 million to deliver the biggest transformation and reform

of Victoria's waste and recycling industry has seen. This includes \$380 million to deliver Recycling Victoria which will fundamentally reduce waste, boost jobs and establish a recycling system Victorians can rely on.

Mary-Anne says: "We know that locals in our region care deeply about recycling. This funding will provide the tools and support to ensure they are using their new services correctly."

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The Trentham Garden

I Planted This Forest Myself

Imagine sitting in the shade of a forest you planted all yourself, surrounded by the beautiful blues, greys and greens of plants that have grown in this area since time began. Creating your own little piece of bushland can be a fascinating experience where you see results QUICKLY and learn a lot about our indigenous plants and animals!

With advice and help from 'Trentham Landcare' I am developing a revegetation area at my new house 'Lisieux'. Approximately 1 acre, the area is being planted out with a mixture of species that naturally grow in the local area. The beautiful thing about using indigenous plants is that they need a minimum of maintenance compared to many exotic species; they are perfectly suited to our local conditions.

Techniques vary, and often it's a question of trial and error to find the best methods and materials suited to your block, preferences, budget, abilities and time constraints. Prime consideration goes to keeping weeds at bay while the native plants are establishing.

There are lots of resources available to help you. Join 'Trentham Landcare' and go to a few working bees to gain some first-hand experience... they might be able to help you out with some plants too! There's an excellent booklet available from the Trentham post office called 'Grow Wild' which focuses specifically on plants from the Hepburn region. Local indigenous growers and nurseries such as 'Wombat Native Plants' in Bullarto will be able to help you out with plants grown from seed gathered specifically in this region!

With Victoria's roadmap out of lockdown it looks like we'll be able to have friends and family visit again soon. You'll be amazed what people are willing to do in exchange for a tasty lunch, couple of drinks and a trip to the country!

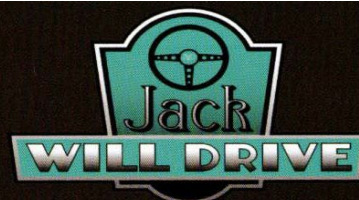
Happy gardening,

Kaz Krasovskis
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Above: Indigenous treasures from 'Wombat Native Plants'

Below: Kaz rolling out the red carpet for native plants (or rather using jute matting as mulch!)



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Trentham Quarry Street Reserve

Early in September a major effort went into preparing and submitting another funding grant application. This time we have applied for a Community Shades Grant to provide shade sails for the children's playground in the Reserve. This is provided through the Victorian State Government and the Cancer Council Victoria SunSmart Program. The two Blackwood trees which had faithfully provided shade for many years were taken out by the storm, so a solution is needed which will include planting replacement trees as well.

A huge "thank you" to the many community members who assisted and supported with the application, along with DELWP and Hepburn Shire Council. Here's hoping this is successful, but meanwhile the research and costings have all been done ready for action!

Other work has progressed around the Reserve, including continued planting in the bushland corner around the remnants of storm damage, the replacement of the post ready for a new "Power Up" sign and the uncovering of another concrete block which must have been part of that building. Most of the large pile of mulch at the end of Lelant Street has also been spread nearby and now awaits continued native planting. We are also working with Council on plans to repair the path on the Lelant St side of the Reserve as well as the nearby area where there is surface damage from the removal of storm-damaged trees.

In the next month or so, when Covid restrictions allow, there will be a new community communication and consultation program, which will include a printed "newsletter" delivered by letterbox drop with printed versions available at the



library and electronic versions online on FB and our website, a community survey (with paper and online completion options) and a follow-up community meeting. We look forward to your participation in this process.

On an exciting note, a small Working Bee of four set off to the island on a Wednesday morning to clear the remains of the fallen wattle tree. We suddenly noticed that we had an unexpected tenant, a Swamp Hen sitting on a nest in the canopy of the tree which was providing shelter and structure at water level. Of course, we stopped the clearing work immediately, left her tending her five eggs, and quietly attended to other work on the island. It's a great reminder to be aware of nesting birds in the Reserve over the next little while.

Working Bees will be scheduled later in the month, and we invite all of our community to come along – notices will be placed around the town and on social media.

Helen van der Werff
Chair - Committee of Management

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Trentham Friends of Bees

We are now in full spring, and honey bees are in full flight.

Plants and trees, such as apple and cherry trees, rely on bees and other insects to visit the spring flowers. Successful pollination now will result in fruit later in the year. Eighty per cent of the food that we eat relies on bee pollination skills. Interestingly, almonds cannot be grown unless bees pollinate the flowers, which is why you will see hundreds and hundreds of hives being moved into almond orchards when the almond trees are in bloom.

Over the past few weeks, the queen bee, deep inside the hive, will have been laying eggs, and the bee population, depending on her age and local food supplies, will be multiplying four, five, six, seven plus times.

Bees reproduce through swarming; it is natural. Swarming is where hundreds, or thousands of bees, including the queen bee, will unilaterally decide to leave the hive and search for a location to start a new colony. Where bees choose to go once they leave the hive is often a problem.

A bee colony could be 80,000 bees strong – yes – that's many bees in one small box, and overcrowding is one reason bees will decide to move on to new lodgings. Beekeepers will try in vain to convince them to stay; however, the bees will have decided to leave weeks before they swarm. Tactics to stop a swarm include adding extra boxes to provide more room, 'doing a split' which involves removing a large percentage of bees and making two hives from one or looking for and removing the special new queen cells inside the hive.

The bees may have decided the colony is strong enough to create another; maybe they predict that it will be a good honey season and so the chance of survival is good, it could be there are pests or diseases in the current hive, something is annoying them, or maybe the hive is old, or it gets damp - or for who knows why - they just do. Once the bees have decided it's time to go, it's a challenge to convince them otherwise.

Weeks before the swarm, the worker bees build special 'swarm cells' and convince the queen to lay eggs in them. These cells are numerous and more prominent than regular worker bee cells. The grubs are fed a special royal jelly which turn them into new queens. The growing queen grubs are guarded and protected from the old queen to ensure she does not use her stinger to kill the new queens inside; it's the stinger's only job (queens can't sting humans).

A queen will spend ninety-nine per cent of her life in the darkness of the hive. She will only leave the hive to mate once, which provides enough fertilised eggs for her entire three to four-year life span, and only again to join a swarm. Days before the swarm event, the queen's loyal attendants stop feeding her and 'bully' her to start exercising. They are getting her slim and flight-ready.

On a warm, still, clear and sunny day, someone will message that it's time to go. It's not clear who decides to give the call, possibly, or probably, the forager bees (the bees you see on the flowers), but it's doubtful that the queen decides. A message is sent through the hive to gorge on honey. The honey they take on the journey in their stomachs will be used to build their new home. What starts as a trickle of bees turns into a mass exodus of spinning, swooping, buzzing, a seemingly chaotic frenzy of bees surrounding the hive. A smaller percentage of bees stay behind to hatch and look

after the newly emerging queens the colony had made, who may also leave at a later stage or maybe stay and take advantage of so much ready-made space. How the choice is made to stay for the long term or go is unclear.

The now transient colony somehow finds order and will settle temporarily and relatively close to the old hive. They form a large ball of bees, with the queen safely protected inside. They may be hanging off a lamp post, a fence post, a tree branch or the letterbox. This is the first stop of multiple stops over a few hours, days or up to a week.

If the beekeeper witnesses the swarming event, they will quickly 'catch' the swarm to make a new hive or give it to another eager beekeeper. It's futile putting them back in the old hive as the swarm will leave immediately or the next opportunity they get.

Once a swarm settles, the ball of bees, heavy with honey, awaits instructions on where to go next. At this point, the forager bees stop collecting nectar and pollen and turn into scouts. They know the area and will set about trying to find a suitable new home.

This is where you, the human, comes in.

It's hard to miss a big ball of buzzing bees on your letterbox but spotting the scout bees takes a little more attention. You will see them flying under the house eaves and around woodpiles, places that you would not usually see them. A favourite spot is a chimney, something we have lots of in our towns. What starts as one bee coming and going end up as multiple bees. The bee that found your chimney attractive has gone back to the swarm and performed such an enthusiastic 'waggle dance' (a dance that provides exact coordinates of your chimney) that other scout bees are checking it out for themselves. If they like what they see, they, in turn, will go back to the swarm and dance away. If enough bees have measured and tested your chimney and decided it's just perfect, they will guide the swarm to the new location. Once they settle and start to build fresh honeycomb, it's more challenging to move them. If you are suspicious that you have prime bee real estate and are getting many unwanted inspections, do something to put them off, for instance, light a small fire to put them off the chimney or move the old possum box they have suddenly become attracted to.

Beekeepers must get the opportunity to catch and rehome a swarm - a swarm is relatively easy to catch (depending on where they are) and will generally settle well in a new, more appropriate home - many beekeepers have waited all year for this opportunity and will drive many kilometres for new bees.

If you see a swarm of bees or if bees have already moved in, DO NOT SPRAY THEM WITH INSECT KILLER or try to swat them away - call the Woodend Bee-Friendly Society - they have a 'swarm register', which is a list of people waiting for bee colonies.

The number is 0417 313 002 - someone is waiting for your call.

Bees are precious, and we need them; they will swarm even when we try to discourage them and although a little scary, it's good in a way because it means vital pollination of our trees, our plants, our fruit and our vegetables.



Community

Trentham and Districts Life Activities Club Inc

Join The Trentham and Districts Life Activities Club Inc. to broaden your social circle, keep your body fit and healthy and enhance your mind.

There are varied activity groups, that allow members to enjoy social interaction, which makes life more enjoyable. The regular program includes, Bushwalking, Ballroom Dancing, Chinese Exercise/Qigong, Foodies, Garden Lovers, Horse Riding, Jig Saw Puzzles, Knit, Stitch and Sew, Ladies' and Men's Petanque, Mahjong, Music Lovers, Scrabble and Wednesday Walkers.

There are also Occasional Special Events, such as BBQ Picnics, Workshops, and Potluck Lunches and Dinners to be enjoyed.

All are run in a Covid Safe Way.

Free Workshop: How To Write Your Will

The Workshop will be held in October, Covid Restrictions Permitting.

A resident of Trentham, Solicitor, Adrian Green, who is accredited by the Law institute of Victoria as a specialist in Wills and Estates, will provide general information on preparing your will.

This will be followed by a Q and A session and a cup of coffee or tea. All are welcome to attend.

Friday 29 October 2021
Trentham Bowling Club,
3 Park Street Trentham
10.30am

For all information on The Trentham Life Activities Club, contact President and Activity Co-Ordinator Di Clausen on 0425 008 763 or Secretary Gaye Lovelock on 0411 150 114.

LIFE'S BETTER TOGETHER.

Wendy Redman



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Talk to us about loans, switching banks, refinancing, financial planning, competitive insurance products. It might

Spring is Spudfest Start-Up Time!

As the ground and air start to warm up slightly, our wonderful potato farmers work at getting their plantings done. It's a busy time in their world, getting things set-up for a successful harvest.



It's the same for Spudfest! This is the time of year when the organising team gets together to start putting together all the elements to create a successful festival.

That's where you come in!

Some of our committee are standing down after several years of excellent service, for a variety of reasons, so the festival needs some fresh, enthusiastic pairs of hands to make it happen in 2022 and beyond.

The departing Spudbuddies have created detailed manuals and checklists and will be available to guide their replacements. This is a fabulous opportunity to be part of something special and contribute to our community in a unique way. For the work to be shared, so no-one feels overwhelmed, we need to bring together a "diamond dozen" for the Committee. The roles to be filled are varied you just need enthusiasm, energy, and a great team spirit.

Thank you to those who have already expressed their interest in volunteering next year. If you haven't heard from me by the time you read this, please get in touch.

If you'd like to know more or have a chat about how you can be part of the team, please call or email - details below.

Now a warning...

IF WE DON'T HAVE A DOZEN PEOPLE
VOLUNTEERING FOR THE COMMITTEE,
THERE WILL BE NO SPUDFEST IN 2022.

Having led the festival team for five years, I know how fulfilling it is to make this happen for our community. I'm confident that there are enough wonderful people around to ensure the success of Spudfest for many years to come.

Helen "Big Spud" Mac

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Community Contributions

Wombat

Fat and black
And roundly packed,
Scampering before my feet.
It's far too late, you should get back
You must have had enough to eat.

Little fellow, I can hear you
Charging through the undergrowth,
In your haste to reach your burrow
Where I bet it's warm as toast...

Moira Macdonald



Music Camp Mayhem

Have you been here? It's after 9pm on a dark Saturday night during a three day music camp and there's mayhem in the boys' dormitory. Exhausted from a long day of workshops, masterclasses and orchestras, I'm looking forward to getting back to the teachers' room for a quiet chat with my colleagues (and with luck, a little glass of red), but lots of excited and restless young violinists and cellists are wide awake, disturbing others - and I'm on duty. What to do?

For better or worse, I'm not a disciplinarian. In the early days of my teaching career I made a half-hearted effort to become one, feeling like a sheep dog, running and barking around the perimeter trying to contain an unruly mob of sheep - with limited success. I envied my music teacher friends who seemed to take disorder in their stride, easily subduing and controlling their charges with sharp, well-placed commands and reprimands.

Studying and teaching in Japan I happily learned another way, one that came more naturally for me, but that's another story.

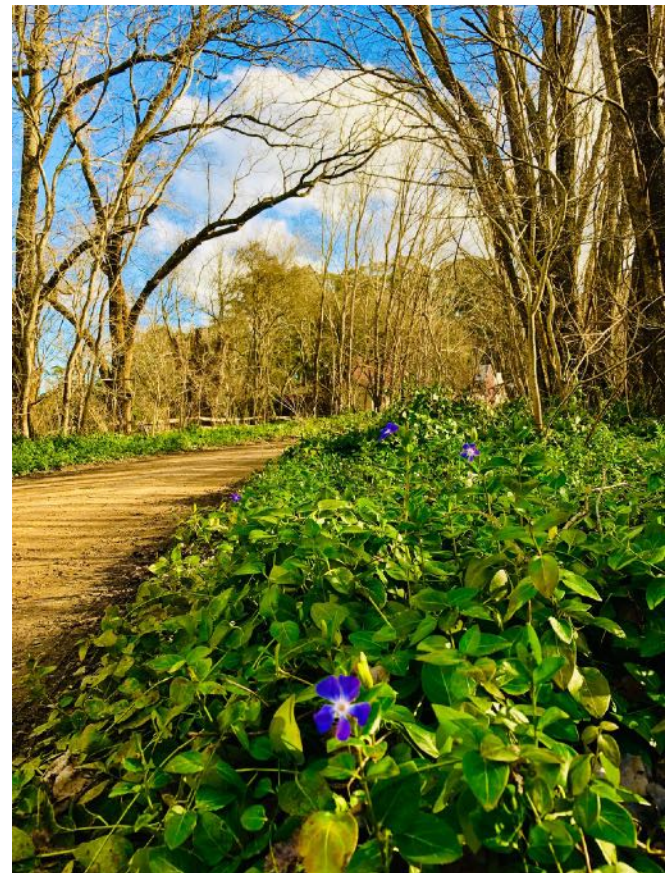
That night instead of laying down the law, I think of telling a story that I'd made up for my own children. "We're not interested in a story," the bigger, older kids scoff, and continue on with their chatter and guffaws. "That's ok," I say, sitting on a chair near the younger ones' bunks.

"There once were three friends - a horse, a monkey and a boy, who set out on a quest to find and bring back a long lost treasure."

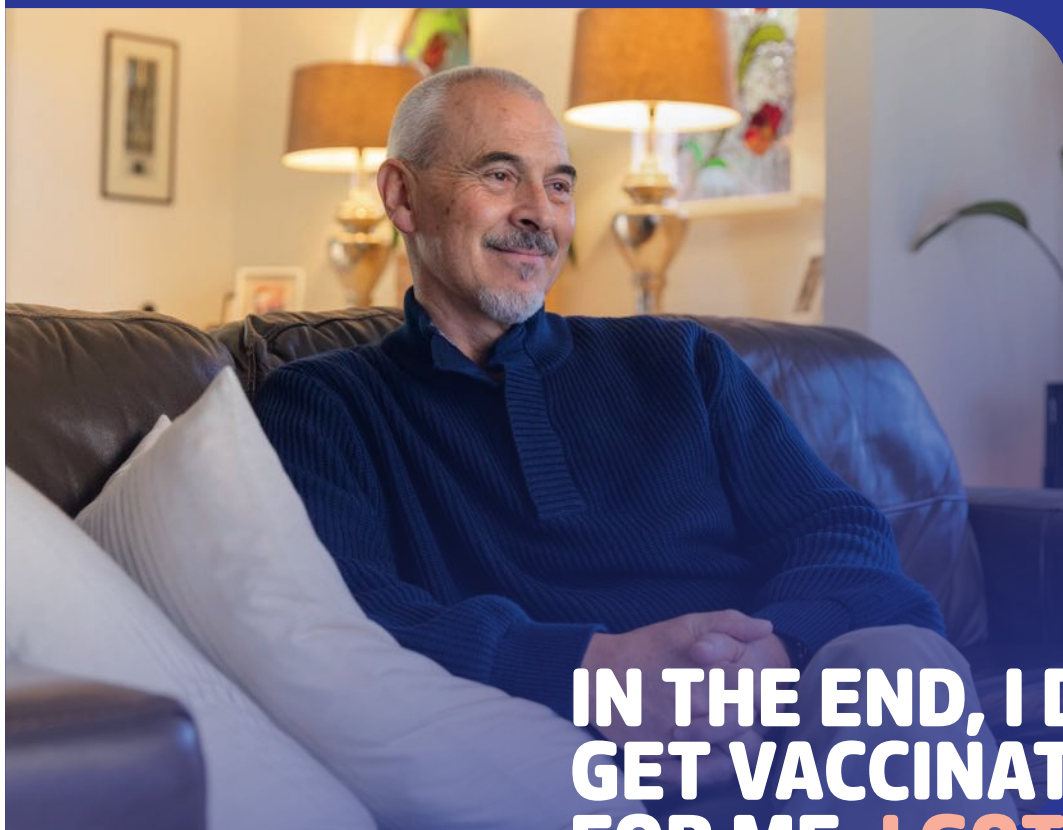
These three friends, as they do in such stories, encounter all sorts of perilous difficulties, impossible obstacles and weird wonders on their journey. As the story progresses, I notice after a while that the older kids have gone silent, and trying not to make it too obvious, are listening intently to the story. By the time our heroes return with the treasure, many students are asleep or smiling quietly as I say goodnight. A peaceful night follows.

Perhaps a bark or two from another teacher would have achieved the same result, but next morning the big kids come up to me and say, "Can we have another story tonight?" "Well, yes," I say, "but you'll need to be in bed by 8.30. Some of the little ones will be really worn out by that time, don't you think?"

John Berger



Spring is Springing in Trentham!!
photographs by Maria Forde



IN THE END, I DIDN'T GET VACCINATED FOR ME. I GOT IT FOR MY PARENTS

I talk to my parents on the phone every couple of days. They're in their 80s, and vulnerable to COVID-19. I wasn't in a rush to get vaccinated for myself, but I wanted to do it for them. Now I'm vaccinated, and we are a step closer to being together again as a family.

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Health

Farewell Dr Greg Stewart

Springs Medical's Dr Greg Stewart will hang up his stethoscope in November. With over 30 years in general practice in Daylesford and Trentham, and more than 10 years as co-director with Dr Beth Quin, Greg has shown great commitment to providing exceptional patient focused care for the people of Hepburn Shire and surrounds.



and I thank them for their good humour and generosity. I might find myself continuing to head out to Trentham on Monday mornings.

Springs Medical team congratulates Greg as he celebrates his well-deserved retirement. Thank you Dr Stewart.

More Vaccine Appointments available!

Moderna Stock has arrived at Trentham Pharmacy! Vaccines are available every Monday with appointments for Astra Zeneca in the morning and Moderna in the afternoon. Bookings are available online medadvisor.com.au and instore, or call the Pharmacy on 5424 1000.

The team at Trentham Pharmacy met with Macedon MP Mary-Anne Thomas and had the pleasure of sharing the amazing response from the Trentham community who rolled up their sleeves to get the jab. Our thanks to Mary-Anne for her continuing support of the Trentham community, and the Pharmacy Guild of Australia for facilitating equitable access to vaccinations through community pharmacies like ours.

Stay safe!
Mina & Ed



A message from Greg: It is with regret that I have decided to retire from Springs Medical as of the end of November 2021. My time at Springs Medical began when my mother-in-law heard from the Vet's wife that the Doctors at Duke Street were looking for assistants to help with the practice in Daylesford and Trentham. My wife Beth Quin and myself started almost immediately, this was in 1989, when we had arrived with a 12-month-old daughter to stay with my parents-in-law at Blampied.

Included in my duties was attending our Trentham Practice on Monday mornings to which I continue to this day. Trentham is definitely a changed town, many shops in the main street were closed, many of the older residents, the potato farmers and wood cutters rarely venturing to the bright lights of Melbourne. Our practice in the old bank in the main street was thermally challenging in winter. Physical examinations were very brief. It has been a privilege to meet and get to know the people of Trentham,



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Cool Country Men's Shed Inc.

Trentham Men's Shed gets a polish

French polishing may not be thought of as a typical Shed activity, but for member Joe Bonnici (below) it is much-valued work. After sanding and polishing, Joe has laid layer after layer of polish on an occasional table with a beautiful inlay.

"Sanding and sanding, then applying the polish layer by layer, has a bit of a meditative aspect," Joe said.

"Yes, the result is an attractive piece of furniture, but getting there is just as enjoyable. There is so much pleasure in restoring an antique piece of furniture to its former glory."

Cool Country Men's Shed is equipped with a good range of hand and power tools, available



both for novices wanting to learn some woodworking, and those with long-practised skills. The metalwork room is well on the way, while the social area continues to welcome a range of community groups as well as chat / cuppa space for members.



Cool Country Mens Shed Inc.

And talking of wood, members (masks on!) headed out to Dave Fraser's property in Denver on Saturday 18 September to pick up a load of 'jelutong' that he has kindly donated to the Shed. The load - hundreds of metres of dressed wood - filled Stephen Adam's truck. Now under cover, it will be used for many, many projects in the future. Thanks, Dave!

The Shed is open on Wednesday mornings at 55 Mulcahys Road, operating under the requirements of its COVID plan.

Members and visitors are welcome.

Charles Sherlock
Secretary



Interior Design

Colour Forecasting

In the film 'The Devil Wears Prada', lead character Andy Sachs attends a meeting of fashion power people, who discuss the "personalities" of several similar-looking belts, making Andy laugh to herself. Andy's boss, Miranda Priestly, states that Cerulean blue worked its way from Karl Lagerfeld's catwalk collection to other designers, appearing eventually in mainstream chain and High Street stores. Miranda then comments *"You are wearing an outfit which you think you have put together yourself, but in fact it was selected and determined for you by the people in this very room several years ago."*

It's always exciting at this time of year when international colour forecasting teams publish their predictions for the upcoming seasons. These forecasts are picked up and interpreted by fabric and textile designers, furniture makers and paint companies.

Colour forecasters are influenced by economic and social factors when they predict change. This year, these factors reflect the upheaval arising from COVID-19, especially after spending so much time indoors due to lockdowns. With restrictions lifting, we look forward to more freedom of movement.

For colour forecasters, a focus on the natural environment leads their conversations and decision-making. We're seeing wallpapers and upholstery fabrics featuring animal prints and foliage, such as brightly-coloured bird feathers or palm leaves.

The increased popularity of indoor plants is transitioning now into textile and wall colours. Homeware designers are expanding this, with cane and rattan baskets, furniture and light fittings.

This season, Dulux's colour forecasters are selecting earthy neutral colours, receding into the background, with brighter colours used in contrast. Think back to the colours of the 1980s, such as coral, lemon, and ocean blue, bringing in a strong summer beach theme. Marble is still being used, but metallic finishes are being dulled down, rather than being shiny and sparkling.



These colours are about a bright sense of adventure, encouraging positive thoughts and creating reassuring spaces after the lockdown restrictions.

Robert Creedon
Interior Design & Styling
0488 294 777

Robert shares his time between East St Kilda and Trentham. He owns an interiors and gifts store called Parachute in Yarraville.

Trentham Tales

Trentham Ladies' Football Team of 1957

While we still have football on our minds, let's turn the clock back to a Saturday in July 1957 when the Trentham Ladies' team, known as the Grasshoppers, drew a 1000-strong crowd to watch their match against arch-rivals Kyneton. The game generated gate takings of £300, which locals noted was well above the usual £20 for a men's match. One similarity, however, was the heavy hail storm which hit just as the teams were to take the field, a winter weather feature consistent with the regular men's matches. Despite the muddy playing surface, the game featured some outstanding performances.

For the Grasshoppers, Cath Kelly (O'Connell) was noted to be doing a lot of useful work in the ruck, while Shirley Hammond's fine hit-outs led to the first of several goals for the match.

Glenys Moore, ably assisted by forwards Marge Bell and Maureen Kelly, kicked three goals while Marge was 'into everything including the mud'.

By 'Puff-o' – half time in today's parlance – the Grasshoppers were coping better than their opponents with the conditions (fancy that!).

Highlights of the game included the inspirational leadership by captain Phyllis Gamble (Acott), the brilliant kicking of both teams' fullbacks, the solid defence work by Trentham's Ethel Robson and Beverley Flenley in the back line, and winger Marlene Dunn showing a lot of pace around the ground for the Grasshoppers.

It's not surprising that Marlene's granddaughter, Jess Cameron, went on to become a successful sportswoman, as part of Collingwood's AFL Women's team in 2017, and later played for North Melbourne. She has also played international cricket for Australia, and in 2013, won the annual Belinda Clark award for the best international women's cricketer for Australia.

Despite the bitter winter conditions, the Grasshoppers trained relentlessly under coach Jim McKnight (father of Bill) and local police constable Tom Rowe. The ladies were sustained with hot pies supplied by local baker Jack Groves after Friday night training.

Phyllis maintained they did it all for fun, laughs and comradeship, as well as raising funds for the hospital and Fire Brigade, while at the same time "providing the best entertainment seen at the Trentham Oval in years", according to the Trentham Gazette of 25 July 1957. Ina Bertrand, in the Trentham & District Historical Society book, *Celebrating Trentham's Sporting History*, tells of how the Grasshoppers remained undefeated against teams from Maryborough, Castlemaine and Kyneton. She says the team eventually disbanded when they ran out of other ladies' teams willing to play against them.

GO GIRLS!

Elizabeth Toomey
Trentham & Districts Historical Society Inc.



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The members of the Trentham Ladies' Football Team, Premiers 1957:

Back row L- R: Betty Hiscock, Ethel Robson, Bess McCashney, Glennys Moore, Joan Clarke, Maureen Kelly, Shirley Hammond, Cath Kelly
Front row L- R: Phyllis Gamble, Patricia Bell, Vera Flenly, Wilma Davie, Marge Bell, Cath Moloney, Margaret O'Brien, Lyn Robson, Myrtle Berg, Rosemary Gamble

Mascot: D. Garland.

Councillor's Report

Storm disaster recovery – clean up works continue and as you may appreciate the huge task will take even more months to complete. The clean-up is being tackled in a systematic, prioritised manner and is scheduled to be ongoing until Christmas and most likely into early 2022.

The trial to distribute free firewood was stalled thanks to the latest Covid-19 lockdown. When final arrangements are in place bookings via Council's website or customer service hotline will be essential. Council is liaising with other organisations to ensure those without trailers, the aged and needy will have access to the vast quantities of firewood.

Council has prioritised work on roadsides and essential infrastructure in order to safeguard our community, including ensuring fire access tracks are cleared and existing and potential risks are addressed promptly. We are mindful of the upcoming fire season and the removal of fire fuel loads is supported by DELWP and the CFA. Some essential works have been undertaken to support green spaces (eg Quarry St Reserve), facilities that are more important than ever during lockdowns.

Council remains committed to ensuring support is provided to make our walking trails safe and accessible. This work is not eligible for recovery funding and must be funded by Council, however these critical assets will not be neglected - their importance for locals and visitors is well-recognised.

Major projects – tender bids have been received for the Sportsground pavilion upgrade works with construction expected to start soon. Similarly Quarry St Reserve Pavilion and toilets upgrade are also scheduled to commence by the end of the year. Tender documentation for the Community Centre will be released in October with the intention to award a construction contract at our December meeting.

Recreational infrastructure – in response to community feedback I will be seeking funding to improve our playgrounds. I am mindful that our community is growing, and our facilities are outdated. In the short-term new

Vale

Rosemary Ward

Rosemary Ward passed away earlier last month at Northcote, in the presence of her family.

Rosemary moved to Trentham 26 years ago and became involved in the community, volunteering with the Trentham Neighbourhood Centre and as a generous contributor to the Trentham Community Group's building fund in the early 2000s. She was involved with the Cool Harmony Choir, a book club and Meals on Wheels. She loved bush walking and was an accomplished pianist having tutored many at the Neighbourhood Centre.

Rosemary's long time friend, Henk Bak, remembers her for her involvement with an ethical investment project and in environmental activism.

Rosemary will be missed.

A gentle woman.

A quiet achiever.

exercise equipment will be installed in the Market St recreational reserve and a drinking water fountain installed in the town square.

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Development matters – earlier this year councillors unanimously voted to decline a permit to construct a two-storey short stay facility with four domes at 9 Albert St. In September councillors rejected an amended application 6-1, the matter will be heard at VCAT.

Footpaths – the new High St footpath from Quarry St to Blue Mount and Mulcahys Rds has been completed. Next on the list is McCashney Way to Falls Rise.

Council – Council is considering community feedback on the draft long-term strategic plan and aims to adopt the plan in October. Council's 10-year financial projections have also been compiled. The significant challenge for councillors is to reconcile the community's high expectations to financial projections that include underlying deficits; rate capping; heavy reliance on securing operating and capital grants from state and federal governments; a massive backlog of capital works projects and very low levels of unrestricted cash. While the plan is ambitious and aspirational some difficult decisions are needed if Council's financial viability is to be stabilised and improved.

COVID-19 – recent cases in Daylesford, Ballarat, Bendigo are a timely reminder of the world-wide pandemic. Like everyone, I am over the necessary lockdowns. If you haven't already done so I encourage you to follow the expert medical advice and get vaccinated asap for your own sake, your family, friends and community, so we can all get back to our "normal" social and economic lives.

Upcoming 2021 Council meeting dates – 19 October, 23 November, 21 December

Cr Brian Hood

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Facebook - Cr Brian Hood for Trentham & Coliban ward

John Reid

Too soon, John Reid passed away at home surrounded by his family after fighting brain cancer.

John was a visionary. He co-founded RedBeard with his brother in 2005 to bake authentic sourdough breads and pastries in an historic woodfired oven and won several awards for sustainability, a National Baking Industry Award for Excellence and an RACV Tourism Award. John lived and breathed locally grown and ethically sourced food. He built a business based on this foundation and nurtured it to thrive. He will be remembered for his energy and dedication, but also his care and compassion.

John was and will remain a huge inspiration to not just the bakery world but to those who share his ethos - caring for the environment, his community, sharing and teaching his passion. Our thoughts and love are with his family and his RedBeard family, and we are grateful for what this kind and generous man brought to our town.

CCCE

A great leap forward for local history



The Trentham & District Historical Society (TDHS) now has the benefit of a dedicated Archival Storage Centre at our headquarters at the Old Police Station on Camp Street. It is a 12 x 6.2 metre portable building installed by MacGregor Portables.

This significant asset has been made possible by a very generous donation from the Trentham & District Community Bank (Bendigo Bank) for which we are most grateful. The support of Dja Dja Wurrung traditional owners and DEWLP (Department of Environment, Water, Lands and Planning) is also greatly appreciated.

The curatorial and archival service of any historical society is its 'engine room'. It ensures local history is collected, preserved and made available for community use.



Until now, our historical material has been stored in various locations, which has inhibited our ability to protect, store, access and share our precious local history. For the last 18 months (in between lockdowns), and under the invaluable guidance of past curator, Ina Bertrand, our curatorial team has been building an inventory of our collection. This is now 80% complete. In the process, a number of needs were identified, which this new building will address, such as; storage for fragile artefacts, space for maps and framed pictures, organisation of our significant collection of old photographs, as well as committee access and exhibitions. Our current curatorial team includes Sue Worthington, Elizabeth Toomey and Alice Petherbridge.

"In getting to know the HS collection as its Curator for almost 2 years, it has become abundantly clear that in the society's 30+ years of existence, the collection's solid curatorial foundation stemmed from the expertise of

dedicated volunteers, driven by the needs of the community and love of our district" (Sue Worthington, Curator).

"Clearly the new Archival Storage Centre will add an enormous benefit to these storage issues, whilst also providing comfortable (& warm!) conditions for the team. In addition, we will be able to complete the digitalisation of our collection, cloud storage and other developments. Thank you Community Bank for making this all possible" (Sue Worthington).

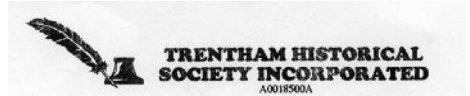


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The TDHS was also recently awarded a State Government grant to build a website. The work we have done digitising our collection and upgrading our technology means we are now prepared for this next venture – which we believe will be of great value to the community. "The website will digitally connect the community to the work of our team of curators and is the next logical step, providing simple electronic access to our information, news and events" (Vicki Steggall, Historian and Writers' Group Coordinator).

The TDHS and the Trentham & District Community Bank have agreed to build a relationship to further preserve and promote our community history. We look forward to a long and fruitful association.



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How to Live Longer at Home

Do you have questions about Aged Care services available to you or your parents? Many in the community are not aware of the options available when they enter this age group and are starting to look for help in the home, or are confused by the information available. Come along and learn what is available in your community.

Tuesday
16th Nov

Online Banking Safety

Unsure about using online bank? How safe is it? A team member from Trentham & Districts Community Bank will show you what you need to know and answer all your questions regarding online banking.

Tuesday
23rd Nov

HALLOWEEN 2021



Trentham Neighbourhood Centre will be offering a modified Halloween activity this year. Teams of up to 5 can book in to participate in a spooky scavenger hunt. Departure times will be spread throughout the day to allow for social distancing.

We will have three routes for pre-schoolers, primary and secondary students. There will be no visits to private houses again this year, we will be setting up stations for the kids to visit and they will collect a goody bag at TNC at the end.

Sunday October 31st 10am - 2pm FREE

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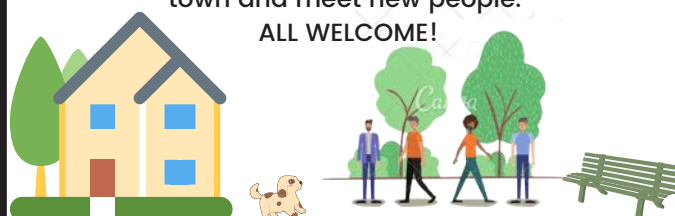
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Trentham and Districts Life Activities Club Inc.

It's the last time you get to say anything!

Have you written your Will yet?

If not, you join almost fifty percent of adult Australians who are yet to finalise their Will. Executing a Will ensures that your financial and legal affairs are in order before you pass away.

Thinking about your Will may not be the brightest way to spend your day, but it does ensure that the people and the organisations that you want to receive benefit from your estate do so.

A worrying statistic is that 56% of parents of young children have not prepared a Will and have failed to appoint guardians for their children in the event of their deaths. It is important to decide who will look after your children and have legal direction in place to make sure this happens.

Even if you do have a Will, it is possible for it to be challenged. Anecdotally, approximately 5% of Wills are challenged after the death of the Will maker, typically by siblings who are fighting over the distribution of a parent's estate. Friction can arise in a deceased estate in the case of second marriages and de facto relationships.

If you die intestate, that is, you die without a Will, legislation dictates which relatives will benefit from your estate and in what proportions. Arguments often arise when there is no Will, as there is no person appointed by the deceased to administer the estate. If you die without a Will, and you have no surviving immediate family members, your estate will potentially pass to distant relatives you might normally have chosen to exclude.

Therefore, it is important to have your say, and, for your Will to be written in such a way that your wishes are met. We are very lucky in Trentham to have a resident solicitor, Adrian Green, who is accredited by the Law Institute of Victoria as a Specialist in Wills and Estates. He has generously agreed to talk to us in a free information session this month (Covid restrictions permitting) which has been arranged by the Trentham Life Activities Club. On the day, he will provide general information about preparing your Will but will not be able to provide any specific legal advice to those attending.

This will be a great opportunity to start giving some thought to your Will. See the Life Activities Club article in this month's Trumpet (page 12) for details on place and time.

Corrine Gurry



Trentham Rural Australians for Refugees

Victorian refugee support groups call for action on Afghanistan

Eighteen refugee support groups from around Victoria met last month via zoom to develop a resolution calling upon the Australian Government to take urgent action to increase its humanitarian response to refugees affected by the events in Afghanistan.

The groups, which span Apollo Bay through central Victoria up to Swan Hill, are calling for five major action points to support vulnerable people in Afghanistan, and to assist distressed refugees in Australia who have families trapped in Afghanistan.

This includes refugees who currently have no work or settlement rights in Australia. The first action point is to ask the government to provide permanent protection for all refugees from Afghanistan who are currently on temporary protection visas. This means removing the prospect of being returned to Afghanistan.

Secondly, the groups ask that refugees from Afghanistan can apply to bring their families to safety in Australia.

Thirdly, the groups seek a special humanitarian intake of 20,000 of the most vulnerable people in Afghanistan, in addition to the current intake.

Fourthly, the groups ask the government to lift the ban on resettlement of refugees in Indonesia to Australia

through the UNHCR. This currently applies to refugees who registered in Indonesia after June 2014.

Finally, the government is also urged to work with our international partners to pressure the Taliban to take genuine steps toward peace and reconciliation.

The refugee support groups are from Apollo Bay, Bendigo, Ballarat, Castlemaine, Daylesford, Dunkeld, Echuca, Hamilton, Kerang, Macedon Ranges, Stawell/Ararat, Swan Hill, Trentham, and Warrnambool. Each group works with refugees and asylum seekers, including in their towns. They raise funds, provide moral and financial support, food and accommodation. They continually lobby the government and all politicians for a more humane and respectful treatment of refugees.

Sandy Watson
Trentham Rural Australians for Refugees
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Letters to the Editor

Wombat Trail - Where to Now?

Walkers and many visitors to Trentham have become familiar with the Wombat Trail walking track since its development in 2015. The Wombat Trail links each of the major Reserves within Trentham (Quarry St, Stoney Creek, the Old Racecourse and Trent Creek) to create an approximate 9km walk around and within the town.

Each Reserve is located on Crown land, with DELWP as the land manager. Quarry Street Reserve has a volunteer Committee of Management (CoM) and the other three Reserves are together under a separate single volunteer CoM. The CoMs are responsible for day to day maintenance and management of the Reserves.

The recent storm has caused significant damage with fallen trees and flooding impacting on the extent to which the Trail can now be used. Much of the walking track through Stoney Creek Reserve has been closed since June, together with the walk through the Trentham Cemetery and the old Racecourse.

DELWP has undertaken some work clearing fallen trees from the track at Stoney Creek Reserve, whilst Hepburn Shire Council (HSC) has provided significant resources in ensuring that damage to the Quarry Street Reserve was quickly repaired. Promises from HSC have been made to the Trentham Public Reserves CoM (manager of the other three Reserves) that the Wombat Trail will be repaired, but this unfortunately appears to be a low priority for Council.

It is also uncertain as to whether the Trentham Cemetery Trust will reopen the section of the Trail through the cemetery.

The Wombat Trail is a major community asset, well used by local residents and visitors to the town. The Reserves CoM has limited funds and resources and the reopening of the Wombat Trail is very much dependent upon repair works being undertaken by both DELWP and HSC.

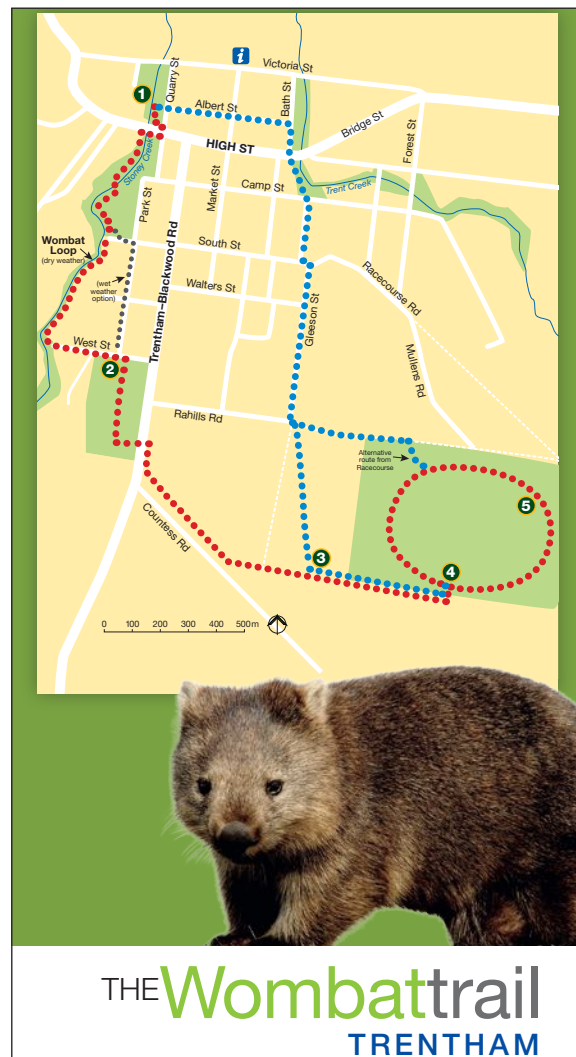
If you are concerned about not being able to safely walk

Heritage Vandalism

Yesterday (15 September 2021) we witnessed a shameful act of vandalism perpetrated on Government land currently occupied by the old police station and jail amongst other buildings.

The governing committee of management have installed a "drop-in" second hand temporary metal building supposedly for wanted office space!

As neighbours we were contacted and advised that the committee had approved such an act and we were asked for our opinion and to express any objections we might have. Both Helen and I were quite up-front and expressed our horror at the positioning of such a building as it had no likeness to the existing heritage buildings there and secondly, if such a building was necessary, why could it not be placed at the rear of the block behind the jail where it would not desecrate the existing group of buildings.



all of this iconic trail, it would be helpful if you contacted the Infrastructure department of Hepburn Shire Council to express that concern.

Andy Robertson
Secretary, Trentham Public Reserves CoM

Apparently, our suggestions were taken to a committee meeting and were subsequently rejected. This decision was not relayed to us until a few days ago. As members of such a committee these persons we believe have a moral obligation to protect such treasures in the community and in this case have failed to the detriment of our village. It is stated in their charter that they, the members, are there "for the conservation of the old police station".

We did suggest that the land should have been professionally landscaped and the container on the land should also be moved.

With great sadness we believe the committee has perpetrated an act of heritage vandalism and should be brought to account.

Helen and Bryan Frost

Sketchy Musings

Spring has sprung and by the time this is published, I hope to be back in Trentham, to have coaxed my mower battery back into life and to again be enjoying the effect of flying grass clippings on my increasingly sensitive hay fever.

One of my vague bucket list items is to get myself a set of close fitting prescription goggles that keep dust, pollen, lawn clippings and the like out of my eyes.

Might match them up with a close-fitting nose and mouth mask that keeps the same pesky irritants out of my lungs.

A good look should I impulsively jump off the mower and walk into Trentham's Bendigo Bank to discuss a garden makeover loan!

Sadly, we have missed the start of Trentham's spring and our cheerful yellow daffs popping up in recent years as my gal Sal bought a caravan and pencilled in 12 weeks a year of annual sun-seeker trekking up north to escape Trentham's weather.

Her theory: Trentham is Victoria's secret centre of the universe for nine months of the year (apology Radio Springs Hotel) but our ancient, drafty cottage with its 100-plus-years-old stretched hessian insulation is a trifle chilly over winter.

Great plan until the pandemic- border closures, sudden lock downs, and being in a big tin box in self isolation waiting for a coronavirus test to come back as negative.

Met plenty of bewildered grey nomads in far north Queensland this past winter who left home when all was rosy, then found themselves unable to get back after things went ugly in NSW with the virus then crossing the border south into Victoria.

The place we camped at recently in Alice Springs, for example, had a corner of its six-acre camp ground set aside for stored campervans and mobile homes left by folk who flew home to leap frog border closures and plan to fly back next year, depending on Covid, to retrieve their vehicles.

And friends were locked down in their tent trailer thingy in the desert north of the Flinders Ranges when SA imposed a snap lockdown.



However, you take the consequences if you roll the dice and choose to travel in a pandemic.

And these have been modest impositions compared to family and friends crawling up the wall with lockdown burn out back home in Victoria, jumping with anxiety every time a nearby location is declared to be a tier one coronavirus site.

While being thanked by grateful and sometimes emotional remote regional area businesses for bringing them increasingly rare tourism dollars, we feel for locked down friends valiantly trying to keep small Victorian businesses afloat through this mess.

Deadlines being what they are, these rambling words are being scribed in a 37°C red dust bowl where we camp in Central Australia with rare phone and internet connection.

Sneezing as the red dust irritates that hay fever.

But as mentioned, fingers crossed, we hope to be back in verdant if sneezy cool country by the publication date.

Ironically, I sit here typing this in sluggos, patchy, thick, white sunscreen and a towelling hat by a Central Australian pool wondering where I can get some Trentham red gum firewood next week.

Peter Young



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Sport

The Saints

Trentham Football Netball Club is excited to announce Danny Sutton of the Under 11.5 Football team placed equal first in the MCDNFL Best and Fairest. Danny is a dedicated player who trains with his own team, and the Under 14.5 players and often also with the Seniors, due to a lack of numbers Danny also played two games every Saturday. Coach Dolf Reid is proud of Danny and the player he is becoming, Dolf commended Danny on his work ethic.



The Club is so proud of Danny, winning a League best and fairest is a great achievement.

A big congratulations to all the Junior players who polled votes in the League count, it is a wonderful achievement and shows the talent we have coming through our Club as future stars.

The Saints are looking forward to hosting our Club Best and Fairest awards celebrations when restrictions allow, after a tough season with a number of extended breaks due to COVID resulting in the season ending early. A number of our teams' final hopes were over, as a Club we are dedicated to celebrating our players' success and efforts for this season by postponing our Presentation Night for when restrictions allow for a deserving celebration.

Golf

It's great to have the course back open, it's in good condition and very enjoyable to play. Competitions are currently prohibited under a COVID community sports ban. Golf is being played as a voluntary social Stableford format until formal competitions are allowed to resume. Inside clubhouse numbers are currently limited to 10.

Bushfire Recovery Victoria contractors have begun cleaning up the storm damage. All stumps will be removed or ground out, log-piles removed, and other branch piles mulched on site. The good news is that the course will not be closed during the clean-up, although some holes may be closed temporarily (likely the 14th, 15th and 16th holes on some days), which may mean some social golf, is conducted over 15, 16 or 17 holes.

We'd like to thank the wonderful generosity of those who have donated to the club's restoration fund. If you would like to donate, please go to trenthamgolf.com.au.



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19 October

Lions Schedule

Business Meeting: 3rd Thurs / month

Dinner Meeting: 1st Thurs / month

Farmers' Market: 3rd Sat / month

Trentham Lions Club

Farmers' Market

16 October 9am - 1pm

Trentham Town Square

Trentham Sustainability Group

Farmers' Market Food Swap

16 October 10-11.30am

Trentham Town Square

Life Activities Club

Ladies' Petanque

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Easy town walk

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Men's Petanque

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Trentham Town Square, followed by coffee

Knitters, Stitchers, Sewers Craft Group

10am every Friday

Trentham Bowling Club, Park Street,

Mahjong

1pm - 4pm every Friday

Trentham Bowling Club, Park Street

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Plonkers

Well, whether it's in Perth or Melbourne, whether there are riots or Earthquakes, September is AFL Grand Final month.

Traditionally on this day Digby and Niles would stroll down to the Cosmo, watch the game, drink some ale and banter with friends. Unfortunately, on this historic but gloomy September Saturday the Cosmo wasn't an option and the Plonkers were condemned to watching the game at home (separately) dissecting their team's performance via SMS.

But never ones to give up, and in the spirit of this great event the Plonkers agreed that this month's review should be dedicated to the art of Aussie beer making.

So, off to the cool room of Trentham's very own IGA Country Grocers to stock up on some of their more exotic brews for the game. And they certainly were impressed, the IGA has a range of beers that would put the larger chains to shame. For the game they made up a mixed six-pack and settled in for an evening of great entertainment.

Kick off saw both Digby and Niles open a Mountain Goat Summer Ale, brewed under supervision of goats! The plant is owned by Asahi, but this delightful Victorian beer is brewed in Richmond. The Summer Ale is a fruity, crisp, dry beer with a medium melon hop. Digby was definitely feeling hoppy after his Demons got the start he was hoping for.

Quarter time saw the lads open The Pirate Life, South Coast Pale Ale. It must be said that whilst Digby was quite taken by the Pirate Life, Niles found it a bit bitter for his taste, much like his Doggies' first quarter effort. Digby commented that although lacking in bouquet with a faint trace of grapefruit it was fizzy in the mouth, dry with no malt and a tangy lemon zesty finish.

Half time saw the game on a knife edge, with Niles up and about with his team leading, confident of a second Doggies flag in five years and they opened the Brick Lane, One Love, Pale Ale. With a team of sporting legend investors, including Mick Molloy, this \$9 million Dandenong brewery is producing some very creative beers. At over \$60 a slab this golden straw coloured ale is not cheap, but then nor are Digby and Niles. The Brick Lane is a soft bodied beer, bursting with fresh hop aromas, stone fruit, and citrus flavours. A delightfully tasty beer well worth the price tag.

Digby, now stunned by the Doggies comeback and further dismayed as they kicked the opening goal of the third quarter. They cracked open a Mountain Goat beer. Not the Pale Ale, not malty or overly hoppy, what is this bland yet drinkable offering, were the goats not watching over this? They next moved to a Brewmanity Social Beast Pale Ale. Ah this is more like it, thought Digby as Melbourne piled on the goals. Produced by Melbourne legend David Neitz with a tropical front and smooth drinkable finish everything was coming together nicely.

The last quarter saw the Dees totally dominate the hapless Doggies. Digby gleefully opened a new addition to the Little Creatures stable; a Pacific Ale, rich with fruity passionfruit and a dry non-bitter finish. "Mother's Milk" he texted a forlorn Niles who was sobbing into his last beer as Melbourne played keepings-off his outclassed puppies.

All in all a great game and some excellent beer, the Plonkers will definitely be drinking more Aussie Pale Ales from now on.

Digby & Niles The Plonkers



Next Month in the Trumpet

- 100 Green Bottles
- The Wombat Trail
- Trentham Friends of the Falls
- An interview with our Coliban Councillor - his thoughts on his first year
-and more!



To contribute, email us at trumpet@trentham.org.au

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While services are interrupted, restrictions apply and exposure sites remain an ongoing risk, we have removed the timetables and encourage people to check the Public Transport Victoria website.

Spudman's Sign Off

What a Grand Final we witnessed this year!

I still remember the Dees' last flag back in '64. I was a young spud, green behind the ears, sitting on the shoulders of my Grand-Yam-Dad. I cheered on the Dees with the rest of the Taters.

Why not continue to keep your eyes on the red and the blue?

Now is the time to plant your Red Pontiacs and perhaps add some delightful Adirondack Blues.

Plant your tubers about 15 cm deep in the soil and then cover with 25-30 cm of well-drained mulch. Keep the water up and you'll be enjoying the "the Red and the Blue" all over again for Christmas.

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