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Lions Bushfire Appeal

Trevor Byrne

Trafalgar Lions Club members have received a magnificent response to their bushfire appeals at the Trafalgar IGA Supermarket.

In mid-November club members sat inside the IGA with their appeal bucket and generous customers donated \$3265 towards the bushfire appeal for fires raging in New South Wales and Queensland.

Trafalgar Lions Club rounded this amount off to \$5000 which was then donated to the Australian Lions Foundation which distributes funds to clubs in the fire-ravaged areas.

By the end of December they had distributed grants totalling \$312,000 to fire-impacted dis-

tricts.

The club was then shocked by the sudden unprecedented fires in East Gippsland and South-eastern NSW. Trafalgar Lions Club members again manned their bushfire appeal bucket in the Trafalgar IGA store and were delighted with the wonderful response when a further \$12,317 was so generously donated over eight days. This included contributions from members of Trafalgar Bowls Club and the Trafalgar-Thorpdale RSL branch.

These funds were donated to the Lions District V3 Bushfire Appeal and every cent will be spent on bushfire relief in East Gippsland. Funds are distributed by a committee including repre-

sentatives from local Lions Clubs who identify displaced people who have registered with Relief Centres. A grant of up to \$1500 per family is made and this money is to be spent in local communities, where possible.

The Lions Club of Trafalgar is extremely grateful to the management and staff at IGA for their support and to all the people of Trafalgar and district who so generously donated to the bushfire appeals.

It is during emergencies like this that we see the very best in people and the people of Trafalgar and district are indeed among the very best.



Retired local pharmacist and Trafalgar Lion Graham McKenzie ready to accept donations at the IGA Supermarket.

Trafalgar citizen of the year Is David (Wombat) Lyons



Dr Glenn Doolan (Sec/Treas. Rotary Club of Trafalgar) presents the Citizen of the Year Award to Mr. David (Wombat) Lyons on behalf of the Trafalgar Citizen of the Year Committee.

This year's recipient of the Trafalgar Citizen of the Year Award, in the words of the judges, "is a very worthy recipient and has shown a long and continued dedication to a number of organisations but primarily a focus on Trafalgar's youth".

Firstly, Wombat (which he prefers to be called) is involved in so many discreet elements of

our town's life, that I suspect none of us would fully appreciate the full scope of activities undertaken or personal time sacrificed.

Secondly, Wombat tirelessly works on worthy causes and community events to bring the wider community together which ultimately benefits us all as a community.

Wombat's main focus is on

working with and advocating on behalf of the youth of Trafalgar. He is a key part of the Trafalgar Youth Resource Centre, where he helps to guide and support a popular youth mentoring program, promoting the care and development of vulnerable young people within our community.

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Vandals Hit Recreation Reserve

Liam Durkin

A safe housing the Trafalgar Cricket Club best and fairest vote cards was destroyed by vandals late last year.

After breaking into the club rooms and then an adjoining office, vandals would have been left disappointed when all they found was envelopes.

Fortunately, all vote cards were accounted for, meaning a hefty retrace was not required.

An even bigger safe belonging to the Trafalgar Football Netball Club was destroyed, which only contained a map of the recreation reserve and a diary from the late 1980s. The Trafalgar Boxing Gym was also targeted.

With the crime rate in Trafalgar reaching high levels last October, residents are urged to stay vigilant.



Vandals broke into a huge safe from the Trafalgar Football Netball Club



A safe belonging to the Trafalgar Cricket Club was broken into



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Traf and Willow Grove locals organise hay run to Tambo Crossing

Following the East Gippsland fires, many farmers have been left without the basic needs to look after their livestock. TTMI Gippsland along with Willow

Grove & District Lions Club delivered much needed hay to Tambo Crossing.

This is the first of a few runs they will be doing over the coming weeks, to assist those im-

pacted by the bushfires.

TTMI Gippsland is also preparing a tractor for loan to BlazeAid, for assisting in repairing of farm boundary fencing, in the coming months.



TTMI Gippsland truck with its load of hay, getting escorted to Tambo Crossing via Bairnsdale

John Attwell

Probus Starts Busy Year

It was easy to tell we were in 2020 as we had our first Probus meeting last month and it was good to see so many smiling faces at the meeting and ready for a good year ahead of 'fun, friendship and fellowship'.

Ross Pethybridge spoke about the impact of the fires on Gippsland communities and there were many hands raised to do something to support them.

As a result our members donated more than \$1000 which went that day to the Gippsland Emergency Relief Fund to directly support fire victims.

A busy start on trips already with a busload going down to the Frankston area to see the sand castles display and members visited War Horse at the Regent Theatre in Melbourne recently and we also have bookings to

see Chicago at the State Theatre.

The club finished off last year with a fantastic function at the Moe Racing Club with nearly 80 members enjoying a great lunch and a visit from Santa. We also found out that our president Bob Jones did not find out about Santa until he was 17. A good story Bob. The venue was excellent and a good finish to our Probus year.

The year has started well with two new members inducted at our first meeting. Welcome to Jackie and Corrie Koppen and we are sure you will continue to enjoy Probus.

A subject of our guest speaker Helen Costa, who is the Manager of VAP which operates under the name of Windermere and covers the Gippsland area and also has operations in other

parts of Victoria, was the Victorian Assistance Program. Helen gave us a very good picture of their services to communities including childrens services, homelessness and disaster victims and everything in between. Their services will be extremely busy now.

The clubs AGM is coming next month and that means it is time to elect a new committee.

If any of our existing members are interested in being part of the committee, please see our secretary Peggy Fisher or a committee member and put in an application.



Helen Costa was a guest speaker at a recent Probus seminar



Probus Club president Bob Jones with new members Jackie and Corrie Koppen



The Probus Club Christmas party was well attended

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Gippsland rail is Gippsland's future

The region's peak industry advocate, the Committee for Gippsland, is seeking ongoing commitment and action from the Victorian Government to sure-up the future of rail service and infrastructure in Gippsland.

Whilst the Victorian Government's regional rail revival investment is being rolled-out and a number of upgrades to Gippsland stations and bridges are scheduled, Gippsland rail has been neglected compared to other regional mainlines in Victoria.

Jane Oakley CEO of the Committee for Gippsland said it has been well established that Gippsland mainline rail services are the slowest and most unreliable in Victoria.

"Faster, more frequent and reliable passenger rail services are vital for Gippsland's connectivity within the region and

to jobs and/or social opportunities outside the region. Rail will be a key growth enabler for our region to secure its long-term sustainability and improvement to community health and wellbeing".

"Rail freight is as important as the region's passenger services as Gippsland presents the Victorian economy with heavy commodity growth potential, building on our regional economic reputation as a significant GDP contributor for the state."

According to Jane Oakley, the committee is duly concerned that the interpretation of falling patronage on the Gippsland line is a sign of decreasing need rather than the reality of long-standing disruptions.

"Many of these disruptions are a result of upgrades to the metropolitan system and not related to the planned Gippsland regional rail revival program,

something that will see further disruption throughout 2020. Gippsland accepts changes for improved service outcomes but, in terms of metropolitan works, it remains unclear what flow-on benefits will be enjoyed by Gippsland commuters."

Gippsland's contribution to the state's economy is well recognised and it is essential that Gippsland is not left behind because the region is seen as too difficult in regard to patronage, integration and cost.

"Gippslanders' want and will use a fast, reliable, direct rail service," explained Ms Oakley. "It's important for the Victorian government to understand that the drop in patronage on the Gippsland line is a direct reflection on its poor service to the region."

Baw Baw 2020 Council grants and sponsorship programs

Community groups are encouraged to apply for funding support as Council makes approximately \$300,000 available via the 2020 Community Development Grants and Community Sponsorship programs.

Last year (2019) 31 local groups, events and regional ambassadors received Council grants and sponsorship support. Recipients ranged from the Aberfeldy Cemetery Trust to the West Gippsland Hockey Association and everything in between, demonstrating the wide breadth of funding opportunities available.

With application rounds set to open on Monday 13 January, and further opportunities to follow throughout 2020, now is a great time for local groups and clubs to consider their projects for the year ahead.

Council funding support is divided into two broad streams: Community Development Grants and Community Sponsorship. Both present unique funding opportunities according to different eligibility criteria.

Community Development Grants
Community Development Grants are available to eligible

non-profit community groups across three categories: environment, equipment, and minor capital works.

- Minor Capital Works grants provide up to \$10,000 to match community contributions towards minor repairs, renovations and associated infrastructure to community buildings/clubrooms/facilities. Expressions of interest (EOI) open 13 January to 5 February 2020, with successful EOIs asked to submit a second round application between 2 March and 10 April 2020.

- Environment grants provide funding of up to \$5000 for activities or projects that benefit Baw Baw's environment. Applications open 3 February to 13 March 2020.

- Equipment grants provide funding of up to \$5000 for funding for equipment required for the successful operation or service delivery. Applications open 3 February to 13 March 2020.

- Visit Council's Community Development Grants webpage for full eligibility criteria and applications. <https://www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/Our-Community/Grants-and-Sponsorship/Community-Sponsorship>

and-Sponsorship/Community-Development-Grants Anyone wishing to discuss their application in further detail may make an appointment by calling 1300 229 229.

Community Sponsorship

Council Community Sponsorship program provides funding support to local community events as well as to ambassadors that positively promote the Baw Baw region.

Eligible events may receive up to \$5000 in sponsorship funding. Eligible Baw Baw Ambassadors may receive up to \$500 for individuals or \$1500 for groups or teams.

The next round of sponsorship funding applications are open from 13 January to 9 February 2020.

Visit Council's Community Sponsorship webpage for full eligibility criteria and applications. <https://www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/Our-Community/Grants-and-Sponsorship/Community-Sponsorship>

Anyone wishing to discuss their application in further detail may make an appointment by calling 1300 229 229.

Results are in on waste in Baw Baw



Baw Baw's waste and recycling survey closed on Friday 29 November 2019 and we received 385 submissions, demonstrating a high level of interest within our community.

E-waste and recycling best practices were hot topics amongst responses, while the community's widespread use of home composting was a highlight. Two-thirds of those surveyed reported already composting food organics and green organics (FOGO) at home, with an even higher proportion (73%) indicating they would likely use a FOGO bin if introduced – a fantastic result that shows the willingness of our community to make changes to improve our environment.

Here's a summary of the survey's key findings:

- 85% of those surveyed are satisfied with our kerbside collection service (including hard waste).
- 72% preferred the free annual hard waste offer to be a kerbside collection, over

a transfer station drop off, mainly due to its convenience and a number of residents not having a trailer to take it to the transfer station themselves.

- 66% currently compost food organics and green organics (FOGO) at home.
- 73% would likely use a FOGO bin if introduced.
- 75% knew that e-waste (items with a cord/battery) can be dropped off free at our transfer stations.
- 55% received enough information from Council about our waste and recycling services, with social media and emails scoring the highest preference.

Council would like to thank all those who responded. Your feedback is highly valued and will directly inform our waste and recycling services going forward.

While a majority of residents told us that they received enough information from Council about our waste and recycling services, 45% said they would like

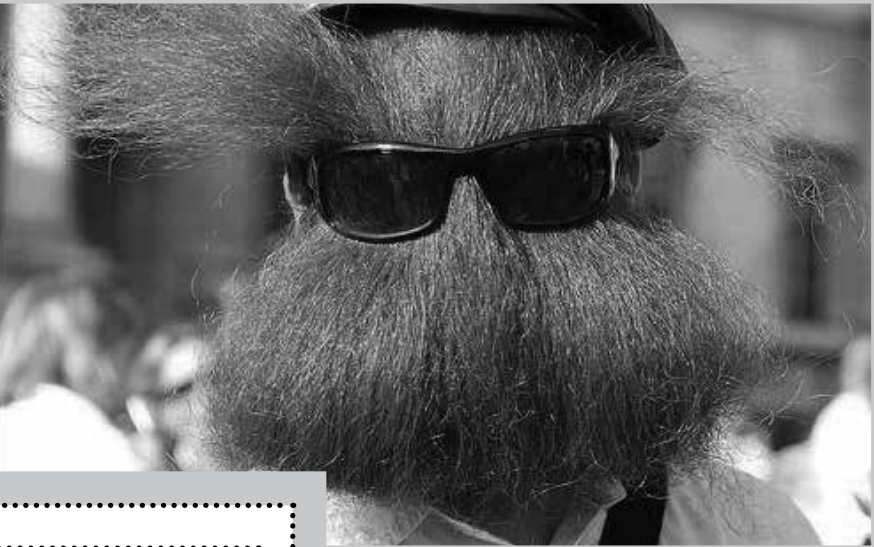
more information – particularly regarding what can and cannot be put in recycling bins. Social media and email were identified as the preferred methods of communication.

To make it easier for residents to receive regular updates on waste and recycling news, we've created a quarterly email newsletter, Our Environment. Subscribe for free via Baw Baw Council's website to get the latest waste and recycling news directly to your inbox.

Additionally, Council will provide regular updates on social media throughout the year, tackling key topics of interest as highlighted in the survey results. Be sure to follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter to get all the latest news.

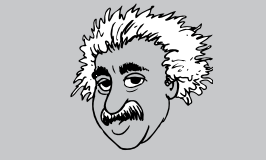
We look forward to working together with the community to reducing waste, promoting reuse and implementing great recycling practises to improve waste management in Baw Baw Shire.

Wally's Words



Do modern witches make Hex Tapes? Or are they just into Hexting? – Wally

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Strzelecki Bushwalking Club New Years Eve camp

Jo Leviston

Strzelecki Bushwalkers enjoyed a range of activities in December, completing 2019 with a New Years Eve camp at Mt. Worth. The 2020 program

has a number of cycling and walking opportunities for members. Visitors are also welcome to join in suitable activities. The

first club meeting for the year will be a BYO barbeque and drinks at McGregor Park in Trafalgar on Wednesday 12 February. Check out our Facebook page or visit

our website for more information about our activities or contact Jo at publicity@sbwc.org.au.



Strzelecki Bushwalking Club celebrating New Year's Eve at Mt Worth

Swap Meet Well Attended

Liam Durkin

THE Trafalgar Lions Club was buoyed by the success of another swap meet held

at the recreation reserve.

Those attending the meet arrived in their hundreds, with

stall holders up bright and early as the morning sun made its way to Trafalgar.

The football and cricket oval was transformed into something of an outdoor shopping centre

for the day, as people travelled from all over Victoria to take part.

The Lions Club swap meet is held annually and is one of the clubs biggest initiatives.



Morning sun over the Trafalgar Lions Club swap meet.

Trafalgar Fire Brigades' support to East Gippsland

Mark Walshe

Trafalgar fire brigade has been sending members on rotational shift, to assist with the firefighting efforts in East Gippsland. Based around Swifts Creek and Omeo, the crews have been conducting firebreaks, extinguishing hot areas (i.e. burning logs, peat etc) and patrolling of the fire front.

Trafalgar brigade fire fighters Marcus Barker and Troy Oates were the first Trafalgar crew to help our neighbours to the east.

With a quick stop at the Swan Reach staging area, they then headed up to Swifts Creek to collect Meeniyar Stony-Creeks Ultra Light (a 4wd vehicle that carries limited water and a pump), and high tailed up to Omeo. This was Firefighter Oates first strike team, and when asked on return mentioned "while it was hard work, I made plenty of friends. Being a rookie, everyone was keen to help me and show me things."

The second crew to head east,

after the first crews return was 1st Lieutenant Brian Mynard and firefighter Naomi Goodin. Firefighter Goodin has been an active member of the Trafalgar Fire Brigade for a little over 12 months now, and this is also her first strike team experience. Lieutenant Mynard and Firefighter Goodin spent their time around the Omeo area, completing tasks much the same as the first crew using Hallam's Ultra Light vehicle. This was a good opportunity for Firefighter Goodin to

spend some time on an Ultra Light appliance, as the local brigade here does not have one. Lieutenant Mynard mentioned upon return he was proud of Firefighter Goodin's efforts and that of the strike team of firefighters, from around the Latrobe Valley.

Currently in the Swifts creek area (as I write this, Friday 17 January 2020) are Trafalgar firefighters Matthew Bailey and Jade Farmer, on the third crew rotation. Both were excited to leave and do

their part to assist those affected by these bushfires. This is Firefighter Farmer's first strike team, where we are sure she will learn lots, and return home safely.

In local news, the Trafalgar Fire Brigade has had a busy start to the season. We had 10 callouts in ten days to start the year 2020, ranging from a grass fire in Yarragon, to a hay shed fire in Darnum and Trafalgar structure fire that was started by a washing machine.

Every Trafalgar Fire Brigade

member can hold their head up high, whether it be looking after our own town community or our neighbours to the east, we have successfully played a vital role in the start of this years' fire season. A big thank-you is also warranted to the families of our firefighters that support us through these busy times.



Firefighter Troy Oates (left) and Firefighter Marcus Barker (right) with Meeniyar Stony Creek ultra light appliance, at Omeo assisting locals with extinguishing the fire properly



1st Lieutenant Brian Mynard (right) with Firefighter Naomi Goodin (left) on Naomi's first strike team in Swifts Creek region

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Firefighter Matthew Bailey (left) and Firefighter Jade Farmer (right) at the Swifts Creek staging area. This is Jade's first strike team

People Urged To Watch Out For Stink Bug

Victorians are being asked to look out for exotic pests like the Brown Marmorated Stink Bug this summer, and report any they might find. The Brown Marmorated Stink Bug was detected for the first time in Victoria about one year ago after hitchhiking on imported goods. Agriculture Victoria responded to detections in Clayton, Dandenong South and Port Melbourne, setting up a two-kilometre surveillance and trapping grid in each area. Victoria's Chief Plant Health Officer, Dr Rosa Crnov, said while surveillance did not detect any stink bug populations, people should be on the lookout to ensure none were hiding during winter and were now on the

move. "Keep an eye out around your home, work building, vehicles, machinery, shed and garden for this destructive nuisance pest — especially if you grow fruit or vegetables," Dr Crnov said. The Brown Marmorated Stink Bug is an economically damaging pest that can attack more than 300 types of crops and become a real nuisance for households if found in Victoria. "September through to April is the high-risk time for brown marmorated stink bug," Dr Crnov said. "It can enter Victoria through hitchhiking on imported goods, and even more so through the heights of summer." Dr Crnov also advised online shoppers receiving parcels from overseas to keep an

eye out for the bug in goods and packaging. "Brown Marmorated Stink Bug can hitchhike to Australia on a range of things, from commercial shipments to individual parcels of products such as kitchenware or shoes." If you suspect you have found Brown Marmorated Stink Bug, or any other kind of exotic pest, report it to the Exotic Plant Pest Hotline on 1800 084 881 or email a photo, along with your contact details and the pest's location, to plant.protection@agriculture.vic.gov.au

Artistic opportunity to support 2019 bushfire recovery

Up to nine local artists across Baw Baw Shire, Cardinia Shire and Latrobe Shire are being sought to participate in a creative program to support recovery and build resilience following the east-region bushfires of February and March 2019.

Expressions of interest are now open for the role of Creative Recovery Artist Facilitator. Up to nine positions are available across the region, three from each Local Government area.

Appointed artists will work closely with affected communities impacted by the 2019 bushfires in the Bunyip State Park, Walhalla and South Yinnar areas by working with the community to develop creative projects in those regions.

The project will be led by Amanda Gibson, Lead Mentor at the Creative Recovery Network, who has significant experience in working with bushfire af-

ected communities.

With support from Amanda, appointed artists will engage with local communities, businesses and groups to identify a potential project or initiative. As part of the program, appointed artists will receive recognised training in physiological and mental first aid, emergency management and facilitating community meetings to help prepare them for engaging with the communities or individuals who have experienced the disruption and harm caused by bushfire.

Recruitment of the artists forms the first of a three-phase process for the development, with the implementation and showcasing of creative recovery projects across the region taking place over the next two years. It is expected that appointed artists will be part of the ongoing program post this first phase engagement.

Interested artists are in-

ited to apply, with applications closing at 12pm on Friday 14 February 2020. Indigenous Australians, people from culturally diverse communities, and people with a disability are encouraged to apply.

For more information about the role or to apply, please download Expression of Interest - Creative Recovery Artist Facilitator.

<https://www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/Latest-News/Artistic-opportunity-to-support-2019-east-region-bushfire-recovery>

The program is facilitated by Creative Recovery Network in partnership with Baw Baw Shire Council, Cardinia Shire Council, Latrobe City Council and Liffeline Gippsland. Creative Recovery Network is a specialist service provider and advocate for culture and the arts within the emergency management sector.



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Bushfires and scams

There are currently a wide range of appeals raising funds for people and animals affected by the bushfires. Unfortunately, some of these are scams.

People can make a report on the Scamwatch website, or find more information about where to get help. The ACCC has also set up a dedicated phone number for the public to report bushfire related scams. People can call 1300 795 995 to report these scams.

If you wish to make a donation towards those affected by the bushfires, please protect

yourself with the following information:

Scammers are pretending to be legitimate well-known charities, creating their own charity names, and impersonating people negatively impacted by the bushfires.

Scammers are cold-calling, direct messaging and creating fake websites and pages on social media to raise funds.

Do not donate via fundraising pages on platforms that do not verify the legitimacy of the fundraiser or that do not guarantee your money will be returned if the page is determined to be fraudulent.

If you think you have paid money to a scammer, please contact your bank immediately.

Be careful about crowd-

funding requests as these may be fake and also come from scammers. Check the terms and conditions of funding platforms and ensure you are dealing with official organisations. If you are unsure, make your donation to an established charity instead.

If you are donating to an established charity or not-for-profit organisation, ensure it is registered and that you are on its official website by searching the Australia Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Charity Register.

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Take care with food in the heat during summer

People are being urged to take extra care when preparing food during warmer weather. Victoria's Chief Health Officer, Dr Brett Sutton, warned failure to cook poultry correctly or mishandling could lead to illness. He said correct handling and temperature control was the key to minimising food poisoning from bacteria such as Salmonella and Campylobacter. Other important tips for a food safety:

- Thoroughly wash and dry hands when preparing food and before eating.
- Avoid spoiled foods, foods past their use-by dates or foods in damaged containers

- or packaging.
- Take chilled, frozen or hot foods straight home in insulated containers.
- Keep raw foods and ready-to-eat foods separate.
- Keep chilled foods cold at five degrees Celsius or colder and hot food hot at 60 degrees Celsius or hotter — avoid room temperature.
- Don't eat foods that usually go in the fridge if they have been kept outside these temperatures for more than three hours.
- Use separate and clean utensils to handle raw and cooked foods.
- Cook poultry, eggs, minced meats, fish and sausages

thoroughly.

- When in doubt, throw it out.

Dr Sutton said the combination of the holiday period, warmer weather conditions and an increase in outdoor activity, particularly barbecues, often led to riskier patterns of food handling and consumption, and summer was a peak time for gastroenteritis cases. "It is possible to eat well, stay healthy and enjoy the holiday period — and there are loads of great food safety tips on the Better Health Channel," Dr Sutton said. For more information visit www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/Blog/BlogCollectionPage/dont-make-me-sick

Free green waste drop-offs at Trafalgar transfer station

To help our community prepare and maintain their properties over the fire season, Baw Baw Shire Council is offering free green waste drop-offs from 18 January to 31 March 2020.

Following the success of the free green waste drop of days back in October last year, the offer is being extended once again to all residents — both home owners and tenants — this time for a much longer time period at all Council-operated transfer stations in Lardner, Neerim South, Trafalgar and Erica.

This new initiative is part of Council's commitment to community safety and bushfire season preparedness.

This offer is of particular

importance to those living on larger or rural properties with excess growth and vegetation around their homes - over and above what can be disposed of in the regular fortnightly kerbside green waste bin collections.

Trafalgar Transfer Station
Location: Giles Road
Open hours: 10.00am - 4.00pm on Saturday, Sunday and Monday

Free offer conditions

- Each household is eligible to drop off up to three cubic metres of acceptable green waste free of charge.
- To cater for different trailer sizes, residents can either

drop off three cubic metres at once, or smaller volumes over multiple drop offs.

- Green waste over three cubic metres will be charged at the normal rate.
- Bookings are not required, simply visit the transfer station during open hours and present proof of residency (such as driver's license or rates notice).
- Green waste must be delivered in residential vehicles and trailers (commercial vehicles will be charged at the standard rate).
- Green waste must be separated from other waste or it will be charged at the standard rate.

Latrobe Valley Field Naturalists Club gets bug-eyed over biodiversity

Alix Williams

The President of the Field Naturalists Club of Victoria, Maxwell Campbell will be guest presenter at the meeting of the Latrobe Valley Field Naturalists' Club on Friday 28 February 2020 at the Uniting Church Hall, Old Sale Road Newborough from 7:30pm.

Vertebrates, animals with backbones, comprise only a small fraction, 1% of all animal life. Whereas invertebrates, animals without backbones, comprise 99% of the Earth's biodi-

versity and their importance is grossly underestimated. Max is very committed to the conservation of biodiversity and ecosystems and will discuss aspects of biodiversity as they pertain to small invertebrates.

His presentation will be supported by his extensive macro and micro videography of cryptozoic organisms. These organisms are small invertebrates living on the ground and hidden under leaf litter, wood and stones.

You will be introduced to many aspects of the cryptozoic world that you never knew existed.

The following day's excursion will be to Wirilda Environment Park, near Tyers.

Visitors are most welcome to both activities; there is no charge. For more information phone 0410 237 292



A native Jewell Bug, photo by Max Campbell

Trafalgar Holden Museum car of the month...

Bob Moss

The HSV GTSR W1 is the final new model to be developed from the 'Zeta'-based Holden Commodore which ends production in October 2017. That makes it special enough. But to its credit, HSV didn't just add 5kW and a sticker kit. The intention was to go out with a bang not a whimper and the W1 does that in spades, courtesy of its 474kW LS9 V8. Believe it or not there's more to this car than the engine alone.

We've no doubt Holden Special Vehicles has done a

terrific job bringing the W1 to life. It was a big task which overcame a series of hurdles: finding the engines, developing a dry sump oiling system, upgrading the Tremec TR6060 manual six-speed gearbox and so on.

It is also a \$169,990 limited edition, of which just 300 will be built. And, despite that hefty price-tag, all but one or two have already been accounted for.

The engine outputs and the price, which is the highest yet for a HSV vehicle,

are gob smacking enough. But so are claims like zero to 100km/h in 4.2sec, a 12.1sec 400m sprint and a combined cycle fuel consumption figure of 16.5L/100km (translation: real world fuel consumption into the 20s folks).

In the end, the HSV GTSR W1 is testament to Aussie 'can-do' engineering.

At this time we have, at the Museum a locally owned GTSR.W1 car on show.

Some of this article has been copied from other publications



2017 GTSR.W1 COMMODORE

Anton Hair nominated for Celebrate Baw Baw award

Mark Walsbe

Local Trafalgar business Anton Hair has been nominated for the Celebrate Baw Baw award for 2019/2020.

The Celebrate Baw Baw award is to celebrate the outstanding achievements of organisations and businesses whose passion and commitment enhance Baw Baw's reputation as

an amazing place to live, work and employ.

2019 was an exciting year for Anton Hair including a study tour in New York during fashion week for owners Noel & David Watts.

On a facebook post, David from Anton Hair said that this award nomination is a testa-

ment of the achievements from the whole Anton Hair crew, from apprentices, to stylists, cleanup crew and admin.

The awards gala will be held at Lardner Park on Friday 13 March 2020. Good luck to Anton Hair, and congrats.



Some of the Anton Hair team Chelsea, Stephanie, Noel, Jade & Andrea



Anton Hair owners Noel Watts & David Watts at New York Fashion Week

Neil Joiner

Another year draws to a close and we have the opportunity to reflect on the year 2019 and the great things that are happening as a result. At the Holden museum, we can say that we had an incredibly successful year.

Some of the highlights can be summarised with the following:

- Our WW2 workboat has progressed significantly under the dedication of Mick Brennan who has worked tirelessly throughout the year

ensuring its progress.

- The new signage on the highway has increased our visitors to the Museum and has required us to open seven days a week from 10am to 5pm.
- This has placed an enormous pressure for our conscientious roster group however, thanks to an increase in volunteers we are starting to cope with new hours in an orderly manner.
- Once again our Route 69

was marred with some poor weather, which kept a lot of people at home however, all those who attended had a great time and we will be running the event again next year on the 18 October 2020. Much of the success of our Route 69 event is due to hard work put in by the organizing committee and all of the volunteers who help out on the day.

- Another achievement this year was the arrival of the




A part of the new display that is being created in the new building



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Mallacoota fire



Fire ravaged virtually all of East Gippsland last month, with some Trafalgar residents caught up in the disaster. This incredible photo shows just how choking the fire was that bit Mallacoota.

Lions Club holds eye tests for primary school students

Sonia Lombardo

St Joseph's Primary School Trafalgar were fortunate enough to participate in the Lions Club Eye Health Program (LEHP-Australia) recently.

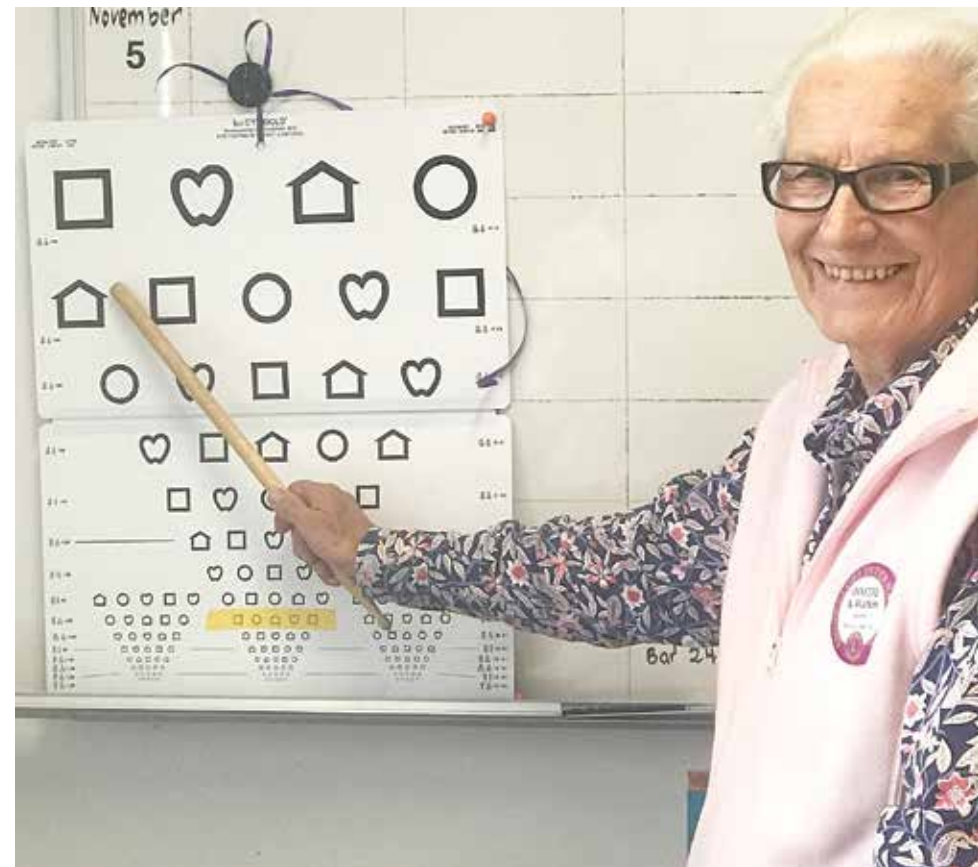
The Lions Club members are all trained to perform simple eye screening tests that checked

visual acuity, depth perception and colour vision, along with using the Welsh Allyn Spot Vision Screener.

Students who participated found these tests relatively easy and received a written report identifying deficiencies that

could then be followed up by the local optometrist.

Overall, the afternoon ran with efficiency and ease and we thank our local Lions Club of Trafalgar for their time and effort.



Annette Watkin from Trafalgar Lions Club conducts an eye test.



Ben Crist and Jacob Morrison work together.



Trevor Byrne using a sports vision screener.



Anita Sands puts student Coben Paul through a test.

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Trafalgar and Yarragon students of St Paul's achieve very high VCE results 2019

Paula Walland

Students of St Pauls from Trafalgar and Yarragon can be proud of their VCE achievements. The next few weeks will be an exciting time for these students who now await offers of placement from a range of university and TAFE institutions, seek employment or travel overseas.

The very high achievers include Claire Coots of Trafalgar on 94.85, Emma Wong of Yar-

ragon South on 94.9, Chloe Majstorovic of Yarragon on 94.65, Kelsey Hollier of Yarragon on 91.85.

The 2019 Dux of St Paul's Anglican Grammar School wishes to remain anonymous. The highest ATAR scored was 99.5. Sarah Blyth of Warra-gul South scored 98.95. Close behind her were Annie Guo of Moe on 98.5, Lachlan Martino of Traralgon on 98.25 and Ka-

vesha Jayasuriya of Traralgon on 98.15.

Amongst the year level are a number of inspiring success stories from students whose hard work and perseverance has enabled them to exceed their own expectations. There are several examples of students who, with support, have triumphed over health and personal hardships to achieve impressive results.

In all 11% of students achieved an ATAR over 95 and 22% of students achieved an ATAR over 90.

The percentage of students who achieved an ATAR of over 80 was an impressive 48%, placing them in the top 20% of the state. 85% of students achieved an ATAR over 50.

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Trafalgar High School Valedictory dinner a success

David 'Wombat' Lyons

In celebration of the graduation of our Year 12 students, families of graduates along with teachers and peers gathered for the Trafalgar High School 2019 Valedictory Dinner in Traralgon.

"Completing Year 12 is a major achievement for students and families" said Principal Jane Mersey, as she drew special attention to the role of parents and families in their students journey across High School.

Announced on the night our Valedictorian, VCAL prize winner and Principal award winners, congratulations to Seth Benson announced as Valedictorian for his outstanding academic performance across all subjects in

2019. Principal Mersey presented the Principals Award to Sadira Snell, a member of our 2019 Student Leadership team who represented students at School Council meetings, chaired many

SRC meeting and ran events across the school community.

Sadira balanced these additional commitments with her learning and also achieved high academic results in 2019.

The VCAL award, for out-

standing performance in the school senior VCAL certificate course, as well as the associated TAFE and work placement elements went to Kaitlyn Ferguson.



From left to right: Principal Jane Mersey with Kaitlyn Ferguson, Seth Benson and Sadira Snell

Fire Brigade Juniors bowling into Christmas 2019

Mark Walsbe

In December 2019, the Trafalgar Junior Fire Brigade members, along with some senior fire brigade members, participated in a lawn bowls

competition at Trafalgar, to see in the Christmas period. Dinner of pizzas was supplied by Alberto's Trafalgar, and the Trafalgar Lawn Bowls Club

had the bar open with many soft drinks to be consumed. The bowls club supplied some junior bowls for the members to use; and did a tutorial

to teach the young adults how to bowl correctly. The night was a fun break-up to the year and with many thanks to Trafalgar Lawn Bowls Club and Albertos

Pizza, Trafalgar for their support on the night. Winning team: Rebecca Geisler, Kathy Geisler, Sheridan Jacobs and Adrian Allatt.



Junior firefighter Drazic thinking about his shot



Practice makes perfect, the juniors receiving tutorial from the Trafalgar Bowls Club members

Trafalgar Community Carols

Sue Jacka

There's always a great community spirit at the Traf Community Carols. The grassy spot between the Uniting Church and the Public halls is sheltered and provides a bit of a natural sound shell. This year we continued a recent practice where children from both Trafalgar Primary and St Joseph's schools had learned and rehearsed two songs (All I Want for Christmas is You and Jingle Bells Rock .) They then were able to perform them together- a great symbol of the unity that Christmas brings. Many of the kids also took advantage of the nativity costumes available to take a role in the retelling of the Christmas story. Rosemary O'Shannon's donkey Trooper and her pet sheep really added to the atmosphere as this year's Mary (Scarlett Murto) grew her confidence though arriving on the donkey! What would Community Carols be without the music? This year our usual band was unable

to come at very short notice- a double difficulty as they usually provide a number of singers too. After a lot of phone calls to various bands (all busy) one of the Traralgon Brass band members put out a Facebook call for any musicians to come and join in. And what a result! The night kicked off with a bracket of well known Christmas themed songs from local John Coupe's friends on guitar and drums. They really helped to get the gathering crowd in the mood. 'Heart and Soul' singers came together at a couple of day's notice to lead the singing. Then we had a 14 piece brass band made up musicians from across Gippsland who had responded to the call out on Facebook. Many of them had never played together before and two were teenagers in the Traralgon Training band. The music was wonderful for this event and the way it all came together in a very short time was our own Christmas miracle.



Community service award for Traf High student

David 'Wombat' Lyons

Trafalgar High School awarded its annual community service award to Willow Grove based student Jordon Garratt, who will be going into year 11 this year, for his consistent contribution to both the school and wider community. Jordon was recognised for his wider community volunteering, especially in the sporting communities of Willow Grove and contribution to student events at Trafalgar High School in 2019. He was presented the award as part of the school presenta-

tion night at the end last year. Ms Dorothy Hoare OAM, who serves as a community representative on the school council, presented Jordon with his certificate and the perpetual shield that his name was added too. Ms Hoare OAM's name has been applied to the award noting her massive contribution to the community of Trafalgar. Ms Hoare was a foundation member of the Lioness Club of Trafalgar in 1980 and over her time in the club served in roles including president and secretary. She was the inaugural

chairman of the Trafalgar Youth Resource Centre and now 22 years later remains an active-committee member. She also spent two years on the Trafalgar Community Development association and after retiring from the nursing profession in 1992, returned to the health sector as a volunteer on the Baw Baw Latrobe primary care partnerships community advisory committee for four years. Each year, Trafalgar High School presents the community service award in her name.



Trafalgar High School student Jordon Garratt was recognised for his work within the community last year, 2019

Trafalgar High School raises Rainbow Flag

David 'Wombat' Lyons

Sunny skies and prefect weather greeted Trafalgar High Schol as it raised a rainbow flag to fly over the school yard in the final week of 2019. The morning tea was attended by Staff, Students and community members who watched as Gary Blackwood MP joined School Captains Grady Ruiter and Cooper Burgess for the ris-

ing the Rainbow flag, a granted gift to the school from the Raising Rainbows initiative. "Raising Rainbows is an initiative of the ChillOut Festival to empower young LGBTIQ+ youth in regional Victoria and be proud of who they are and feel safe in their community," said Principal Jane Mersey as she addressed the morning tea "The program links well with

our Safe Schools program to raise awareness, educate communities and ultimately, reduce the instances of LGBTIQ+ related bullying in regional schools and communities." Guests then enjoyed a small morning tea of fruit and scones and Gray Blackwood MP congratulated the school on providing an inclusive learning environment.



Left to Right: Jane Mersay Principal, Grady Ruiter, Gary Blackwood MP, Cooper Burgess.



Gray Blackwood Mp helps student leaders Grady Ruiter and Cooper Burgess raise the flag.

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Trafalgar citizen of the year

Is David (Wombat) Lyons

Wombat is also a key figure at the Trafalgar Scout Group. This is in addition to wider roles in scouting as State Commissioner for Diversity and Inclusion, and being a Rover Adviser. He has provided significant support to other leaders at Trafalgar, and has played a major role in our Groups continued success including taking a leadership role in establishing and supporting our ventures unit.

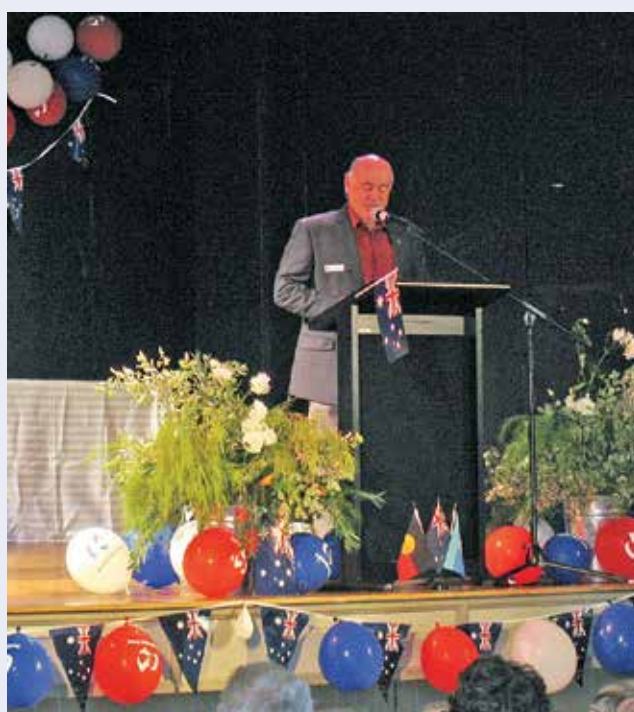
Wombat has also been an active member of the Trafalgar Community Development Association. His work with this group has been focussed on the growth and development of our town, whilst protecting our green spaces, advocated for public amenities and has helped to keep Trafalgar a wonderful place to live.

Wombat also chairs the Community Advisory Committee to the West Gippsland Libraries. He works to coordinate our Australia Day celebrations, the ones we are enjoying here today. And you cannot go to a garage sale, market night, battle of Trafalgar event, or other community gathering without finding him there.

David "Wombat" Lyons is a kind and generous man, who has been working hard for many years to keep Trafalgar the best that it can be. His efforts have been immense, and yet his reaction when first notified of the award "I am shocked, surely there are more deserving candidates in this community." He was thoroughly reassured that he was certainly the most deserving of this award.



Principal Jane Mersey from Trafalgar High School and the crowd listening intently



Ray James of the Trafalgar-Thorpdale RSL was the MC for the morning



The Rosse family (front) and Allatt Family (rear) watching the Aus Day celebration



Attendees digging into a free breaky, supplied by Trafalgar Lions Club



Trafalgar locals enjoying the morning formalities



Attendees digging into a free breaky, supplied by Trafalgar Lions Club



Attendees digging into a free breaky, supplied by Trafalgar Lions Club



Trafalgar's Citizen of the Year award winner David 'Wombat' Lyons and his family



Trafalgar's Citizen of the Year award winner David 'Wombat' Lyons giving his acceptance speech



Lions Club volunteers getting the free beaky ready



Trafalgar Junior Fire Brigade's Jobanna Baker was a guest speaker



Lt Mark Walsbe of the Trafalgar Fire Brigade, with Lachlan Allatt Junior Brigade Cpt and Jobanna Baker of the Junior Fire Brigade



Lions Club volunteers getting the free beaky ready

Trafalgar Historical Society

Farewell to friends

The following list is of people whose death was recorded by Trafalgar Historical Society during 2019. Due to the timing of the publication of the society's official publication, some of those recorded may have died in late 2018.

Traf News thanks Trafalgar Historical Society for providing the following information.

We apologise if the list is not complete.

- Allan Robert (Doc) Erbs - Late of Trafalgar
- Alwyn Amy Barber (Best) - Formerly of Yarragon
- Anke Scanlon (Akkerman) - Formerly of Yarragon
- Anne Kenny - Formerly of Trafalgar
- Barbara Ann Oates (Tickner) - Late of Trafalgar

- Beverly Lorraine (Bev) - Gilligan Late of Yarragon
- Bruce Gordon Kennedy - Formerly of Trafalgar
- Carmela Manuele (Alibrio) - Late of Thorpdale
- Clarice Hazel Beavis (Blood) - Late of Andrews House
- Colin Boreham - Late of Trafalgar
- Dawn May Whitton (Moore) - Formerly of Trafalgar
- Diana (Peg) Hashorpe (Russell) - Late of Trafalgar
- Diane Larsen - Late of Trafalgar
- Dorothy Catherine Bridger (Morsehead) - Late of Andrew House
- Edna Iris Mynard - Late of Trafalgar
- Elsa Ida (Nardie) Ryan (Skinner) - Late of Trafalgar
- Frederick Thomas Lloyd -

- Formerly of Trafalgar
- Hannah Mary Nix (Willett) - Formerly of Trafalgar
- Harry de Groot - Late of Trafalgar
- Hazel Rouget (Pitson) - Late of Trafalgar
- Helen Gracie Gardiner - Late of Trafalgar
- Irene Knight (Spokes) - Late of Yarragon
- Iris Veronica Russell (Kennedy) - Late of Trafalgar
- Isabel Mary Dyer (Boyles) - Formerly of Trafalgar
- Jack Douglas Lamb - Late of Trafalgar
- James Keeble Linn - Late of Childers
- James (Noel) Buckley - Late of Willow Grove
- Jean Farmer - Late of Trafalgar
- Jennifer Verstedden (Barnes) -

- Late of Willow Grove
- John Watson - Formerly of Yarragon
- Joy Giessler (Cavill) - Formerly of Childers
- Kenneth Roy (Bob) Battle - Formerly of Trafalgar
- Kerrin Wheildon - Late of Willow Grove
- Laurie (Froggy) Wheller - Late of Yarragon
- Len Robinson - Late of Thorpdale
- Maggie (Peggy) McCrorey - Formerly of Trafalgar
- Malcolm Hotchkin - Formerly of Thorpdale
- Margaret Godwin - Late of Trafalgar
- Marie Patricia Gridley (Assmussen) - Formerly of Trafalgar
- Mary Josephine Wyrckovski (Bellingham) - Formerly of

- Trafalgar
- May Forsyth - Late of Thorpdale
- Nancy Pearl Gooding (Wiltshire) - Late of Andrew House
- Neil Douglas Cumming - Late of Trafalgar
- Noel Wallace Gibson - Formerly of Trafalgar
- Pamela Rickard - Formerly of Trafalgar
- Patricia (Pat) Ray (Woods) - Formerly of Trafalgar
- Patrick Vincent Hennessy - Late of Trafalgar
- Pearl McGarry (Dods) - Late of Andrew House
- Raymond Stanley Robins - Late of Trafalgar
- Robert James Pugsley - Late of Trafalgar
- Rodney Budd - Late of Yarragon
- Rowland Ruck - Late of Yar-

- ragon
- Sebastiana Pisa (Cucinotta) - Formerly of Thorpdale
- Shirley Comber (Compt) - Late of Trafalgar
- Shirley Jean Mertens (Bastin) - Formerly of Trafalgar
- Stanley Edgcomb Vosper - Late of Trafalgar
- Sylvia Beryl Hill (Ward) - Late of Trafalgar
- Teresa Jane McKenzie (Carnes) - Late of Thorpdale
- Terry (Poppy) Comber - Late of Trafalgar
- Valerie Catherine Murphy (Coleman) - Late of Thorpdale
- Willi Elbers - Late of Andrews House

Marge O'Donnell

Vox Pop

What do you think of the song 'I Am Australian' written 1987 by Bruce Woodley of The Seekers and Dobe Newton of The Bushwackers?



Len Keogh
I like this song very much but think that a few additional verses to cover more recent arrivals might be in order.



Greg Sephton
A good description of how our land and the people who lived here developed over time.



Gavan Panozzo
I would thoroughly enjoy this version for the Australian Anthem. Like the song states, it covers everybody and not one particular place.



Shona Vines
I have sung along to this song for years but until I sat and read the lyrics for the first time I never really knew all the words or process the song on its true value. It reminds us we are MANY, and that storytellers and artists help record Australian history and stories through song, we just need to listen. This song symbolizes a nation whose people, history, culture and landscape are deeply connected. I personally am very please to see the acknowledgement of our Indigenous Aboriginals in the first verse, where it all started.



Susan Carpenter
This song brings all nationalities together to form one country. It sings a song of togetherness and explains what makes us Australians and makes me proud of our country. This should be our national anthem.



Council News.

There's so much to see and do in Baw Baw this summer!
Find out more at www.visitbawbaw.com.au

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To keep our community up to date, we're bringing Council News to you online, on air and in print. For more information and updates, visit our Facebook, Instagram and website.

Council Meetings

Next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held from 5.30pm on **Wednesday 12 February** at the West Gippsland Arts Centre.

Community members are welcome to attend or view the recording after the meeting. See what's on the agenda for the meeting on Council's website.

Careers

Working with Council offers diversity and inclusiveness, career development opportunities, and a flexible and satisfying work environment. See current vacancies on the Careers page on Council's website.

Warragul Customer Service Centre at WGAC

We'll be able to assist with all enquiries from here. Access via Arts Centre main entrance.



What's on at the WGAC!

There's so much on at the Arts Centre this Summer!

- **Grigoryan Brothers** Saturday 8 February
- **Live on the Deck Summer Session** Saturday 15 February
- **Macbeth** Outdoors at Civic Park Sunday 16 February
- **Ross Noble Humournoid** Saturday 22 February
- **American Song** Thursday 27 February
- **Bohemian Rhapsody Live** Friday 28 February

For a full list of shows go to www.wgac.com.au



FREE green waste drop offs from Jan-March

Prepare your property this fire season with free green waste drop-offs until Tuesday 31 March at all Council-operated tips in Lardner, Trafalgar, Neerim South and Erica.

Conditions apply. Up to three cubic metres per household (both owners and tenants).

For full offer details including transfer station locations and open hours, please go to www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/FreeGreenWasteDropOffs



Community meetings to discuss placemaking ideas

Several community meetings will soon take place to discuss ideas and seek input for the next round of the Placemaking Program.

The program provides funds to smaller communities to deliver projects that are at the top of the community's wish list.

Upcoming community meetings:

- **Jindivick:** 7:30pm on Thursday 23 January at Jindivick Hall, 1065 Jacksons Track
- **Labertouche:** 6:30pm on Wednesday 29 January at Labertouche Public Hall, 440 Labertouche Road
- **Noojee:** 6:00pm on Thursday 30 January at Noojee Hall, 7 Henty Street
- **Darnum:** 7:30pm on Monday 3 February at Darnum Memorial Hall, 4 Croypley St
- **Willow Grove:** 6:00pm on Tuesday 4 February at Willow Grove Hall, 12 Moe-Willow Grove Road

For more information visit the **Placemaking Program** webpage on Council's website.



FREE training for community groups

Is your community group looking to take your work to the next level? Come along to free training and development sessions:

- **Budget planning** 6.00-8.30pm on Tue 4 Feb
- **Managing volunteers** 6.00-8.30pm on Tue 11 Feb

Sessions located at the Drouin Civic Centre, 33 Young Street.

RSVP essential, for more information contact **community.planning@bawbawshire.vic.gov.au**

Getting ready for peak bushfire season

We're working hard to make sure Baw Baw Shire is on the front foot this fire season. Our work covers six key areas, including:

- Fuel reduction
- Local laws and open-air burning
- Fire hazard inspections
- Education and awareness
- Emergency infrastructure
- Risk planning

In the next few weeks, we'll share important information about these topics on our social media to help you to prepare and plan for emergencies.

For more information go to www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/Bushfires

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Residents are encouraged to dispose of highly toxic household chemicals - safely, easily and for free - at the upcoming free and easy 'Detox your home' day.

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Congratulations 2020 Australia Day award winners

12 local legends and groups have been awarded at the 2020 Baw Baw Shire Australia Day Awards Ceremony.

Congratulations to:

- **Citizen of the Year** - Brett Kersten
- **Young Citizen of the Year** - Jessica Hickford
- **Community Event of the Year** - Baw Baw Food Relief
- **Sporting Achievement Award** - Gippsland Pride Roller Derby
- **Cultural Achievement Award** - Multicultural Friendship Group
- **Australia Day Medallions** - Albert Fox, Steve Vincent, Dawn Harper, Merrin Butler, Jim Crowe, Faye Vandyk, Joe Meggetto

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Reflection

Rev Sue Jacka

Let them soar!

As the new year gets underway, I have been thinking about what approaches I want to characterise the coming year. One thing that stands out to me is enabling people to grow into the richness of their own creativity and capability. Many of us are leaders of one sort or another. It may be in the home as parent or grandparent. It may be in a local group, sporting association or service club. Or perhaps in the workplace we have people who look up to us. With each of these

situations, we have the capacity to see potential of others and to enable them to rise to their abilities. We can spot the creativity or different perspectives someone else brings and nurture that. Or, of course we can see these possibilities as a threat and thwart anything that brings change or difference. We could choose to let our fears prevent a new generation of leaders from taking on roles. This does not lead to long-term sustainability.

If we do nurture of others' capabilities and do what we can

to mentor these people as they grow into new roles, we can be assured that our organisations will be strengthened. When people are allowed to grow in their passions, they give more to their club and the people around them. When young people are encouraged to follow their passions, they will be more focussed on achieving their own goals and often (maybe surprisingly!) they become more committed to their studies.

Let's choose to let them soar!

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

The true Aussie battler and his wife thrust doggedly onwards: starting again, failing again, implacably thrusting towards success. For success, even if it is only the success of knowing that one has tried to the utmost and never surrendered, is the target of every battler. Michael Page and Robert Inapen - authors

Di Ireland

AROUND THE HISTORICAL Society

Welcome to a new year at the Trafalgar and District Historical Society.

Our first meeting for the year will be on February 20 at 5pm. Members and visitors are encouraged to attend at the rooms which are at the front of the Kindergarten, 30 Contingent St Trafalgar. Working bees are held every first and third Friday of the month from 2pm until 4.30pm or by appointment with Jean Huffer on 5633 1960. Visitors and researchers most welcome.

In December 2019, Glenys Ralls and Dianne Ireland attended the Trafalgar High School Presentation Evening to present the Max Gibson Memorial History Prize. With a life-long interest in history, Max Gibson was the inaugural president of the Trafalgar and District Historical Society which he served from 1985 until 2009.

Max had a deep knowledge of Australian history, writing articles for the Society's "Gazette", interviewing local residents for his programmes on 3BBR-FM and recording their stories in sound and in photographs. Max died in 2010, and it is because of his interest in the Trafalgar High School, his love of history and his practice of encouraging young people in their studies, that the history prize has been initiated as a living memorial to a generous, community-minded man.

For 2019 the recipients were Katie Kasper and Chloe Rees. Congratulations to both girls.

Over the summer break we have seen devastating fires and with these have come the loss of historic buildings and structures such as the trestle rail bridge at Wairewa and an historic home in Sarsfield. This stresses the importance of photographic historical records.

Please share any old photos you may have with us – we can then scan record and return these. Names of the subject if known are important.

Copies of the December Gazette are still available at the post office or newsagency for \$4.00 and make interesting reading. Contents include an article on the opening of the Trafalgar Kindergarten and Infant Welfare Centre in 1959. An excerpt from the paper of the day in 1936 lists the accidents suffered by workers in the timber industry at the time. OH and S were obviously not involved!

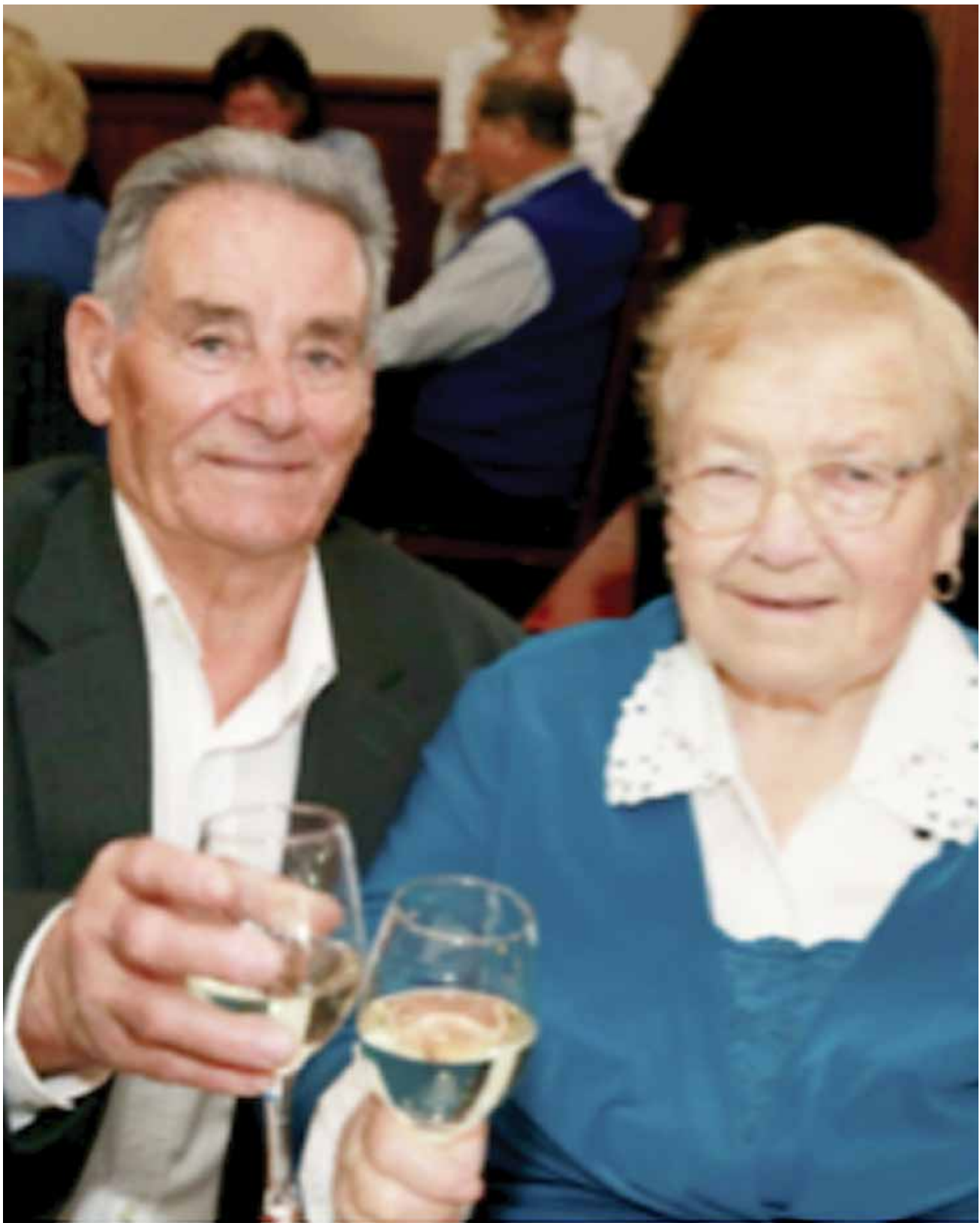
We look forward to seeing as many as possible, old faces and new, at our February meeting. For details on this or any other matter related to our Society, please phone Jean on 5633 1960 or John on 5633 1756.

Local Couple Celebrate Diamond Jubilee



Tony and Josie Schena with their five sons.

Antonio and Giuseppina Schena (Tony and Josie) celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with their family recently. They were married in St John's Church Trafalgar on November 29 1959. They have five sons: John, Tony, Frank, Lou and Marco.



Tony and Josie Schena celebrate their anniversary.

GILES/SCHEMBRI baby



Reuben Giles and Jennifer Schembri are excited to welcome their son Charlie Alexander. Born December 10 2019 at Warragul Hospital. Photo: Alison K Photography

Trafalgar, Know Your Neighbour



Name: Mark Walshe

Age: 36

Birthplace: Frankston

When did you move to Trafalgar, and why?: 2013, for work in the Valley

Education School: Year 10, Technical College

Education Qualifications: Mechanic

Career: Earthmoving machinery sales

Hobbies: Travelling

Volunteer Activities: CEA fire brigade, CEA Junior fire brigade, Traf News – Editor, Battle of Traf, Trafalgar Community Development Association, Trafalgar-Thorpdale RSL

Family: One Daughter

Why do you live in Trafalgar?: Close to Melbourne by train or road, with a rural atmosphere

What makes Trafalgar special?: The people. You always get a hello or a wave when out and about

What can we do to make Trafalgar more attractive for tourists and travellers?: RV rest stop with dump point. More public parking.

What can we do to make Trafalgar more welcoming for newcomers?: Encourage to join our many community groups

What can we do to make Trafalgar a better community?: More police presence

What are Trafalgar's hidden treasures?: Uralla Nature Reserve

As dictator of Trafalgar for a day, what would be your priority?: Fixing of the country roads and complete more roadside maintenance



Mark Walshe

New Doctors at Trafalgar Medical

With the start of a new year, Trafalgar Medical welcomes new doctors to the town.

Doctors Ben Tang, Vidhya Subramaniam, Sachin Kumar and Caitlyn Bialy join Trafalgar Medical starting this month. All four doctors are GP Registrars with Eastern Victoria GP Training and will work at Trafalgar for the coming 12 months.

Dr Ben Tang also works at Warragul Hospital and Dr Caitlin Bialy at Latrobe Regional Hospital; both holding qualifications in obstetrics. This nicely compliments the existing maternity team of Dr Pete Verbeek, Dr Briohney Klason and Midwife/ Nurse Practitioner, Elle Crighton.

In addition to new GP Registrars, Dr Sarah Ledger joins Trafalgar Medical having recently moved to the area from Queensland. Sarah is an experienced GP with qualifications and special interest in mental health, women's health and children.

"It is great to welcome new doctors and services to the team; this improves access to general practice and primary care and ensures our patients and the greater Trafalgar community can see a clinician in a timely basis,

without leaving the town," Dr Michael Kunze said.

"We are fortunate in having health professionals who have excellent skills and expertise."

Dr Michael also thanked Drs Yan Lu and Esha Gopee who finish their placement at Trafalgar Medical.

Trafalgar Medical has appointments available every day and is taking new patients.

Please call 5633 2211 to make an appointment or book an appointment online via our website www.trafmc.com.au.

Trafalgar Primary Care continues to grow and expand with physiotherapy and telehealth scheduled to commence soon. This is in addition to the current services that include: X-ray, ultrasound, echocardiographs, psychology, audiology, mental

health nursing, podiatry, osteopathy and exercise physiology.

Call 5633 2986 to make an appointment or drop in to Trafalgar Primary Care to find out more about the different allied and ancillary services.

Ear infection in pets

Ear infections are a common reason pet owners will seek advice from their vet. Recognising an ear infection and seeking advice early can be critical in achieving a quick and successful outcome.

Ear problems can be frustrating to treat, they often can wax and wane and knowing when to finish treatment can be difficult due to the shape of cats and dogs ear canals.

Warm moist ear canals, with little ventilation, make an ideal environment for infection to establish. Bacteria and yeast can multiply in a warm, waxy, moist environment, contributing to inflammation.

Ear infections can progress from the outer ear, to the middle and even inner ear if the ear drum is ruptured. Inner ear infections can cause issues with a dog or cats ability to hear.

What are the signs of ear infection?

Does your pet shake their head a lot? This may be because their ears are inflamed, itchy or sore.

Other symptoms of ear infections are:

- Scratching ears
- Smell from ears
- Discharge from ears
- Sore ears (won't let you touch them)
- Red or swollen skin around the ear
- A tilting of the head to one side or the other (inner ear infection)

■ Different pupil sizes or a raised third eyelid (the small lid in the inside corner of the eye)

What causes ear infections?

There are many reasons why your pet's ears become inflamed. Here are a few commonly seen causes.

Allergies: there is a strong link between allergic skin disease and otitis (ear inflammation) and often an ear infection is the first symptom of underlying skin disease.

Foreign bodies: grass seeds can get stuck in your pet's ear and cause pain and inflammation making the ear sore and irritating to your pet.

Humidity: moisture in your pet's ears encourages yeast and bacteria to grow.

Narrowed ear canals: some breeds of dogs have narrowed ear canals making drainage from the ear, and good ventilation into the ear canal difficult. For these breeds of dogs, getting ear treatment into the right part of the canal to get a quick resolution can be tricky.

Parasites: mites are often a cause of ear infection in young animals. These pets are highly irritated by their ears, and often have a dark brown discharge from the ears.

What to do if you think your pet has an ear infection

Make an appointment at your local vet clinic. The vet will examine your pet including a focus on the ear canals. They will use an otoscope to look into the ear canal and take swabs to analyse what type of infection is present.

Often if we can't see right down the ear canal because it is either painful or full of discharge we will suggest a small sedation procedure for your pet so we can clean the ear and examine the ear drum.

We will then prescribe an appropriate medication for the ear, and can show you how best to apply this to the ear canal.

not a healthy pink colour, if they have a discharge or odour, or if you notice swelling or pain from the ear then consult your veterinarian.

Also, regular cleaning by lifting the ear; squeezing in a recommended ear cleaning fluid; gently massaging the ear to distribute the fluid; and removing excess liquid with cotton wool can help with pets that are prone to infections, your vet or vet nurse can show you how to properly clean your pets ears.

And finally, never use cotton buds in your pet's ears as this could cause further damage to the ears.

How you can prevent ear infection

Check your pet's ears regularly and be on the look out for signs of an infection. If ears are

Farming News

Some Animals May Be Affected By Smoke and Ash

ANIMALS, including livestock, generally tolerate smoke and ash fallout from bushfires well, but Agriculture Victoria says some animals, particularly cats, dogs and horses, may suffer minor respiratory problems or eye irritation. In areas where there are ongoing serious smoky conditions, it advises livestock owners may want to consider relocating their animals, depending on advice from emergency services. Respiratory symptoms observed include increased coughing or increased breathing rates as a result of minor irritation of animals' airways. Excessive tear production can indicate eye irritation. Ash fallout, depending on quantity, may also affect the palatability of pasture. If possible, livestock should be placed on pastures with the lowest ash burden. If this is not an option, then producers may have to increase bail feeding or feed out more good quality hay or silage. Agriculture Victoria advises agistment may also be an option for cattle and sheep farmers, and horse owners. It says levels of smoke and ash exposure will vary from day to day depending on the prevailing wind, and veterinary advice should be sought if animal owners are concerned that their animals are being affected by smoke or ash. "Fire is a natural part of the Victorian environment and livestock are from time to time exposed to bush and grass fires and the associated smoke, ash and embers," Agriculture Victoria advises. "Effects are typically short term and associated with the inhalation of smoke and ash during periods of intense exposure. "For animals that have not been burnt, there are typically no long term effects." Agriculture Victoria advises there are no known issues from a food safety perspective associated with the exposure of livestock to smoke and ash during bush and grass fires. Farmers with injured livestock should report them to Agriculture Victoria on 1800 226 226, so that animal health staff can assess. People with injured pets should seek advice immediately from a local vet. For more information about looking after livestock after an emergency, visit agriculture.vic.gov

Blue-Green Algae Alert

CURRENT seasonal conditions remain favourable for blue-green algae to thrive in farm water supplies. Victoria's acting chief veterinary officer Dr Cameron Bell said livestock owners needed to remain vigilant, as blue-green algae poisoning can result in poisoning of livestock and pets. "As there is no specific treatment for blue-green algae poisoning, producers should check farm water supplies daily for blooms, as this remains the most effective way of preventing stock deaths," he said. "Blue-green algal blooms typically appear as surface scum that looks like a suspension of green paint or curdled green milk, often with an earthy smell. However, the colour may range from pale green to dark brown." Deaths can occur when stock drink toxins produced by the blue-green algae, often when it is concentrated on the down-wind side of a water supply and has formed a dense, surface scum. Animals that have consumed blue-green algal toxin may become ill rapidly, develop a staggered gait, collapse, begin to convulse and die — typically within 24 hours — depending on the toxicity of the bloom and the concentration of the toxin. Those that do not die immediately often suffer severe liver damage. This may lead to the development of jaundice ('the yellows') or photosensitisation during the next few days. Dr Bell said those that recovered from these ailments often suffered from chronic ill-health. If a suspicious bloom is noticed, stock should be removed as quickly as possible, and a safe alternative water supply provided. "Where possible, producers should identify an alternative water supply, prior to their primary source of livestock drinking water being affected by a bloom. There may not be time to identify an alternative water source once the primary

water supply is affected," Dr Bell said. "We recommend laboratory testing of the water supply for the presence of blue-green algae, and a post-mortem examination of dead or sick animals by a veterinarian." Blue-green algae toxins may remain on dry pasture for a long time following irrigation, often until there is rain or irrigation with uncontaminated water. Contaminated water should not be used to irrigate vegetables and fruit or come in contact with plants being grown for food, particularly fruit and vegetables that are mostly eaten raw such as apples, grapes, tomatoes, strawberries, cabbages and other salad greens. It is also recommended to keep stock off pasture that has been irrigated with blue-green algae contaminated water for at least seven days after irrigation. Dr Bell said dogs were also prone to poisoning as they tended to swim in farm water supplies, and should be kept away from suspect water sources. More information about blue-green algal contamination in irrigation water sources or livestock water supplies is available at agriculture.vic.gov.au/agriculture/farm-management/blue-green-algae-issues.

Facial Eczema in Cattle

DAIRY farmers are being urged to stay informed about facial eczema risk as we head into the high danger period. Facial eczema is a liver disease (often accompanied by photosensitisation) caused by the spores of a pasture fungus that multiply rapidly in warm and humid conditions. As summer turns to autumn and rainfall returns, spore numbers will rise and so will the risk to cows. Some high spore counts have already been recorded this summer, so even hot dry conditions are no guarantee that spore numbers will remain low. To help dairy farmers manage the risk, Dairy Australia is again funding the Facial Eczema Pasture Spore Monitoring Program with sentinel farms located in all major regions of Gippsland and the Bega Valley. The aim of the program is to inform farmers, veterinarians and nutrition advisors when spore counts are rising so that preventative measures (such as supplementing the diet with zinc) can be taken before severe liver damage occurs. Feeding the correct amount of zinc oxide in grain/concentrates in the bail at milking can be very effective for facial eczema prevention. If cows are underdosed (e.g. incorrect rate, settling out of the supplement, competition between cows) there may be inadequate protection from facial eczema. Blood testing of cows in 12 herds last season indicated that protective levels of zinc in the blood was most reliable when

zinc oxide is fed in pelleted form. More inconsistent results were achieved when zinc was fed via a mineral dispenser or in a powdered form. It is recommended farmers consider blood testing 10 cows in their herd 30 to 40 days after supplementation starts to check zinc levels are at the required level and adjust their program if required. Experience in New Zealand indicates that accurate zinc supplementation at preventative levels is likely to be safe for up to 100 days. After this point, farmers should have blood testing repeated to minimise the risk of toxicity. More information for farmers and advisors about the disease, current spore counts and facial eczema prevention can be obtained by speaking to a nutrition advisor or vet or by accessing the facial eczema information on the Dairy Australia website. To subscribe to the Facial Eczema Monitoring Alerts, email Dr Steph Bullen at stephanie.bullen@dairyaustralia.com.au, phone 0417 123 387 or visiting www.dairyaustralia.com.au/farm/animal-management/animal-health/facial-eczema-spore-count

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The Trafalgar & Yarragon News, February 1930

6 February – Trafalgar Convent School Opened

With the arrival of four Nuns at Trafalgar over the weekend, a commencement has been made with the school classes at the Trafalgar Convent. Pupils from various parts of the district are attending and the numbers are sure to increase within the next few weeks.

Radio 3FB Trafalgar

A deputation, consisting of residents from Trafalgar, Warragul, Yarragon, Thorpdale and Moe, waited on the Postmaster-General (Mr. Lyons), to request that 3FB Trafalgar, Experimental Broadcasting Station, be promoted to a B Class Professional Station. If such a request is granted, the station will broadcast a full broadcasting program.

20 February – Demand for Milk

The demand in the metropolis for ice cream, etc., during the hot weather of the past few weeks has been so great that suppliers of milk for the city trades have increased their orders to huge proportions.

The Trafalgar Milk Supply Pty. Ltd. is now forwarding to Peters Ice Cream Co. in Melbourne 2500 gallons (11,365 litres) of milk daily.

27 February – Trafalgar Turf Club

Great interest was manifested in the race for the Trafalgar Cup which was won by Coningsly. Mr W. A. Moncur, M.L.A., presented the case of cutlery to the winner Mr. Dempster, and also presented the gold mounted whip donated by Mr. R. Lewis to the winning jockey.

The Gippsland News, February 1960

4 February – Trafalgar's "Mighty Midgets"

Trafalgar's "Mighty Midgets" team of Marching Girls covered themselves with glory at

the Gippsland Marching Girls' Association's grand competition and display at Drouin on Sunday when they gained their first award in competition marching.

Against 16 teams from many parts of Gippsland and the Metropolitan area, the Trafalgar Midgets won the award for the "Fall In and Inspection".

Each team member received a medal, whilst their Leader (Sally Laybourne) was awarded a further medal as best Midget Leader of the day.

Opening Of Swimming Pool

The President of the Trafalgar Swimming Pool Committee (Mr J. J. Page) announced today that arrangements had been finalised with the Minister for Local Government (Hon. M. V. Porter, M.L.A.) to officially open the Trafalgar and District Memorial Swimming Pool on Sunday, 14th February, at approximately 2.30 p.m.

Government Scholarships Awarded

Amongst local students to receive Government Scholarships, as announced on Thursday were: Jennifer Penny Donaldson, Robert John Young, Graham Robert Blacker, May Rosalind James, Dorothy Jean Barrett, Irene Margaret Carne, Margaret Irene Johnson and Dianne Marjorie McGillwray.

11 February – Scouting In Trafalgar

The year 1960 has arrived and with it brings the 50th year of Scouting in Trafalgar.

The 1st Trafalgar Group are amongst the honoured few Groups in Victoria that can boast of being 50 years old, and it is an amazing thing to think that we, being so far from the place called Brownsea Island where the Boy Scout Movement was born that we should be one of those honoured few.

25 February – Billiards At RSL

The game of billiards in Trafalgar has just about ceased to exist, and in an effort to win back its popularity the Trafalgar Ex-Servicemen's Club is conducting a special billiards night at the

R.S.L. hall on Friday night.

Members, if they wish, may bring a friend to bolster the numbers.

Notice To Subscribers

The policy of the "News" since it was first published some 58 years ago was to assist all local and district organisations in whatever way possible.

However, the stage has been reached whereby some subscribers of news items are inclined to forget that the paper is also an advertising medium and any reference to the street stalls, meetings, etc. in future copy forwarded to this paper for publication will be deleted unless an accompanying advertisement is also enclosed.

Submitted For Life Membership

At Friday's meeting of the Trafalgar sub-branch of the RSL, members were unanimous in the suggestion that the name of the treasurer, Mr Lester J Tatterson be submitted for Life Membership of the sub-branch.

Traf News, February 2002

February – New Printer Arrives

This edition sees Traf News printed "in house", using the printer it purchased as a result of the Regional Solutions Grant received mid last year. Until now, RMI Print in Warragul has printed Traf News. Special thanks go to Ed. Haywood from Edcomp, who is helping us with computer needs while we gradually acquire the necessary equipment to make Traf News fully self-sufficient.

Thelma Is "Citizen Of The Year"

This year's Baw Baw Shire Australian Citizen of the year is Thelma Kingwill, of Yarragon, a very special lady who for a number of years has been doing some very wonderful things.

In September 2001 Thelma was announced as the '2001 Tattersall's Enterprise and Achievement Award Winner'.

For the past 18 years Thelma has unselfishly devoted an extraordinary amount of time to Headway Gippsland which sup-

ports people with Acquired Brain Injury.

In addition to the time spent with Headway, Thelma is also actively involved with the Unit-ing Church, Yarragon Tennis Association, and is a Volunteer Priority Panel member for the Department of Human Services (Disability).

Community Bank

We are now in the second phase of the Community Bank Project for Trafalgar and District. It is now critical that everyone responds to the survey that will be mailed to you. We are certain that if people respond that the need for a Community Bank will be established. We still require pledges from interested individuals; our pledge level is now \$495,000 (\$742,200 today).

Volunteer Award To Molly

Trafalgar Tennis Club life member Molly Ryan was recently awarded a Volunteer Certificate by Ian Maxfield, State Member for Narracan. Molly was acknowledged for her lengthy involvement with the junior members of the Trafalgar Tennis Club.

She has worked tirelessly at least two nights every week after school for the past thirty plus years, to train countless up and coming tennis players. Ed. note: The Tennis Clubhouse is now named after Molly.

Merrin Rose Moves On

Well, this is most likely to be my last article for Traf News. I've been writing articles as a student reporter for two years now, and as my time at Trafalgar High School is up, so is my time at Traf News.

I'd like to thank everyone at Traf News, particularly Mick Bourke, for showing me where I want to be in the future. It's been great to see how many people really appreciate this little paper. Hopefully one day I'll be writing for Rolling Stone, and I'll be able to tell them that my ambitions started at Trafalgar.

Ed.: Merrin has been great for Traf News. Everyone at Traf News thanks Merrin for her work and knows that she will do well in the field of journalism.

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Traf Cricketers Represent League

Liam Durkin

A number of Trafalgar Cricket Club players have been involved in country week and Gippsland Cricket League matches this season.

Junior country week saw youngsters Josh Cope and Billy Claridge take part. Josh won selection in the all Gippsland team for his efforts during the carni-

val, which saw him average 23 with the bat and 14 with the ball. The team was expertly coached by Mark Wynne, who was ably assisted by Brent Claridge as team manager.

In under 18 GCL, Blair Clymo, Aydan Connolly, Riley White, Cooper Burgess, Billy Claridge and Blake White have tested

themselves against neighbouring Gippsland cricket associations.

The senior GCL team, captained by Rhys Holdsworth and including Jackson Noonan, will depart for country week this month.



Trafalgar Cricket Club under 18 Gippsland Cricket League representatives Mark Wynne (coach), Blake White, Billy Claridge, Blair Clymo, Riley White and Cooper Burgess.

Club Room Upgrades for Cricket Club

Liam Durkin

THOSE entering the Trafalgar Cricket Club clubrooms will notice a new spacious interior.

Over the Christmas break the rooms were given a much needed renovation, with club members and local tradies pitching in to complete the work.

A previous storeroom which also once doubled as a change room was demolished, to free up some much needed space. Other work saw a new bag storage facility, smaller store room

and fans installed, to go with new carpet that was laid and a fresh coat of paint applied.

As well as this, wall space has been created to house a new honour board, which will need to be erected in a couple of season's time.

The work followed a project completed before the season, where a new office was constructed.

Club president and local builder Craig White, along with his trusty team completed the project and were to be

commended for their workmanship.

The entire project would not have gone ahead had it not been for the work of club treasurer Melanie White, who was successful in obtaining a sizeable grant to fund the capital works.

It is trusted all club members, players and visitors to the Trafalgar Cricket Club will enjoy the new facilities on offer.



The Trafalgar Cricket Club club rooms have been updated.



Renovations took place over Christmas.



What the club rooms looked like beforehand.

Maiden Ton For Pace

Liam Durkin

LOCAL legend and all round nice guy Billy Pace proved it is never too late to bring up three figures, when the 55 year old scored his first ever century playing for the Trafalgar Cricket Club in the thirds.

Opening the batting against Newborough Blue, Pace used mainly the pull and hook shot in his innings, but was also seen to bring out the cut on occasions.

Upon reaching his century, Pace scored a further 12 runs before retiring hurt to have a well earned rest.

In a somewhat comical subplot, Pace was “accidentally” dropped on 40 by his son James, who was fielding for the opposition at the time.

The game ended up being a memorable one for the Pace clan, as James later took two wickets in the match.

In his prime Pace was the first choice wicket keeper for Moe in their A Grade team, and played in a premiership in the 1980s.

He once scored 64 in 10 overs to get the A Grade side into finals and was also selected in Moe's B Grade team of the century. As well as this he had the enviable experience of playing on the old Yallourn Oval, a ground which was serviced by two full time curators.



Trafalgar Cricket Club's Billy Pace scored his maiden century at 55 years of age.



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Junior Cricketers Continue Season

Liam Durkin

FUTURE starts of the Trafalgar Cricket Club have been plying their trade across various grades as the season rolls on. Fielding teams in under 16s, 14s and 12s, as well an entry level program for seven to 10 years old's, the club should have strong representation at senior level in the years to come.

Senior players Zack Brown and Liam White have done a fantastic job coaching the under 16s and under 12s respectively. The pair are former junior players with Traf themselves, and it has been great to see them giving time back to the club.

They have also received good support from Brent Claridge in the under 16s and Mark Wynne in the under 12s. Billy Pace is also continuing his dedication to junior sport, coaching the under 14s.

Under 16s

THE under 16s have enjoyed some good wins, with players all doing their bit to help the cause.

A blip in the season saw a poor performance against Morwell Tigers Yinnar Raiders. Trafalgar was bowled out for 69 chasing their opponent's score of 89. With no player able to make many runs, there was some joy with the ball. Ruben Rouillon (2-6), Josh Cope (2-7) and Billy Claridge (2-18) claimed some scalps.

The team had better luck against Centrals, escaping with a win before rain came down. Traf was able to defend its score of 90 thanks to Dylan Gauci taking a fantastic 5-6. Dylan's effort was made all the more remarkable by the fact every wicket he took was unassisted. Billy Claridge also chipped in with 2-8.

A follow up victory over Mirboo North saw opposition wickets fall at regular intervals. Dylan Gauci (2-8) and Josh Cope (2-9) were the main players, before Kaleb Chapman scored a fine 30 not out.

In a twenty20 against Moe, Traf got the job done thanks to wickets to Josh Cope (2-0) and runs to Billy Claridge (30 not out).

Under 14s

THE under 14s put in a strong display in the match against Morwell. Mitchell Claridge and Toby Radford set the tone for the batting with a great partnership at the top of the order. Traf had 69 runs on the board before the first wicket fell, which allowed the team to dictate most of the play.

With the ball all players were given a trundle, a highlight being the 10 maidens that were sent down, accounting for more than a third of the total overs bowled. Andy Daly with 2-2 and Olly Hen-

nessy with 2-7 got in on the act.

In the next game against CATS it appeared Trafalgar forgot how to bowl, as they sent down 28 no balls and 27 wides. The bowling was ultimately deflating for Traf, who had scored 146 in its batting innings.

Runs came to Toby Radford (31), Olly Hennessy (31 not out), Louis Hennessy (21) and Aaron Aloyts (11). Wickets to Angus Carlson and Liam Coulthard were celebrated.

The team got back on track when it played Moe.

Bowling first, Traf kept Moe to 4-82. Olly White conceded just one run, Blake White just two and Beau Asmussen only seven. Juddson Ryan also bowled in some good areas.

The Ships lost only three wickets in their batting performance with Louis Hennessy remaining not out on 26.

Some runs also came to James Pace (15 not out) and Liam Coulthard (12) in a total score of 3-99.

Under 12s

THE under 12s had a pulsating game against Moe, which was decided by a single run.

Batting first, Moe made 42, as Sam Jones took 2-2 for Traf. Others to get wickets were Nate Jennings, Charlie Hennessy and Olly White.

Traf fell short in the run chase by the smallest margin possible, but then had arguably their best win for the season against Willow Grove the following week.

Trafalgar batted first after losing the toss as Willow Grove came in as firm favourites.

The last time the Ships played the Grove, Trafalgar lost by 115 runs.

The teams aim was to just improve on this result.

Unfortunately, off the first ball, Zak Larkin was run out for a diamond duck, but from there on, Trafalgar dominated the Willow Grove side with the bat.

Charlie Hennessy and Bridee Clymo batted well, making 16 not out and 13 not out respectively, while Olly White hit the shot of the day with a lofted cover drive for four on his way to nine not out.

Izaiah Sutherland supported these batsmen as well with seven before a flourish of wickets at the end slowed the innings somewhat.

Trafalgar ended up making 7-73, a fine effort.

Trafalgar was switched on in the field, with Sam Jones removing both the key Willow Grove batters via excellent catches by Olly White and Zak Larkin.

Zak Larkin had a day out in the field, taking three excellent catches as well as a wicket. Max

Giles almost took a hat-trick, clean bowling two batters in a row with the hat-trick ball missing the stumps by only inches.

Jaxx Ryan took an important wicket in a great spell of bowling, while Lucy Coulthard and Olly White were the other wicket takers.

In the end Trafalgar bowled Willow Grove out for 47, winning by 26 runs, defeating the top team and making it a 141 run turnaround from the first game.

The team then braved arctic conditions playing against Latrobe. Traf started off well with Lucy Coulthard making 10 not out and Zak Larkin 11. Jasper McQualter made his first runs for the season, however, some poor running between the wickets was costly. Four of the Traf batters were run out, as the team was all out for 49.

In reply, Latrobe had one good batter that won the game for them. Izaiah Sutherland picked up two wickets while Sam Jones took the other wicket in an economical spell of bowling. Lucy Coulthard and Charlie Hennessy also bowled tightly.

It was the total opposite with scorching conditions in the next game. Traf played a fairly young Mirboo North side and batted first.

The Ships put a greater value on their wicket whilst also scoring at a fast rate. Oliver White led the way with 20 not out which including four boundaries.

He was well supported by Zak Larkin (11 not out), Charlie Hennessy (10 not out) and Jaxx Ryan (five not out). Traf ended up making 2-91 which was their highest score for the season and least number of wickets lost.

Trafalgar then bowled fairly tight, however, Mirboo North batted just as well.

Mirboo North managed to keep out many good balls from the Traf bowlers. The ever reliable Sam Jones picked up the first wicket for Traf, clean bowling the Mirboo North opener.

Oliver White was the only other wicket taker, gathering a nice caught and bowled.

Max Giles and Jasper McQualter bowled well without luck, with Mirboo North finishing on 2-65.



Dylan Gauci took 5-6 in the under 16s match against Centrals.



12 year old Olly White was chaired off the ground following the under 16s match at Mirboo North.

Pom Farewelled in Style

Liam Durkin

A large crowd came together to send Trafalgar's favourite Pom off late last year, as the loveable Nick Gurney returned home.

Fittingly, a social cricket match was played at the Trafal-

gar Recreation Reserve, with a team from the Trafalgar Cricket Club playing against a team billed as the Nick Gurney Invitational XI.

Close to 100 people came to share in the fun of the day,

which was a fitting send off to someone who had become a mate to many over the last few years whilst he has been in Traf.



Nick Gurney said farewell to Traf late last year, with a huge send off at the recreation reserve.

Tennis Club Life Membership Awarded to Keith Sewell

Luke Bryant

In front of family and other club members, Trafalgar Tennis Club president Colin Maney presented a life membership award to Keith Sewell last month, in recognition of Keith's outstanding volunteer contribution as a committee member and player of the club for over 40 years.

Keith's involvement with the

club included being secretary 2005 to 2009 and treasurer from 2008 to 2011. Keith also for many years organised Saturday senior teams and found fill in players (including last minute player searches on Saturday mornings).

Keith is well known at the club and Riverside Tennis Associated for attending league

meetings, organising the yearly draws and tournaments. Keith also helps out with hands-on tasks such as attending working bees and keeping the club board up to date.

Keith's has been a fantastic ambassador of the club and well deserving of a life membership.



Keith Sewell and with family celebrate Keith's life membership.



Keith with tennis clubs committee members vice president Luke Bryant, secretary Sue Klemke, Keith Sewell and president Colin Maney.



Keith is presented his life membership to Trafalgar Tennis Club.

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Tennis Club Life Membership Awarded to Julianne Keily

Luke Bryant

The Trafalgar Tennis Club recently presented Julianne Keily with a Life Membership, in recognition of her outstanding service to the club for well over 30 years.

Sporting clubs rely on community involvement and Julianne has been exceptional in her support of the club. In 1981 Juli-

anne moved to Trafalgar and immediately joined the tennis club. She soon became secretary of the club and performed this role for 3 years.

She then became president for a number of years, followed by the junior coordinator and the night tennis coordinator. As an active playing member, Ju-

lianne's name is seen on many premiership flags in the club-rooms, playing in all competitions including midweek tennis, night tennis and Saturday tennis.

On behalf of all past and present players, the Trafalgar Tennis Club thanks Julianne for her ongoing support of the club.



Julianne Keily with her life membership certificate



Members of the Trafalgar Tennis Club congratulating Julianne Keily on her life membership

Saint Leo Embarks on AFL Journey

Liam Durkin

Trafalgar will be represented in the AFL this season, after former resident Leo Connolly was drafted by St Kilda last November.

Connolly played junior football for Trafalgar and up until late last year was still playing for the Trafalgar Cricket Club in its first grade team.

Now well into the grind of preseason, Connolly will begin a new venture as he prepares for life as a professional athlete.

(Questions by Liam Durkin).

Firstly, congratulations. How's life as an AFL player?

Thank you. It's unreal.

Take us back to draft night. Where were you when you heard the news?

I was at dads. Half of Traf ran around to the house about 10 minutes after my name was read out. I was on the phone for about an hour and a half while everyone was inside talking amongst each other.

What was your overriding emotion when you were taken with the second last pick? Was it just elation, relief?

Complete shock really. Obviously it was relief that I got drafted but I just went into shock and then five minutes later I was getting called by the coach saying 'congratulations, can't wait to see you', so it was really strange.

What was your gut feeling on draft night?

I thought it was 50-50. It's weird, I wasn't 100 per cent sure. I didn't think I was going

to St Kilda so after hearing my name read out there was pretty strange.

Any tears?

Mum yes. I didn't, I was just so overjoyed, it was that good, I can't really explain how good it was.

Did you have any idea at all that St Kilda was going to be half-keen on taking you?

I only had one interview with St Kilda and it was a month and a half before the draft and it went really well. It was probably my best interview but when you come out of interviews you can't really think anything of it, you don't want to get yourself too involved and think that you will end up there because you just kill your hopes if you don't.

What do you think the Saints saw in you?

They like the way I use the footy, that I'm a good runner off half back and I think they just love the fact that I can use the footy really well on both sides.

What other clubs did you talk to?

I had good chats with Richmond and Essendon. I saw Sydney twice, they were the main ones. The other clubs said 'we think you need another year to develop'.

Did you have a backup plan if you didn't get picked up?

I was either going to go to Perth or South Australia to play in the WAFL or SANFL, just because it suited my game style a little bit more.



Leo Connolly displays his ball handling skills during a rain delay with Trafalgar Cricket Club teammates earlier last year

And you would have had clubs lined up there?

Yes, I had a chat with Fremantle and Adelaide and they both said they could have organised something if I wanted to move over there.

Now that you're at the Saints, what does a working day look like?

When it's full training you are up at 6.30am every morning, in the club at 7.30am for meetings and then a full day consists of two hours training out on the deck (ground), an hour for lunch and then two hours in the gym.

What does the actual training involve?

A lot of running. Running is usually 100s, 150s or 200s and then one or two of the sessions usually have a couple of 400s.

The drills all require a lot of running, our running incorporates contested drills, kicking drills and then match simulation drills to get better.

The levels most people reach in the three kilometre is around 10.30 or under. The best was 9.38 from Ed Phillips. I ran a 10.50, Sav (Shane Savage) was 10.55 and Jade Gresham ran an 11.05 but it doesn't really matter for him because he's that good it's not funny.

The workload is very heavy, from going from a club/country footballer to becoming a full time elite athlete is such a big jump. I've been sleeping at least an hour or two hours after every training session.

Do they just smash you on the track?

Surprisingly not. They push you hard but not to a point where

you're dead. They make sure they manage you so you don't get injured.

How's the publicity been? Has there been any?

A little, you read some of the comments on the St Kilda social media pages and it's pretty funny, but not really. I've gained 500 followers on Instagram since draft night, that's probably the biggest thing!

You'd be aware of a few famous St Kilda supporters I'm sure? Eric Bana, Molly Meldrum, Warnie.

It would be pretty cool to meet Warnie.

You'll be wearing the number 37. Obviously it's a very prestigious number at St Kilda?

Tony Lockett wore it for a year so I'll take that!

You would be getting well looked after with gear, boots and accommodation?

The club gives you an allowance for five pairs of shoes, so you could get three pairs of runners and two pairs of boots, or vice versa or even five pairs of boots if you really wanted. So far I've been given four singlets, four pairs of shorts, one longy and a couple of shirts and a hat.

I'm living with Jack Mayo who got drafted in the midseason draft last year and Ryan Abbott, who got selected as a delisted free agent from Geelong.

Are you allowed to go

out and have a few beers?

Yes, just as long as you aren't doing anything stupid or doing it too much. The rule is during the season if you have a seven or eight day changeover you're allowed to go out that weekend after your game or the next night, but if you have a six day break then no drinking.

We often hear players use the phrase "I'll sit down with my manager". What does a player's manager actually do?

He manages player's money and sets up things like sponsors if you are good enough to get a sponsorship. They get a percentage of the player's contract and will also organise media and corporate appearances as well.

I assume you would be under no illusions as to what lies ahead? There's going to be so much pressure and expectation from so many people.

There is a lot of pressure, not just on me but on everyone else

to make sure they are always getting better and doing the right things because when you make that little mistake on the footy field there could be 50,000 people talking about it at once, so you just have to make sure you can zone out any negativity and keep focused.

Now that you've been drafted the challenge will be to stay there. Are you realistic about what the year will bring?

I've strong feelings I could play a couple of senior games this year. I've developed really well and all the coaches are happy with how I've been going so if I just keep going on the same path, put on a bit of weight, get stronger, keep showing what I can do at training I feel like I could get a preseason game and prove that I'm good enough to have a go on the big stage.

When it's all said and done you'll still be Leo Connolly from Traf?

Exactly. I'm still just a country kid from nice old Trafalgar.



Trafalgar's Leo Connolly was drafted to St Kilda last November

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Leo and younger brother Aydan

Trafalgar “Ping Pong Kings” win at Bairnsdale

Ross Anderson

Players from the Trafalgar Table tennis group travelled to Bairnsdale on Sunday 17 November 2019 to compete in the annual East Gippsland Table Tennis Tournament.

Players from all over Victoria travel long distances to play in the tournament which is of a high standard and very professionally conducted by the Bairnsdale club. The event is open to

men, women and juniors from all age groups.

The local players did very well again with Ning Anderson and Quynh Cottrell winning the open Ladies Doubles event for the second year in a row. The match was very exciting with the locals prevailing in four high standard sets.

Others to do well were Quynh's husband Norman and daughter Quynh Ann.

Quynh Ann is an emerging junior with loads of potential. From a junior babysitting her sister on the sidelines Quynh Ann has become an outstanding player.

Table Tennis is a great sport for all age groups and locals are cordially invited to join the fun at the Trafalgar Community Centre.



Trafalgar Ping Pong Kings and their awards

Tee Up at Traf a Great Success

Stewart Cluning

In the latter part of 2019, Trafalgar Golf Club launched a development program for women wanting to give golf a go.

The eight week program called Tee Up @ Traf, was a resounding success with 21 exceptionally keen women bravely taking on the challenge as beginner golfers.

The journey from “I’d like to give golf a go” to putting a ball into a hole was a road well-travelled for these women. Faced with the nervousness that goes with being a beginner, meeting new people and learning the fundamentals of golf, they all reported the experience as being very positive in a relaxed non-

threatening environment.

Participants were well supported with expert coaching from Golf Australia Regional Development Officer Darren Cole, PGA Instructor Craig McIntosh and Trafalgar Golf Club President Stewart Cluning, in addition there was terrific mentor encouragement from friendly and welcoming club members.

When the program concluded in December all participants were considering their next golfing destination. For some it may be as members playing mid-week or on weekends, others will take tentative steps with social play as green fee players or enjoying twilight golf and a meal

at the clubhouse on a Thursday evening.

Following the huge success of the Tee Up @ Traf and juniors golf clinics in 2019, Trafalgar Golf Club is considering new initiatives in 2020 that will enable others to enjoy a great course and friendly club atmosphere.

If you are interested in giving golf a go, please phone the club on 5633 1110.

More information about Trafalgar Golf Club can be found on the club website and Facebook page.



Beginner golfers learn the basics at Trafalgar Golf Club



Participants from tea up at Traf