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## Horror vehicle collision seriously injures two in Trafalgar



Two Heli-med ambulances transported patients to Melbourne

A horror vehicle collision between four vehicles on Monday February 17, saw the east & west bound lanes of Princes Hwy closed for hours. The accident occurred on the hwy near Sunny Creek Road, involving a nose to tail of three cars and a light truck.

Two people were evacuated by heli-med to Melbourne, one a teenage boy with serious lower body injuries. A further three people were transported by ambulance to Latrobe Regional Hospital with minor injuries, while a fourth man was taken to

Warragul Hospital for observation.

A witness to the emergency response said there was approximately 20 plus emergency vehicles in attendance, from CFA to SES, VicPol and Paramedics.

Trafalgar Fire Brigade Captain, Danny Mynard said when first on scene, there was a complete mess of debris over the hwy, with people trapped inside their cars. SES from Warragul and Moe started by removing doors and the roof off one vehicle for patient extraction, whilst CFA Road Rescue from Mirboo

North was working on another.

Sgt Mick Williams of the Latrobe Valley Hwy Patrol said that initial investigations seem to suggest that the vehicles were following too close to each other, which seemed to cause a concave effect. He stressed that it is an 110km/h hwy and that people need to pay a little more attention to what's in front of them, as vehicles can slow down for unknown reasons.

It is unknown at the stage of writing this, of the ongoing condition of the transported injured people.

## New kindergarten in Trafalgar lacks adequate parking

fit-out is required before the facility can be licenced, Officers are concerned at the precedent being set by becoming

the tenant of this facility, financially contributing to the car park and making up the financial shortfall in fit-out costs, not

only for future kindergartens within the Shire but for all Municipal Councils.



Trafalgar's new kindergarten, located on School Road

State Government has supplied \$1.8m funds, for the new Trafalgar kindergarten to be built next to Trafalgar Primary School, on School road.

The new facility has a capacity for 66 children in two rooms, more than double the size of the current Trafalgar Kindergarten. It was delivered onsite in December 2019 in a modular format. It is expected the new facility to be open for Term 2 start.

The Trafalgar Community and Baw Baw Council Officers have identified car parking as a concern. Council understood that adequate car parks would be provided by the Victorian School

Building Authority (VSBA) within the \$1.8m budget. However, only eight car spaces have been provided. With a Council contribution of up to \$103,000 a further eight car spaces can be provided onsite, ensuring the minimum car space requirements are met. Further work has been requested for the inclusion of separate entry and exit points to the onsite carpark.

Alternatively, Council's Community Infrastructure team have drafted a proposal for 30 on street car spaces including two accessible bays. The estimated cost of this car park construction is \$150,000. Provision of

these additional car parks could be set aside to be considered in the 2020/21 capital works budget.

The VSBA has allowed a sum of \$35,000 for Council to fit-out the kindergarten. This amount will be released to Council upon execution of a lease with the VSBA. Officers advise from recent fit-outs undertaken that a sum of \$120,000 would be the minimum required creating a shortfall of \$85,000. The VSBA advise they do not usually include a budget for fit-out. To open a new facility with a sub-standard or ageing fit-out is not recommended by Council. The

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## Increasing transparency with new open community briefings

Baw Baw Shire Council will trial monthly open community briefings to increase transparency and engagement with the community on matters of strategic and community importance.

Traditionally, briefings are held regularly to ensure that Councillors are well informed and in the best possible position

to debate matters effectively at Council meetings.

Through the trial, Council will welcome the community into a monthly briefing on one report presented by a Council Officer. Interested residents are encouraged to join Councillors at the session, ask questions and provide input on the topic being presented.

The trial will commence from 11 March until mid-September, which marks the beginning of the 2020 Council election period.

The trial aims to increase community understanding of, and confidence in, the Council decision making process.

The Mayor and CEO will determine the format for each open community briefing.

The trial will not change the existing format of Council meetings. Community members can still utilise 'Community Participation Time' at Council meetings to make further submissions on agenda items. Minor amendments will be made to the Community Participation Time Policy to accommodate the trial.

## Baw Baw CEO Alison Leighton to join City of Melbourne

Baw Baw Shire Council's CEO Alison Leighton is moving on after two and a half years in the role. Ms Leighton is leaving to join the City of Melbourne in the position of General Manager - Strategy, Plan-

ning and Climate Change.

Ms Leighton was appointed CEO in July 2017 and has made many positive changes to the organisation and its operations. Her dedication and commitment to improving the organisa-

tions culture has resulted in a significant improvement in staff engagement levels, along with reducing staff turnover, transforming and increasing customer service levels and responsiveness to residents' enquiries. Her tireless

work in advocating to both State and Federal Governments has put Baw Baw Shire on the map.

Ms Leighton's final day at Baw Baw Shire Council will be Friday 13 March 2020.

## Flash Flooding in Trafalgar and surrounds


On the evening of Friday 14 February, 2020 Trafalgar experienced a horrendous thunder storm, bringing with it an unprecedented amount of rain. How much rain did you get? We have heard storied of up to 50mm in some areas. Sunny Creek Road was closed to public access, and there was news of trees and landslides from all around.



Williamsons Road from Roches Road corner



View to Highway from Earls Road



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## Baw Baw Shire initiative on home safety for seniors

Baw Baw Shire Council is partnering with Victoria Police to develop and deliver a home safety campaign for local seniors called "Savvy Seniors - Safer Homes".

The campaign aims to equip local seniors with useful crime-prevention tools and tactics that can make their home less attrac-

tive to a would-be criminal. It will proactively encourage seniors to report crime if it happens and support people to seek help if needed.

Campaign resources will feature information on how to make homes less vulnerable to crime and strengthen perceptions of safety in homes and

neighbourhoods.

Victoria Police noted that seniors in our community may need some specialised information to support crime prevention knowledge and skills, rather than generic messaging and resources. Over the next few months, Council will work closely with local seniors to in-

clude them in the project development and rollout.

Local seniors will be engaged to help better understand current sentiments, behaviours and data that may be impacting people's sense of safety at home. Campaign resources will include the type of content that local seniors want, featuring real local

people and places in Baw Baw.

Once the materials have been developed, the project will officially launch during the annual Victorian Seniors Festival in October.

This project is funded by a \$12,600 grant from the Victorian Government's Community Crime Prevention Program.

Council is seeking the help of eligible seniors to participate in the project between March and May 2020. To express your interest or find out more call Council on 1300 229 229 and speak to the Strategic and Community Planning Team.

## New Third Operating Theatre starts first surgeries

West Gippsland Hospital's newly constructed third operating theatre undertook its first surgical patients from Monday February 10, 2020.

The new modern operating theatre has been 11 months in the making and will enable West Gippsland Healthcare Group to treat more patients waiting for surgery in their local area.

WGHG Chief Executive Officer, Dan Weeks, said the opening was a significant celebration for staff and the community after months of construction work and delays to the completion of the internal fit out.

"This third theatre will en-

able us to treat more patients and make a positive impact on reducing elective surgery wait times.

"We are particularly grateful that an additional \$1.25 million funding has been allocated to WGHG to allow an extra 240 elective surgery cases to be done this year.

Mr Weeks said while it was terrific to have a facility with all the bells and whistles, equally important is the team that is built around it.

"We are very proud of our staff and the quality of care they strive to deliver every single day."

Mr Phil Harris, who was recently awarded a WGHG Life Governance as recognition for his long standing contribution and clinical leadership will have the honour of being the first surgeon to operate in the new theatre.

The Third Operating Theatre is one of three major projects undertaken at West Gippsland Hospital funded by the Victorian Regional Health Infrastructure Fund (RHIF). A Short Stay Unit to support the Emergency Department, new road way and car park were also constructed last year in response to increasing demand for healthcare services.



From left: WGHG General Manager Facilities Melissa Taylor, Peri-Operative Manager Todd Griffiths, Registered Nurse Tamara McCann and CEO Dan Weeks in the new third Operating theatre at West Gippsland Hospital

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## Local Police Officer and family help battle the NSW fires

Marge O'Donnell

One of our local Police Officers and family, on days off, travelled up to their friends property along the Southern Coast of NSW and put their own lives at risk to help save friend's property during this fire disaster. What can any-

one say? Is it above and beyond the call of duty? Is it because you want to help friends and the community? Is it an obligation, commitment, loyalty? Another true blue Aussie story; of helping those in need.



## Trafalgar Mens Shed goes solar

Frank Gridley

Thanks to grants from Latrobe Authority and Trafalgar Community Bendigo Bank, the Men's Shed now has 42 solar panels. These panels will be a relief for our financial committee as electricity is our major expense ticket.

The shed received a Christmas present, as a dust extraction unit was fitted to the shed. Thanks again to Trafalgar Community Bendigo Bank for finance assistance. This dust unit will be of great help with member's health.

The shed gained two new

members this week. Between them, one with milling machine experience and one with great power tool knowledge.

The shed has now approximately 42 members with an attendance of 20 to 25 each week on Mondays and Wednesdays. If anyone would wish to visit the shed you are always welcome for a cuppa and chat from 9.30am to 3.30pm.

A Bunnings BBQ fundraiser on Saturday Feb 9, 2020, bought in approximately \$800 for the Mens Shed, thank you to those who attended to help out.



The dust extraction unit at the Mens Shed, finance assisted by Bendigo Bank Trafalgar

## Trafalgar Firies continue to support in East Gippsland

Mark Walsbe

During February 2020, the Trafalgar Fire Brigade had members travel to East Gippsland to continue fire suppression and asset protection activities.

Captain Danny Mynard and Lieutenant Mark Walshe travelled up to Delegate in NSW by bus, where they then collected their truck and begin fire suppression duties near the Bondi National forest. After an almost one week stint up there, they returned home safely.

Fire Fighters Marcus Barker and Adrian Allatt were the next to head east, where they got to Cann River and deployed almost

immediately to the Bonang area. Whilst on shift, the fire flared up due to weather, and at one stage they were required to do asset protection at a house. Thankfully, as the embers dropping all around them intensified, the wind died down and so did the fire conditions. Fire Fighter Barker said "almost immediately as soon as the wind stopped, so did the fire that was crowning over the hills in front of us".

Trafalgar Fire Brigade members have been on rotation to East Gippsland over the last couple of months, and will continue to send support as required.



Fire fighters Marcus Barker and Adrian Allatt completing a pre-operational check on the tanker, before leaving Cann River to head to Bonang



Lieutenant Mark Walsbe and Captain Danny Mynard of the Trafalgar Fire Brigade, completing fire suppression activities in East Gippsland

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## Free mentoring sessions for local small business

Baw Baw Shire Council, in conjunction with Small Business Mentoring Service (SBMS), is offering free monthly business mentoring sessions to support local businesses.

Completely private and confidential, the free sessions aim to connect small businesses with experienced mentors to provide tailored and specific support, advice and guidance for better business outcomes.

Sessions will be held every second Tuesday of the month, rotating in different locations across Baw Baw Shire.

Session details will become available two months in advance. Places are limited and must be booked in advance. To book in a session go to [www.sbms.org.au/events](http://www.sbms.org.au/events)

SBMS is an incorporated not-for-profit association that started its journey in 1986 with just 14 members. Today there are around 150 Mentors, both male and female, who have the skills and experience to help small businesses.

This initiative is being delivered through Council's Economic Development Strategy 2018-21.

## Local paramedics on reality TV show

Liam Durkin

REALITY television buffs may have noticed a familiar face on their TV screens recently, with Gippsland MICA paramedics Carina Gibson and Paul Dodd featuring on the second season of the channel Nine show Paramedics. The observational documentary series follows the lives of paramedics in their line of work, with cameras capturing unguarded moments of compassion, love and laughter in the course of their life-saving duty. Working 12 hours shifts, the pair and a number of co-workers were followed closely by a host of cameras throughout their day to day working lives, detailing the journey from Ambulance arrival, pickup and drop off to emergency care. Mr Dodd said he jumped at the opportunity to be involved in the program. "I got a phone call from one of my bosses who thought I'd be an interesting character for the show because I've got a big beard and am covered in tattoos and am a little bit different so he asked me if I'd be interested in going on it," he said. "I then met up with the producers and the rest was history." The paramedics were required to wear body cameras, with their every move captured

on film. "It took a little while just to sort of forget they were there but once you got into it, it wasn't that bad," Mr Dodd said. "The cars that we drove had some 15 cameras in them, they were decked out in the back and through the front so there was no movement in the car at all that wasn't captured on film. "In the ambulance itself there was a lot of static cameras on every nook and cranny. There would be a person filming in the back of the truck who would follow us into jobs and then we would have chase cars that would be loaded up with another cameraman and a sound tech and a producer as well as one of our managers to make sure he could answer any questions from people. "From a hospital perspective once we turned up at hospitals we just turned them off before we went inside so there was no interaction with the hospitals." With peoples lives at stake and a job still to do, Mr Dodd said the shows producers maintained a high level of professionalism and made sure their presence did not interrupt procedures. "If it was in a public place they would just pixelate the face but anytime we went into peoples homes on

entry we just made them aware that we had body cameras on," he said. "We also had a cameraman whose name was Rocket who would follow us in and out and would always let people know that we were filming and that nothing was live and that if they didn't want it we would just go outside and take off our go-pros and go about business as usual. "Most people were pretty good, there weren't too many people that were negative to it. "It certainly didn't change the way we did the jobs, we acted the same and did the same stuff." Whilst the viewer will never know just how much 'reality' makes up reality television, Mr Dodd ensured everyone on the show was genuine and did not change their personality because they knew the cameras were rolling. "One of the prerequisites of me going on the show was I didn't want to have to cover anything up," he said. "I swear a lot, I like to have a bit of a laugh and joke and I made it pretty clear that those things were non-negotiable." "Some days it was very quiet and we didn't go to a lot but other days it was busier. They followed us into everything, it didn't matter where we went or what we

did, there was a camera with us. It was definitely interesting." The program is run in conjunction with Ambulance Victoria to act as an educational tool more than anything. Mr Dodd said he hoped viewers who tuned in were able to gain some insights into what happens in the medical world. "There's a little bit of sadness and a little bit of laughter so it covers most basis of what we do in ambulance," he said. "I think the most important thing that I wanted to portray during the show is that it's not all candy canes and rainbows. "We see darkness so I think it's important for people watching at home to understand that an ambulance isn't something that drives fast to put band-aids on people, we are game changers and have life saving techniques. "We have a bit of a joke and a muck around but when we are with patients it's game on. "Hopefully the viewer gets to see the beauty of what we do from an ambulance perspective and pre-hospital medical perspective." More than two million emergency calls are made every year in Victoria at an average of one every 12 seconds. Paramedics is televised Tuesday's at 9pm on Channel 9.

## Trafalgar, Know Your Neighbour



After more than 22 years, Greg and Jenny Evison have retired from the Trafalgar Newsagency. They plan to stay in town and perhaps play a little golf.

Greg and Jenny have been active contributors to our community and their support, particularly for the Trafalgar Football and Netball Club, has been a feature of their time in town.

The new owners of the Newsagency, Anthony Devassy and Flowerlet Paul were born in India and hold Masters Degrees in

Communications and Electronics and Information Technology respectively. Anthony's interests are cricket and football while Flowerlet is a keen reader.

Together with their 5 year old daughter Joan who is a student at St Joseph's Primary School, they have moved to Trafalgar from Bayswater. Among their first impressions of Trafalgar are that we have a welcoming, friendly community, ideally located within easy distance of Melbourne, the snow and the

beach.

Speaking with Traf News, Jenny listed Traf's green spaces, location and convenient public transport linkages as significant community assets. Jenny also spoke of the need for our community to continue supporting each other by buying locally.

Traf News wishes Greg and Jenny well in their retirement and Anthony and Flowerlet every success in their new venture.



Anthony Paul, Jenny Evison and Flowerlet Paul



# Trafalgar Lions club to celebrate 50 years

Trevor Byrne

Preparations are under way for the Lions Club of Trafalgar to celebrate their 50th Anniversary. Current Lions members and past members are invited, to The Black Tie, 90 Alfred St, Warragul, on Sunday 29 March 2020 at 12pm for 12.30pm start to the celebrations.

Cost: \$40 per head, drinks at bar prices.

RSVP: Monday 16 March 2020. Past members wishing to attend can contact the Secretary at [trafalgarlions@gmail.com](mailto:trafalgarlions@gmail.com) or contact any Lions member. The Lions Club of Trafalgar is fortunate to still have 3 Charter Members who are still active members of the Club

## BBQ's

Lions have already held two

BBQ's at IGA so far this year with the proceeds from the first BBQ being directed to the then current Bushfire appeal. As with all monies raised by Lions Clubs, no money is taken for administration costs.

## School scholarships

At the conclusion of last year, Lions club of Trafalgar scholarships of \$150 were awarded to students at St Joseph's Primary, Thorpdale Primary and Trafalgar Primary. Some schools split the award between 2 or 3 students, Trafalgar Lions allowed the schools to decide.

The Trafalgar High School received a sponsorship of the Dux award for \$500 and also an encouragement award of \$150. A Trafalgar Lions Club member presented all of the awards to

the winning students.

## Looking to Join?

Trafalgar Lions, would like to extend an open invitation to younger service minded people, to consider joining our club and experience the joy of service to the community, that is so very rewarding. When as a newcomer to Trafalgar, I (Trevor Byrne) joined the Lions club and it enabled me to help and give service to the community. I was just 26 years old.

So for those people who think they could be interested, please do not hesitate to contact me, Trevor Byrne on 0429-965850 or Membership Chairman Alan Smith on 0410-089430.

# Tanjil Valley Art Show announces changes to 2020 competition

Michael Dempsey

Important announcements for the 2020 Tanjil Valley Art Show have been announced. The committee have decided to change the adult photography topic description from the "Tanjil Valley to the Baw Baws", to now be "The Baw Baw Shire."

This means any photo taken in the Baw Baw Shire is eligible to be entered.

However, only photos taken

in the Tanjil Valley are considered for the main prize of \$1000 in the "Best Portrayal of the Tanjil Valley" category.

We feel that the limitations of the Tanjil Valley, photographically wise, has been exhausted, but we still want to keep it local. Please make sure that when you do submit an entry, it clearly states where it was taken.

For the under 13's this year the 2D subject will be "An Open

Topic" with 3D being "The Future".

Entry forms will be available both in hard copy and on line from early May.

Follow us on Facebook to keep up to date with any further announcements.

This year the 2020 Tanjil Valley Art Show will be held in June.

# A new place for telephonist's desk to "call" home

Jean Hutter

On Wednesday, Feb 5, 2020 the Trafalgar and District Historical Society was pleased, to welcome back an original telephonist's desk which had served the district well up till 44 years ago. Many a tale could be told about the information, which passed through this piece of equipment, and the girls who operated it; but that's another story.

The desk had been rescued when the telephone exchange cut over, from manual to automatic, on February 1, 1976. It eventually found its way to Boolarra South where it remained in the care of Mr. Ross Gervasi for many years.

Mr. John Hanley rediscovered it while he was researching his forthcoming book on the history of district exchanges. John and Ross agreed that the desk would be better placed in its original home. It was brought across from South Gippsland and deposited with the Trafalgar Men's Shed volunteers who carefully restored it to its former glory and helped John install it in the place set aside for it in the Society's new home, in the flat at the front of the Trafalgar Kindergarten. It is

greatly valued by the Society as we have very little space for artifacts.

Readers are most welcome to come and see the desk. We are open on the first and second Fri-

days of the month, from 2pm till 4pm. We thank Mr. Gervasi for returning it and Mr. Alan McColl for his patient work in its restoration.



Andrew McColl and the telephonist's desk.

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## Probus club to experience facilities of Flemington Race course

John Attwell

Flemington in March but there will not be any races as we are doing a tour of the facilities and sightseeing. They have promised that the famous Flemington roses will be in full bloom and they will be great to see without the crowds pushing around. Lunch in the Flemington dining room should provide a great atmosphere to make this day one to remember.

We have had a good response for our trip to Melbourne for Chicago the Musical at the Arts Centre but there are more seats available from Ross Pethybridge.

## Wedding Anniversaries

It is always an important part of our monthly meetings to recognise members wedding anniversaries with the lucky parties receiving a chocolate. This month was extra special with Dorothy and Ron Oliver celebrating 71 years of wonderful marriage. What a milestone! We also had some others celebrating big achievements in the matrimony stakes.

Jean and George Howorth -59 years, Nola and Bob Moss -58 years, and Bev and Bob Jones 57 years. WOW!

## Off to Yarram

Our first caravan trip this year is down to Yarram in March and we have several new participants heading off with their caravan or taking a cabin. This will be the largest group we have had on a trip so the word of all the good fun and activities is getting around the club. Well done to Carol and Frank Achterdenbosch for organizing this trip. I'm sure their will be lots of "Fun, Friendship and Fellowship"



Phil Drummond from the Bank of Bendigo with Trevor Campbell and Kerryn from Headway and Deidre Crawley our Speakers coordinator



Margaret and Geoff Clarke receiving their 25 year pins from President Bob Jones.

The walking group is active with recent visits to the "Immigration Park" in Morwell which was finally achieved after previous delays because of bad weather and this month we are off to the Uralla Bush Reserve in Trafalgar which will be followed by coffee and cakes downtown.

## Annual General Meeting

It is that time of the year again when the current Committee steps down in March and elections are held for a new Committee. It is good to see some new members coming on to continue the good work.

## Guest Speakers

We had three guest speakers this month to tell us all about Headway Gippsland and the good work they are doing with people suffering from "acquired brain injury". Our Community Bank supports this program and Phil Drummond spoke about the Bank's involvement and how Headway has been able to expand with their support and particularly the "My Story - My Voice" program. Trev Campbell was able to tell us how he was affected from a car accident a long time ago and how he has been able to improve his life. Kerryn Vaughan is the coordinator of the program and filled us in on how Headway and the "My Story - My Voice" has helped people live a better life.

## 25 Year Members

It was wonderful to see two of our good members, Margaret and Geoff Clarke, who attend nearly every meeting, achieve their 25 year membership of Probus. Well done to you and many more years with Probus!

## Ficifolia arts show a success for Baw Baw Arts Alliance

Carol Monson

February has been a busy month for members of the Baw Baw Arts Alliance who had a successful outcome to twelve months of planning for the Ficifolia Art Show at the Dr-ouin Football Club rooms. The opening night and presentation of awards took place on Thursday, February 8, and once again the art show lived up to its reputation of being one of the best regional art shows in Victoria with a huge range of artworks in painting, drawing, printmaking, photography, sculpture, ceramics, textiles, woodcraft and fibre art.

Judges, Lea Jones from Morwell and Erin Matthews, from Sale used phrases such as, 'impeccable skill and use of materials', 'soft colour evoking calm and tranquil summer evenings', 'great skill in repurposing materials', 'high level of skill in shading, tone, colour' in describing works. These indicate the high level of artistic creativity in the works exhibited. Winner of the J.H. Cuthbertson Award for 'Best

Exhibit in Show' was Geoff Sargent for his exquisitely detailed pencil drawing, Earth Burning – Kawah Papandyan. This same artwork also won the Baw Baw Arts Alliance Award for 'Best Landscape Work'. Lisa Kurec won the Baw Baw Shire Council Award for 'Best Exhibit in Any Medium by a Baw Baw Resident' for her print, 'View from the Top of the Track'.

In order to inject some variety and fun into the exhibitions, demonstrations of artists working in different mediums (representing the different groups run on a regular basis by Bbaa), were held over the 10 days of the show, as well as a special night of mayhem, 'Creative Frenzy', on Saturday, February. This involved 9 artists completing a work in two hours, based on the elements of still life contributed by the artists themselves. Ingrid Thomas was the primary organiser and a participant along with other artists, Dot Thorne, Anita George, Jessie McLennan, Jo Draisma, Liz Bowley, Helen

Timbury, Yvette Stubbs and Nola Clark. The works were in a variety of mediums from acrylic paint, pastel, inks, mixed media and each work has been in a silent auction that concluded at the end of the exhibition.

During March the Baw Baw Arts Alliance is presenting an exhibition at the 'Station Gallery', Yarragon, titled, Draw the Line. The exhibition features emerging artist, Dale Plew, whose detailed and meticulous pen and ink drawings are an inspiration to both professional and amateur artists. His works, often derived from Biblical and Historical narratives, deserve careful and considered viewing. This exhibition opens on Saturday, March 7 at 2pm at the 'Station Gallery', Yarragon.

Do not miss the last Summer Arts Market run by the Baw Baw Arts Alliance held at Civic Place, Warragul, in conjunction with the Farmers' Market on Saturday, March 21. The Winter Arts markets will commence in May and run to October.

See <https://bawbawartsalliance.org.au/cms/Arts-Market> for further information.

As a not for profit organization the Baw Baw Arts Alliance depends on community partnerships to continue to promote the Arts in the Baw Baw Shire. The Trafalgar and District Community Bank has long supported the Arts Alliance and the Arts in the wider community which enables the Arts Alliance to provide quality exhibitions at The Station Gallery, Yarragon and exhibition and workshop spaces in the Artspaces at Trafalgar Railway Station.

Such support facilitates the activities of a number of regular, small art groups in a wide range of media to meet each week. The list of these groups is extensive covering such Arts as Music, Weaving, Writing, Drawing, Textiles including Felting, Painting, Mixed Media, mosaics and clay.



The group of artists, back, L to R, Anita George, Jo Draisma, Jessie McLennan; front, L to R, Ingrid Thomas, Liz Bowley, Helen Timbury, Dot Thorne, Yvette Stubbs, Nola Clark, in front, Finn providing moral support to a grandmother

## Alberts Corner



*Occurrences in this domain are beyond the reach of exact prediction because of the variety of factors in operation, not because of any lack of order in nature*  
— Albert Einstein



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# St Josephs begins new school year with new faces

Patricia Mulqueen

St Joseph's Trafalgar has welcomed in the new school year with 21 new Foundation students, three new staff members and three new student leaders. Mr Will Troy is the Gr 5/6 class teacher and he completed his training at Federation University in Churchill. Mr James Simon is the Gr 4/5 class teacher and he trained at Monash University in Mel-

bourne. Both Will and James are local men, Will growing up in Newborough and James in Buln Buln. Mrs Kim Faith is also a new staff member at St Joseph's Primary School. Kim works as a Learning Support Officer in the Gr 2/3 area and has many years experience in the education field.

The community also welcomes new student leaders:

Matt Balfour, Lucy Cathomen and Millie Francis. Matt, Lucy and Millie are Gr 6 students and they work hard to support the students and the learning in the school. Part of the student leaders' job is also to help run school assemblies.

The St Joseph's School Community is looking forward to a positive year of learning and fun.



Mr Will Troy, Mrs Kim Faith and Mr James Simon, new staff members at St Joseph's School, Trafalgar.



Pictured from left are the new student leaders for 2020, Millie Francis, Matt Balfour and Lucy Cathomen

# Trafalgar Primary School welcomes 2020 foundation students

Emily Carter

Trafalgar Primary School has welcomed 50 nervous but excited foundation students to their school. The Prep's have had a positive start to their schooling life, making new friends, exploring the playgrounds and settling into their classrooms.

They have been very busy learning about numbers, 2D

shapes, the letter 'S' sounds and also experienced their first 'buddy' session with the Grade 5 Students. Together they practiced for the upcoming Sports day activities.

Our Prep's also met the School Crossing Lady and were reminded of the importance of road safety. On Friday they got to experience their very first whole

school assembly. Despite the warm conditions, it was great to see everyone listening and sitting quietly.

Congratulations to everyone in making such a wonderful start to the year.



# Education Support Funds awards night 2020

Eimear McNelis

The Community Foundation hosted its annual Educational Support Fund (ESF) Awards night at Walter Tuck Reserve on Friday 14 February. The Community Foundation was delighted to celebrate the transition to tertiary education with the community and a lively group of young people from the district.

"It was fabulous to award more than \$24,000 to 15 recipients from the district, who are excited to begin the next stage of their education," said Ruth Rogan, Executive Officer for the Community Foundation.

"Two students were also awarded places on the Rural Youth Leadership and Mentoring programs run by YouThrive Victoria, and three more students were accepted into the mentoring program. These places are funded by the Community Foundation in partnership with YouThrive Victoria."

"While it's an exciting time of year for our rural students, we acknowledge that it can be financially challenging to relocate and buy supplies for new classes," said Diana Mueller, Chair of the Community Engagement and Grants committee.

"Families and students can spend more than \$5000 on books, stationary, technology and accommodation bonds, all before they even get through the front door of their Uni or TAFE."

## About the ESF Fund

The ESF was launched in 2013 to grant financial support to young and mature aged students who are transitioning into third level education. To date over \$130,000 has been distributed. Since its inception, the Mirboo North & District Community Bank has been a supporter, donating funds into the ESF. In 2019 they decided to create perpetual fund with one large donation of \$160,000, so that each year the income on that donation goes into the ESF. Called the Mirboo North & District Com-

munity Bank® and Support Co-operative Fund, the creation of this perpetual fund shows their commitment to supporting locals undertaking higher education for the long term.

"This is a fantastic example of the resilience of this town and its community, and demonstrates that when we work together, we thrive together", concluded Ruth.

## The Awards evening

Diana Mueller, started the evening by announcing the 15 recipients of the 2020 Educational Support Fund awards worth \$24,000. Awards were presented to students by Chair Paul Pratt, Director Rob Kiddell, and Warren Werner.

Careers Teacher from Mirboo North Secondary College Leah Underwood spoke about the transition to University, what our local students may experience and the twists and turns that life can take during this time.

The next part of the evening focused on the Community Foundation's partnership with YouThrive Victoria, where our students are given access to a Rural Youth Leadership and Mentoring Program. We were joined by Lucinda Palmer, who was one of the recipients of the Leadership and Mentoring Program last year. She shared some insights from her experience of the programs, and also on how to best prepare for and manage this exciting transition.

Lucinda told students about the Rural Youth Leadership Program, saying 'It was one of the most amazing experiences of my life. I met so many amazing people on the camp, learnt so much about leadership, others and myself, was left feeling inspired and also had a lot of fun'.

"It was invaluable to be able to meet with a mentor, who was a third-year university student, and be able to ask them questions, receive advice as well as learn about their experiences."

Lucinda believed the program was very important to her, saying it will have an ongoing impact on her in the future. She still meets up with her mentor and finds the YouThrive network to be very important to her while studying.

## Recipients of the 2020 Education Support Fund awards.

- Lily Ray Bachelor of Education
- Ally McGowan Bachelor of Science
- Samantha Moore Bachelor of Arts/Education
- Cody Kerstjens Bachelor of Biomedical Science
- Chloe Maxwell Bachelor of Nursing
- Ella O'Kane Bachelor of Nursing
- Karla Hobson Bachelor of Nursing
- Ari Wilkins Bachelor of Occupational Therapy
- Yelka Ishmakovich Certificate III Celebrancy
- Ella Thompson Bachelor of Education
- Cen Bennett Bachelor of Arts
- Jade Hibernson Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care
- Teg Murden Bachelor of Engineering (Honours)
- Emily Kerstjens Bachelor of Veterinary and Wildlife Science
- Anne Casson Bachelor of Science/Engineering
- Recipients of the 2020 Leadership and Mentoring Program:
- Karla Hobson and Ella Thompson

## Recipients of YouThrive Alumni Mentoring Network:

- Ally McGowan
- Ella O'Kane
- Ari Wilkins



Award winners group photo



Leadership and Mentoring participants with Ruth Rogan

# World Day of Prayer

The first Friday in March is set aside for Christians of all denominations to pray for others throughout the world. This year Trafalgar's event is at St Mary's Anglican Church on Friday March 6 at 1.30pm.

The focus is on Zimbabwe, their joys and challenges faced by people in that country. A special Zimbabwean project 'Empowering Mothers of Children with a Disability' will be supported by the offering.

All people are welcome to

come and learn more about Zimbabwe, to pray with other people from different denominations and to enjoy some fellowship over afternoon tea.

# Reflection

Rev Sue Jacka

## Helping so it is appreciated

There are often life situations when people need some assistance to get by. It's good to help, but it is sensible to think about what is the best form this could take. Will money or time or a meal or a gift of clothing be best? With the bushfire tragedies which dominated the lives of so many Gippslanders over the past several weeks there have been many donations and offers of help. It has been heartening to see trucks of hay heading eastwards to feed stock

whose owners were hit first by drought, then by fire. I spent a few days at the relief centre which was set up at Morwell. Many evacuees had headed in our direction to friends, relatives or motels. They were appreciative of some of the food donated- but some items were not suitable for someone staying in temporary accommodation without proper cooking facilities. Some had been doubly upset by losing their home and then being offered smelly clothing. One lady told me she thought it must have come from

someone's shed, but she was in no position to wash and dry it. Many told me that they were hopeful of help with fencing from Blaze Aid and other service organisations in the clean up to come.

Listening to the expressed needs of people is more helpful than assuming we know what is required. I think this is true whether it is a new baby, a dreadful accident or a community hit by fire or flood.



Lucinda Palmer, Diana Mueller and Leah Underwood

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- Irregular income
- Bad credit



# Trafalgar Polocrosse hosts annual women's competition

Interstate players joined women from across the state when they came together for the Trafalgar Polocrosse Club's annual women's competition and club tournament on February 8 and 9.

The club has continued to focus its efforts on growing a specialised women's competition for Victorian and interstate players.

The Trafalgar and District Community Bank women's competition attracted 54 players in a 9 team, two division competition.

The women's competition is run in conjunction with the club's annual carnival. A total of

23 teams competed throughout the weekend, featuring 130 players across four graded competitions and two women's divisions.

The Trafalgar club took the initiative to introduce a women's competition in 2015. Initial plans were for a biennial event.

However, the success and popularity of the competition grew quickly.

The Trafalgar and District Community Bank came on board as a major sponsor, enabling the club to make it an annual feature of its carnival.

Trafalgar and District Community Bank branch manager

Phil Drummond said the bank recognised a great opportunity to support a local sport initiative with an interstate flavour.

He said the bank's support had helped to grow the competition into a major feature for women in polocrosse.

Club players and committee members Katie Martin and Kim Templeton are passionate about increasing the strength of women in polocrosse.

"We wanted to promote women's polocrosse in Victoria by providing a high standard competition for our players without having to travel interstate.

"We also wanted to develop our intermediate and junior women.

"It's one of its kind in our state and while aiming to provide a high standard competition it also gives all our women players the opportunity to compete," Katie said.

Club president Mick Templeton said Trafalgar was lucky to have some of the best women in the state play for its club.

He said to have high quality women players already within the club was a privilege but to attract interstate, Australian representatives had taken the com-

petition to a new level this year.

"Not only did the competition feature our state's top women, but it attracted interstate players and gave younger, developing players an opportunity to play at a higher level.

"We as a club love that we can present this competition for women alongside our graded competitions which were again well supported.

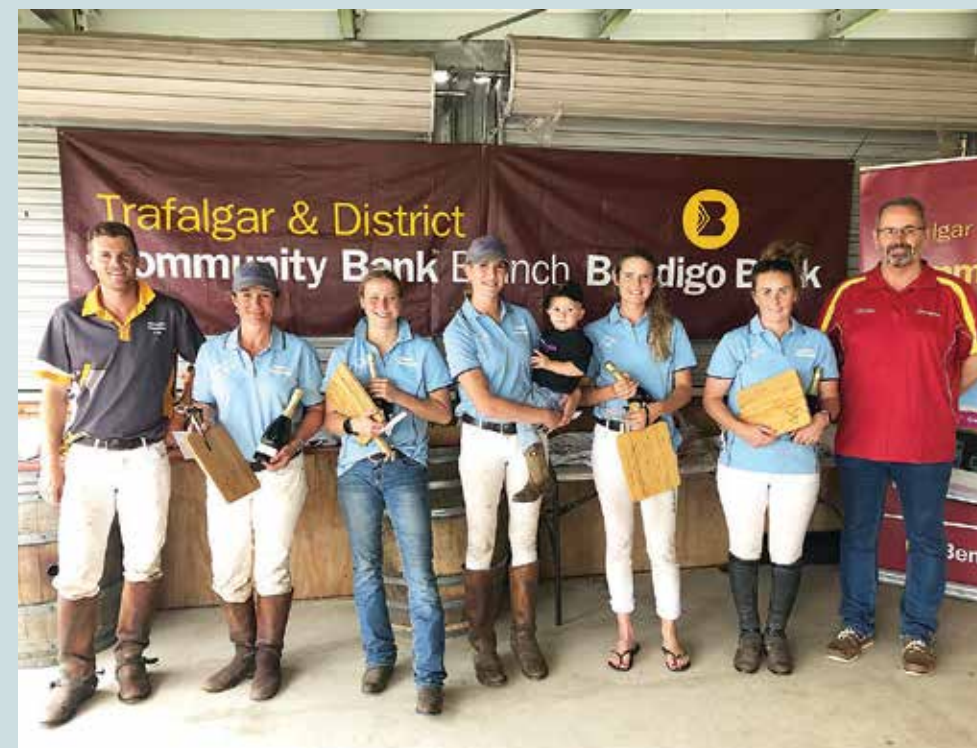
"Staging a competition of this standard and reputation would not be possible without the Trafalgar and District Community Bank's support," Mick said.

Results:

Women's Division 1: Winners – Cam's Crusaders; runners up – Radford's Radars; best section – Tessa Armstrong, Hannah Templeton, Annette Radford; best lady horse & rider – Tessa Armstrong.

Women's Division 2: Winners – Jesse's Jets; runners-up – Drew's Dodgers; Best section – Gill Massey, Maya Scott, Kara Shears; best lady horse & rider – Gill Massey.

Women's best intermediate horse & rider – Hannah Templeton; women's best junior horse & rider – Maya Scott.



Women's Division 2 winners Jesse's Jets (from left) coach Jesse Walsh, Lyric Anderson, Darcy Zaina, Gill Massey, Emily Michelmore Kara Shears and Phil Drummond (absent Maya Scott).



Women's Division 1 winners at the presentations with (left) Trafalgar and District Community Bank branch manager Phil Drummond, Kelly Allen, Lacey Radford, Annabelle Michelmore, Kacie Crabb, Bec Burns, Kim Templeton and coach Cam Templeton.



Kylie Jolly confidently carries the ball through some on field congestion during a division one match in the women's competition.



Annette Radford takes control of the game as she gets around Kim Templeton during a division one match in the women's competition.



Trafalgar defeated Casterton to win the B grade (from left) Mick Templeton, Angus Templeton, Ryan Dyke, Braydon Hanley, Cam Templeton and Buster Jolly.



Trafalgar were winners in the C grade competition (from left) Dalton Templeton, Cody Templeton, Leigh Carroll, Rhyme Anderson and Bryce Templeton.



Trafalgar's Bryce Templeton twists himself into position to get a crucial goal.



Damien Howard of Howard's Mechanical Repairs presents the best horse & rider award to a player.



Buster Jolly presents the D grade best horse & rider award to Cody Templeton on behalf of Everitt, Seeley & Bennetts.



Trafalgar and District Community Bank branch manager Phil Drummond presents the women's best intermediate horse & rider award to Hannah Templeton.



Trafalgar and District Community Bank branch manager Phil Drummond presents the division 2 best horse & rider rug to Gill Massey.



# Farming News

## More farmers set to lease land: report

LEASING land is set to become increasingly common in the Australian agricultural sector, as farmers seek to expand in an environment of limited purchasing opportunities, according to a new industry report. In its research report A New Lease on Land, agricultural banking specialist Rabobank said the incentives for leasing agricultural land were becoming more compelling for both 'tenants' and 'landlords' alike. Report author, Rabobank analyst Wes Lefroy, said leasing land provided the opportunity to "unlock scale for a growing number of farmers" in an environment where there were limited properties available to buy, and at the same time, it offered farm operators the option to adopt alternative business models and ownership structures. While land owners, the report said, were increasingly likely to lease out property, as agricultural land became a more attractive investment class and with leasing offering a flexible option for succession planning and while leasing would continue to be more common among certain farm types and sizes - particularly larger farms and cropping enterprises. Mr Lefroy said it was important that all farmers considered the value of leasing land as part of their expansion strategies. "The incentives for Australian farmers

to lease a share of their operated area are already strong, with our recent research indicating 28 per cent of farmers across the country lease some proportion of their operated area," he said. "And of those, 11 per cent had increased the area of land they lease in 2019. "Over the next two years, we see the motivation for both current and prospective tenants and landlords to lease to become even stronger." On a state-by-state basis, the percentage of farmers currently operating leased land varied considerably, the report said, with differences primarily driven by structural factors, including farm size and production type, but also by market dynamics, such as price growth and property availability. "For example, leasing is more common in South Australia and Western Australia, where there are many large grain producers," Mr Lefroy said. "In those states, our research showed 45 per cent and 38 per cent of farmers respectively lease some area of land they operate. "This is in contrast to New South Wales, where a greater proportion of livestock producers are located, and only 17 per cent of farmers lease land." The report said leasing was an option which enabled farmers to expand operations either as a permanent alternative to buying land or as a pathway to buying in the future. It could also overcome a lack of pur-

chasing opportunities. Mr Lefroy said the number of agricultural properties offered for sale in Australia had fallen between 40 and 50 per cent in all states from 2014 to 2018. "While we expect the number of properties on the market to increase slightly in 2020, it will remain near historically-low levels," he said. "Farmers looking to expand may be forced to turn to leasing, unable to buy the right property at the right price." In addition, the report said, leasing instead of purchasing land provided an option for farmers to adopt nontraditional business models, such as sale and lease-back or equity partnerships. "This can assist farm businesses to direct capital towards other assets, such as infrastructure, instead of land," Mr Lefroy said. Leasing also had a role to play in mitigating risk, the report said. "This is both by enabling farmers to expand without taking on debt for land purchase, and also by acting to mitigate the impact of weather on profit variability by diversifying the locations in which they farm," Mr Lefroy said. "With the growing focus on managing climate volatility, we expect an increasing number of farmers will employ leasing of land as a means to mitigate prominent weather risks, such as frost and drought." The report predicts an increase in the amount of Australian agricultural land that will be available

for lease, driven by improved investment returns and an acceleration of farmers retiring from the industry. "Agricultural land will become even more attractive as an investment class," Mr Lefroy said. "We expect capital appreciation of ag land to remain healthy across many regions in Australia over the next three years, while it is also not as volatile as a number of other assets, which is valued by investors." In addition, with 2020 expected to see an increase in the number of farmers choosing to leave the sector, for lifestyle reasons, especially in drought-impacted regions, more land may be offered for lease. "The option of leasing out land enables exiting farmers to achieve a lifestyle change while still waiting for the drought to break before selling, if at all," Mr Lefroy said. The suitability of leasing rather than buying was not for all though, the report said, and varied depending on production types and individual circumstances. While the increase in the number of farmers leasing land in Australia had taken place against a backdrop of rising property prices and very limited opportunities to buy, the report said, international experience showed leasing could also increase in a depressed property market. "During the US farm crisis of the 1980s and subsequent drought, land prices in Iowa fell by more than 50 per

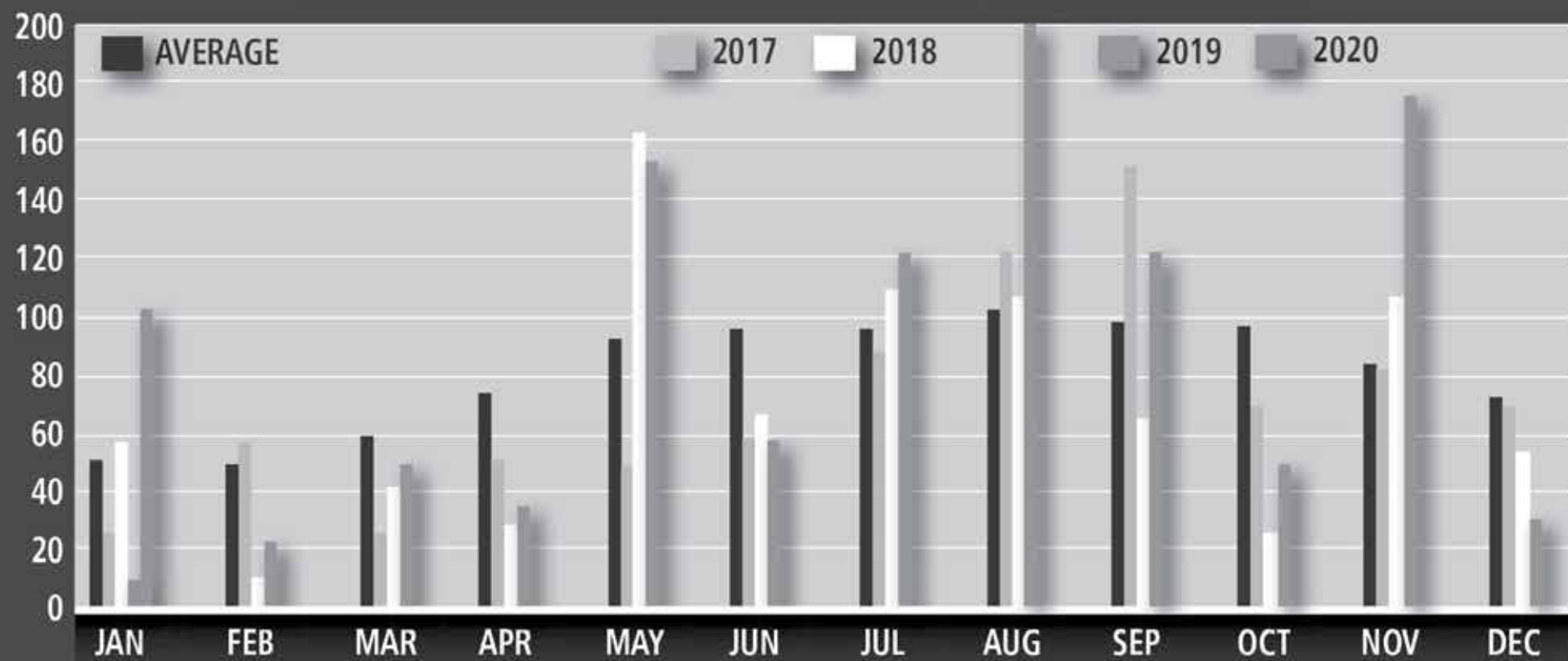
cent in real terms from 1982 to 1987. During that five year period, the area of farmland under lease increased from 21 per cent to 27 per cent," Mr Lefroy said. "Where farmers did not have to sell to meet debt obligations, leasing rather than selling enabled Iowa farmland owners to achieve lifestyle changes and avoid selling in a low market.

## Stop hyacinth taking hold

WATER hyacinth is a highly invasive weed that is choking lakes, rivers and water ways around the world and Agriculture Victoria is encouraging Victorians to report it to prevent it from taking hold in the state. Water hyacinth may look pretty but has a well-deserved reputation for being the world's worst water weed. An advertising campaign, 'Water hyacinth - don't buy, sell or give it away', targets the illegal buying or selling of the state-prohibited weed, the highest category of declared noxious weeds in Victoria. The campaign will run on social media and online advertising sites in English, Mandarin, Khmer and Vietnamese. Agriculture Victoria biosecurity manager for high risk invasive plants Angela Constantine said water hyacinth (Eichhornia crassipes) was harmful in aquatic environments. Ms Constantine said water hyacinth could rapidly affect water quality, native aquatic plants and

fish, and have an impact on recreational activities such as fishing and boating. "We are asking people, if they see water hyacinth, to contact agriculture Victoria and we will remove it before it can spread further," she said. It is illegal to buy, sell, display, propagate or transport state prohibited weeds. Ms Constantine said in recent years agriculture Victoria had prosecuted people for selling water hyacinth on Facebook and Gumtree. "It's important to know what you are buying, selling, or giving away," she said. Last financial year, Agriculture Victoria detected 21 cases of water hyacinth being traded online, and nine of these were in Victoria. Ms Constantine said water hyacinth was easier to recognise during summer when it was flowering. "Water hyacinth can be identified by its distinctive mauve flower and bulbous spongy stems," she said. "It is often kept for its very attractive flower but owners may be unaware of the profound threat it poses. "In just one season, a single plant can produce more than 3000 seeds that can survive for more than 20 years." People who see or have any water hyacinth, or any other state-prohibited weed, should report it to the Agriculture Victoria customer service centre on 136 186 or email weed.spotters@ecodev.vic.gov.au

## TRAFALGAR MONTHLY RAINFALL



This graph compares the monthly rainfall received in Trafalgar in 2020 with, 2017, 2018, 2019, and average monthly rainfall since records began. The monthly rainfall for January 2020 was 102.5 mm



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 11 March** 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.

## Visit us

**Warragul Civic Centre**  
Cnr Albert and Smith Streets  
at the Arts Centre Booking Office

**Drouin Civic Centre**  
33 Young Street, access via  
Brynwood Avenue off Young Street



## What's on at the WGAC!

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

- **Live on the Deck**  
Sunday 1 March
- **Partners in Crime with Rhonda Burchmore and Lara Mulcahy**  
Friday 6 March
- **Bjorn Again**  
Saturday 14 March
- **Summer of the Seventeenth Doll**  
Tuesday 17 March
- **Lennon - Through A Glass Onion**  
Thursday 19th March

For a full list of shows go to [www.wgac.com.au](http://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](http://www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/FreeGreenWasteDropOffs)



## Community meetings to discuss placemaking ideas

A second round of community meetings will take place to further discuss ideas and seek community input for the next round of the Placemaking Program.

The Placemaking Program grants \$200,000 annually (approximately \$50,000 in each town) to smaller communities to deliver projects that are at the top of the community's wish list.

Upcoming community meetings:

- **Noojee:** 6.00pm on Tuesday 25 February at Noojee Hall, 7 Henty Street
- **Labertouche:** 6.00pm on Thursday 27 February at Labertouche Community Centre, 440 Labertouche Road
- **Darnum:** 6.00pm on Monday 2 March at Darnum Memorial Hall, 4 Croypley Street
- **Willow Grove:** 6.00pm on Tuesday 3 March at Willow Grove Hall, 12 Moe-Willow Grove Road

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



## Celebrating International Womens Day this March

7pm-9pm Thursday 12 March  
West Gippsland Arts Centre

Everyone is invited to attend a dynamic and inspirational evening celebrating International Women's Day.

Keynote speaker Jamila Rizvi – author, political and social commentator and named one of Australia's 100 Women of Influence by the Australian Financial Review – will headline the event, supported by stories from inspiring local women.

Tickets are just \$14 in recognition of Australia's national gender pay gap of 14 per cent.

Book your ticket now at [www.wgac.com.au](http://www.wgac.com.au)



## Baw Baw Pet Expo coming this April

10am-3pm on Sunday 5 April  
Burke Street Park, Warragul

Pet owners, animal enthusiasts and their furry friends are invited to the free and exciting Pet Expo.

This expo aims to celebrate all that is great about pets and pet ownership, while providing current information, updates and education on responsible pet ownership and the wellbeing of pets.

Bring your furry, feathered or scaly friends along to meet other pet lovers in the area!

Come along and enjoy live music, grab a bite to eat, browse through market stalls and have a play.

For more event information go to [www.doggydayout.com.au/baw-baw-pet-expo-5-april-2020](http://www.doggydayout.com.au/baw-baw-pet-expo-5-april-2020)

## Dog parks coming soon

Construction will soon commence on three new fully fenced dog parks in:

- Bellbird Park Drouin
- Brooker Park Warragul
- Hollydell Park Trafalgar

Each park will feature:

- Air lock double gate entry with landing area.
- New footpath connections to improve access.
- Signage outlining user rules and responsibilities.
- Doggy drinking fountains.
- Doggy waste bag dispenser and bins.
- Seating for dog owners to use and enjoy.
- Tree plantings.
- Maintenance access gates.

Works are expected to start in April and be completed by mid-2020.

For more information go to [www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/DogParks](http://www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/DogParks)

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# New doctor joins the Trafalgar Medical team

Dr Sarah Ledger

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 ap-

pointments 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](http://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.



## Polite Pet Month

During this month, our clinics will be placing a special focus on the behaviour of our patients. March is 'Polite Pet Month' where we welcome questions about the behaviour of your pet.

We understand that there may be behaviour at home that our clients sometimes prefer we don't discuss. They may be embarrassing behaviours, like dogs who like to 'hump' things. Perhaps there are behaviours clients have noticed but are unsure if they are important; for example, cats who sometimes jumps to catch their own tail. Or maybe it's because the owners feel as though the behaviour is due to their inability to properly train the pet, and there is some guilty feelings associated with the animal's behaviour.

Whatever your feelings are,

we know how important the behaviour of your pet is! Their behaviour has a direct influence on your relationship with them and also on their physical health.

Behaviour is fluid, it can be changed. But first we need to have an understanding of what the function of the behaviour is - what causes it to happen and what consequence does your pet seek from performing that behaviour?

Sometimes the answer is simple. For example, if your cat trips you over whenever you come home and you feed him, your cat has learnt that in order to get food, he needs to be under your feet. In order to correct the behaviour, we might like to teach the cat to sit on his cat perch in order to get the treats, so when you enter the house your cat is waiting for you to greet him (and

feed him) on his perch.

Sometimes the answer is harder. For example, your dog licks your arm. You respond by growling at her because you don't like her licking you. She responds to the verbal correction by 'looking guilty' and then she starts licking you again. Despite punishing her consistently, she doesn't stop licking you. This is not a training problem, this behaviour is driven by an

emotional state. Your dog is trying to appease you, to make you comfortable. When you become upset at her, she responds by trying to help you - by licking you - because that is how dogs are 'programmed' to respond. In order to stop your dog licking you, you actually need to let her know that she is safe and secure. Asking her to perform a sit, or a shake paw for a treat will let her know that you are comfortable,

and she should be too. When she receives praise and treats, her emotional state improves and she will no longer have the emotional need to lick.

Our vets will help you work out if the behaviour your pet has is something that can be managed with training (like our cat example) or if there is an emotional or medical motivation for the behaviour (like the dog in our example).

There are many myths surrounding animal behaviour which can make addressing behaviour concerns at home problematic. We will continue to offer our 10 minute free behaviour discussion consultations this year and welcome you book a time with our vets.



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**Year 7, 2021**  
**7pm, 11th of March**  
**Sports Centre, Trafalgar High School**

PLEASE NOTE: Information regarding testing requirements will be provided on the night.  
*Further Enquiries:*  
Amanda McQueller, SEAL Program Coordinator  
5633 1733

**IT'S TRUE**



The world's first pin-up, a nude woman in a bath, was a woodcut printed in 15th century Belgium

## Trafalgar Holden Museum car of the month...

Bob Moss

### THE HARTNETT

In 1948 Prime Minister Ben Chifley approached Sir Laurence Hartnett (former GM of GMH) regarding the establishment of a local car industry to overcome the dominance of the big manufacturers. The Government favoured the proposal and would supply financial backing.

Hartnett announced on the 7 February 1949 the intention to form the Hartnett Motor Company and sell 5000 cars the first year and 10,000 each following year. A prospectus was written on the 29 August and the company formed on the 31 August 1949.

In March 1950 the company announced that it would begin production in England and as manpower and equipment became available move to Australia.

In 1950 the company announced that the jigs and tools were ready in Geelong.

November 1951 announced that company had transferred from Sydney to Melbourne. In 1952 the first car was dispatched from the Frankston plant.

The plan was to build a small two seater front wheel drive based on a design by Frenchman

Jean Gregoire. Aluminium castings were used to save weight, with a 594cc two cylinder horizontally opposed engine, a four speed manual gearbox and fitted with independent suspension on all four wheels.

Engine development in May 1950 The company announced a contract with a English firm to supply engines and gearboxes, arriving August 1950, with follow up orders of 500 a per month for a price of £500,000 pounds (\$26,314,285.71 today).

On 23 April 1952, it was announced that several cars had been delivered from the Frankston plant with several more soon.

The price was promoted as less than £300 pounds (\$15,788.57 today) but by the time production occurred it had risen to £430 pounds (\$22,630.29 today). In January 1950 it was revealed that the cost would be less than £500 pounds (\$26,314.29 today) however by March 1951 the price was now £549 pounds (\$28,893.09 today) plus sales tax. The first aluminium body Pacific convertible sold for £695 pounds, inc

sales tax, (\$36,576.86 today) in April 1952.

In August 1952 questions were raised in Federal Parliament as to why that General Motors Holden had been given a one million pound overdraft from the government owned Commonwealth Bank when Hartnett had been refused, and why the government owned Commonwealth Engineering Company had obstructed the manufacturing of the Hartnett by failing to deliver the steel bodies which had been on order for 18 months. In September 1952 it was announced that production had ceased.

In December 1955 Commonwealth Engineering were ordered to pay the company £37,220 pounds (\$1,298,470.45 today) damages for the non delivery of the panels. It was revealed that Hartnett had orders for only 314 cars even though Hartnett claimed they had orders for 2000 cars.

Without the body panels being supplied the company was forced to build the bodies by hand, 135 were completed this way.



1948 "Grégoire" prototype of the Hartnett

## Vox Pop

Marge O'Donnell



### Lee Moon

Australia? Tasmania as I've never been.  
Overseas? Poland to see family and explore more of the country.



### Mick Bourke

Australia? To see more of our great country as we join the grey nomad brigade.  
Overseas? To enjoy cultures different to ours.



### Annette Joiner

Australia? Tasmania! So much to see, and small enough to see it all, and I love the cool climate, never too hot!  
Overseas? Canada and Alaska. Amazing scenery and wild life. I would especially love the Rocky Mountaineer train journey.

## SCAMWATCH

[www.scamwatch.gov.au](http://www.scamwatch.gov.au)

ACCC

Romance scammers move to new apps, costing Aussies more than \$28.6 million

Scammers are using new online platforms to take advantage of their victims, with dating and romance scams making up one fifth of losses across all scams reported to Scamwatch in 2019.

Australians reported almost 4,000 dating and romance scams in 2019, with losses of more than \$28.6 million, and these numbers will be just the tip of the iceberg. Around 37.5 per cent of reports resulted in a loss, with an average loss of more than \$19,000.

Beyond traditional online dating websites, the highest losses were from romance scams originating on Instagram and Facebook. Conventional dating platforms, such as Tinder or Match.com, also had high losses.

A new trend emerging in 2019 was scammers increasingly turning to apps like Google Hangouts, or online games such as Words with Friends and Scrabble to con their victims.

"We've seen an increase in reports from people who did not originally seek an online relationship but have been caught up in a dating and romance scam," ACCC Deputy Chair Delia Rickard said.

"No longer are dating websites the only contact method for dating and romance scams, with an increasing number of reports coming from these emerging websites and apps."

"Romance scams are particularly devastating because not only are there financial losses, but there is also an emotional toll for the victim, which can

have lasting psychological impacts on people," Ms Rickard said.

Scammers try to make their target fall in love with the persona they have created and quickly profess their love for the victim.

They will normally weave complicated stories about why they can't meet in person and ask the victim to send money or provide financial aid so they can travel to meet them.

While less common, there have also been instances of scammers meeting their victim in person and requesting money.

If the person sends money, the scammer will ask for more, and if they don't, the scammer may become aggressive or use guilt to manipulate their victim.

"If you're interacting with someone online, it's important to be alert and consider the possibility that the approach may be a scam," Ms Rickard said.

"Don't give out personal information, including your financial details, to anybody you haven't met in person, no matter who they say they are, and don't share intimate photos or use webcams in an intimate setting."

"Don't agree to carry packages internationally or agree to transfer money for someone else as you may be inadvertently committing a crime."

"If you become concerned by the conversation, such as if the person is asking for 'favours' or money, cease communication," Ms Rickard said.

People who think they may have provided their banking details to a scammer should contact their bank or financial institution as soon as possible.

They can also report a scam

to the ACCC through Scamwatch, which offers further information on where to get help, and how to protect yourself from scams.

### Facts and figures:

31.4 per cent of dating and romance scams occurred via social media and online forums.

The highest losses (over 33 per cent or \$9.1 million) occurred via social media.

Instagram was the most common social media website totalling 8.8 per cent of dating and romance scam reports.

Facebook was the social media website that incurred the highest losses totalling 7.3 per cent of all losses.

People aged 45-64 were most affected with 1470 reports and over \$18 million in losses. This represents 63 per cent of total losses to dating and romance scams.

Women reported 54.9 per cent (2165 reports) of all dating and romance scam reports, with the remainder 43.3 per cent (1707 reports) made by men, and 1.8 per cent (74 reports) did not specify gender.

Women reported the highest total losses of \$21.5 million (75.3 per cent of all losses). Men reported \$7 million or 24.6 per cent of the total losses.

The majority of losses occurred via bank transfer, totalling 33.8 per cent or almost \$9.7 million. This was followed by 'other payment' method such as iTunes, Steam and Google Play gift cards, which totalled \$8.8 million or 30.8 per cent of all losses.





Compiled By Jack McDonald from newspapers held in the Trafalgar and District Historical Society Archives

### The Trafalgar & Yarragon News, March 1930

#### 6 March – Light Horse Bivouac

A Bivouac for the 13th Gippsland Light Horse is being arranged to be held at Trafalgar during Easter.

The Troop musketry competitions are nearing completion and the trophy is a beautiful silver cup presented to the regiment by Mr W Borthwick.

#### 13 March – Yarragon Motor Cycle Club

A meeting of the above was held on Tuesday evening last. Mr. Stan Charlesworth presided over a good attendance of members. It was arranged that a run to Leongatha take place on 23rd March, leaving at 10 am.

It is satisfying to see the club still progressing.

#### 20 March – Local Riflemen Perform Well

Members of the Trafalgar Rifle Club competed in Melbourne at the big annual matches held at the Williamstown rifle range. Members who won cash prizes were: J. Stephens, E. Ashby, S. McIntyre and A. Clarke.

#### 27 March – Traders' Association Formed

A meeting of trades-people held in the Memorial Hall last week decided to form a Traders' Association.

Mr Yule was elected president, Mr. McGilvray vice-president, and Mr. Masters as secretary and treasurer. A strong committee was also appointed.

The need for such an organisation in Trafalgar has been felt for a number of years, and it is hoped that all business people of Trafalgar will join.

#### The Gippsland News, March 1960

#### 3 March – Scout Week At Trafalgar

Fifty years of Scouting at Trafalgar has been celebrated for a week – and what a week!

For young and old it was an event ever to be remembered. Old friends of 50 years met and relived the past. A time of pride and joy, and inspiration for all.

A terrific cheer went up from young and old when it was announced that the original Scout Master, Mr H. H. Vail, had arrived at the ground.

Mr Vail was a chemist at Trafalgar in the early days and was also a Major in charge of local cadets.

In 1910, when the Troop was formed, he was elected first Scoutmaster and inspired Scouts in the following years until the 1914 War broke out when he and all his original Scouts went overseas on active service.

#### Bowling Club For Yarragon

A meeting convened on 16 February with the object of forming a Bowling Club in Yarragon was attended by 40 enthusiastic men and women.

After explanation of the object of the meeting and the initial cost of putting down a green, the meeting decided to form a club.

#### 10 March – Ex-Residents' Re-Union

Many Trafalgar residents journeyed to Mordialloc on Sunday last to attend the annual reunion and picnic and witness the Beach Girl competition held in conjunction.

The Ex-Residents' Committee are very thankful to all Trafalgar people who made the trip and special thanks go to those who acted as officials.

#### 24 March – Car Club Donation

The Trafalgar Car Club has handed a cheque for the grand sum of 120 pounds, 11 shillings and 10 pence (\$3570 today) to the Trafalgar Swimming Pool Committee towards the cost of the recently completed pool at Trafalgar.

The amount represents the proceeds from the motor show and gala day conducted by the Car Club in February.

#### 31 March – Top Marks For Trafalgar Girl

Miss Anne Shanahan, of Trafalgar, received her Bachelor of Science Degree at the conferring of degrees ceremony at the Melbourne University on Saturday last.

Anne, who is now doing her 5th year in medicine, was very

pleased to learn that she had received top marks at a recent Obstetrics Test for 5th year students at the Royal Melbourne Hospital.

#### Blood Donors At Yarragon

The Yarragon Red Cross wish to thank all donors for their splendid response to the Mobile Blood Unit on its recent visit to Yarragon. 108 donors offered blood with the result that 97 pints of blood were taken.

#### Naughty Boys

It is reported that a number of youths were seen at the Thorpdale swimming pool late one evening last week in their "birthday" suits. They should take warning – if caught there could be repercussions.

#### Traf News, March 2002

#### March – Nursing Home Beds Needed

The Federal Government has completely ignored the chronic need for nursing home beds in Trafalgar. They have refused West Gippsland Healthcare Group's second application for 20 high care beds at Andrews House, according to Federal Member for McMillon Christian Zahra. Mr Zahra said he would be raising the issue in Parliament.

#### Trafalgar Truck Restorers Club

February the 15th, 16th and 17th was hectic to say the least for members of the Trafalgar Truck Restorers Club.

Club president Jim Bury was again approached by Lardner Parks general manager Mr George Nicholson requesting a display of old trucks to give the "Trucks In Action" a taste of yester-year.

Jim and his wife Delsa took up the challenge and over the last six months visited, phoned and posted flyers to truck enthusiasts throughout Victoria and interstate. The response was marvelous and 83 trucks went on show over the week-end.

#### Bendigo Community Bank

By now everyone should have received their Survey Form in the mail. It is critical that each

of you complete this and mail it back – the Survey is separate to the Pledge Form.

It is important to remember that a Community Bank is a fully fledged branch of Bendigo Bank. You can use any other branch of Bendigo to do your business – all we ask is that you domicile your account in Trafalgar.

#### Trafalgar Medical Centre

An evening clinic is again being offered. This is on Tuesday evenings with Dr Michael Kunze. Michael hails from the Barossa Valley where he grew up. He studied medicine at Adelaide University. He has been in Gippsland for the past two years as part of the Gippsland General Practice training program.

Michael's compassion for people and personable nature has been a great bonus for the clinic.

#### Trafalgar Freemason's Bike Appeal

The Master, Bill Zaal, and members of the Trafalgar Lodge would like to offer a sincere 'thank you' to all those people who responded to our appeal for bikes and parts for the needy.

The donations will be collected and taken to a large shed on the Master's property where they will be repaired and handed over to needy families in the surrounding district.

#### Golf Pro-Am A Huge Success

The Trafalgar Golf Club presented its annual Smoke-Free Pro-Am Golf Tournament on Wednesday, 13 February.

Once again the event was a great success, praised by the players, sponsors, media and spectators alike.

This year's full field of 90 professionals and 150 amateurs was declared by Victorian PGA Programs Officer, Sean Lynch, as the strongest professional field ever for a Trafalgar Pro-Am.

He said: "We wish our praise to be passed on to your superintendent and all those concerned with maintaining the course". (Ed. – Trafalgar Golf Club is currently ranked 20 in the top 50 Victorian and Murray River public access courses).

## CHURCH SERVICES

### CATHOLIC PARISH

Father Bernie Krotwaar, Phone 5633 1166



#### St John's Trafalgar, 54 Waterloo Road

**Vigil Mass:** 6pm (Saturday)  
**Saturday Night Mass:** 6.00pm  
**Sunday Mass:** 10.00am (2nd/4th Sunday)  
**Weekday Masses:** 9.30am (Tuesday to Friday)

#### St Jarlath's Yarragon, Rollo Street

**Sunday Mass:** 10.00am (1st/3rd/5th Sunday)

**Transport availability, Neighbourhood Outreach, Home visiting**

Please phone Julianne now at the parish office on 5633 1166

## UNITING CHURCH

Rev Helen Prior, Supply Minister  
Phone 0401 911 124



#### St. Andrew's Uniting Church, Trafalgar

**Service times** 9.15am Sunday, 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month  
**Sunday School** 9.15am 2nd Sunday of the month  
**Coffee & Chat** Thursdays 10.00am

#### St David's Uniting Church, Yarragon

**Service times** 9.15am Sunday - 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month  
**Contemporary** 5.00pm on the 4th Sunday of each month with shared tea to follow

#### St Stephens Darnum

**Service times** 11.00am on 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month

Please direct inquiries to Peter Curwen 5634 2450

## ANGLICAN CHURCH

Rev Sue Jacka, Phone 5633 1021  
0409 757 170 or tullycavan@dcsi.net.au



#### St Mary's Church, Trafalgar

**Sundays:** Holy Communion and Sunday School 9.30am  
**Wednesdays:** Holy Communion, a quiet service 10am  
Cuppa and conversation 10.45am  
JAFFAS after school program 3.30 - 5.30pm

#### St Mark's Church, Thorpdale

**First Sunday of the month:** Breakfast after service 8am

#### St Mark's Church, Yarragon

**First Sunday of the month:** Service 8.30am  
**Other Sundays:** Holy Communion 8.30am  
**Tuesdays:** JAFFAS after school program 3.30 - 5.30pm

## THORPDALE WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH

Rev Frank Lees,  
Phone 5634 6413 or 5633 2758



**Every Sunday:** 10am  
**Sunday School:** (During service)  
**Bible studies:** Thursday evenings



## Fenced dog park at Hollydell Park Trafalgar



February 2020 update

Construction will soon start on a fully fenced dog park at Hollydell Park in Trafalgar (formerly Linear Reserve). The site will be approximately 1800m2 located on the corner of Edward Crescent and Rose Court. Works are expected to start in April and be completed by mid-2020. Fenced dog parks will also be constructed in Bellbird Park Drouin and Brooker Park Warragul.

### What will the dog park include?

**Air lock gate entry**  
Double gate with landing area for safe entry and exit from the fenced area.

**Concrete footpath connection from Edward Crescent**  
For better connectivity from the existing path on the western side to the fenced area.

**Signage**  
To outline user rules and responsibilities.

**Doggy drinking fountain**  
To make it easy to stay hydrated.

**Doggy waste bag dispenser and bin**  
For easy, convenient and responsible clean up after your dog.

**Seating**  
For dog owners to use and enjoy.

**Tree plantings**  
To provide shade in warmer months and break up the wide open space.



Image: The fully fenced dog park will be constructed in the area marked with a star, on the corner of Edward Crescent and Rose Court in Trafalgar.

Image: The red outline shows where the fenced dog park will be located within the reserve.



### Benefits of fenced dog parks



Exercise and burning off energy



Socialisation and mental stimulation



Place to practice training skills



Community connections for owners

### More information

Please call the Open Space Maintenance team on 5624 2411.

>> [bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/DogParks](http://bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/DogParks)

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# Ships in Action on Australia Day

Liam Durkin

TRAFALGAR Cricket Club celebrated Australia Day by journeying to Melbourne to play in a Super Sixes tournament.

The tournament was arranged by the club of former player Aiden George, with a number of teams from Melbourne taking part.

Senior player and committee member Brent Claridge bravely drove a busload of players to and from the tournament, which saw some lighthearted matches played in good spirit.

As the names suggests, matches were six overs in duration, with the boundaries brought in a considerable dis-

tance to give the crowd plenty of big hits to see.

Trafalgar played three matches for the day, and easily had the longest trip of any team taking part.

The bus ride home was certainly loud.

## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

*If the section cannot remain here alive, it will remain here dead, but in any case it will remain here. Should any man through shell-shock or other cause attempt to surrender, he will remain here dead. Lieutenant F.P. Bethune (clergyman by trade)*

## Trafalgar High School Year 7 2021 Information Evening

**7pm, Tuesday 17th, March**  
Sports Centre—Trafalgar High School

- View facilities and learning areas at the school.
- Discuss with teachers the work undertaken and the opportunities each learning area provides.
- Make an informed choice regarding secondary school in 2021.



Further information or enquiries may be directed to Mr. Jack Brown or Ms. Carla Settle on 5633 1733.



**Trafalgar High School**  
Principal: Ms. Jane Mersey



Anthony Thorpe, Aydan Connolly, Rhys Holdsworth, (front) Ryan Bishop, Dillon Clark and Zack Brown before their Super Sixes game.



Jackson Noonan, Daniel Heathcote, Billy Claridge, Liam White, Jack Hart and Liam Durkin at the Super Sixes tournament.

# Plenty of Action at Cricket Club

Liam Durkin

fielders.

Trafalgar's batsman were bored out more than anything, as people got impatient and played too many get out shots. Only Gurney with 28 and Cooper Burgess with 26 offered much resistance as the Ships posted a paltry 111.

Jeeralang-Boolarra was in the box seat at the end of day one as they got to 1-66. With a long day in the field on the cards for day two, the Ships were saved from almost certain defeat as the heavens opened up and washed out the entire second days play in what skipper Holdsworth put down to a cunning tactical move.

Upgrades to the clubrooms have been most welcome, and were made possible by the Bendigo Bank, local businesses and many hours of volunteer club labour.

The firsts and thirds are primed to feature in finals action, and the seconds are showing some good signs following promotion to the higher grade after making last season's grand final.

There was a number of good team and individual performances across the grades in recent times.

## A Grade

In a two day match the firsts travelled to Traralgon West and bowled first. Honours were even after the first session, with Traralgon West batting very conservatively to reach 2-95 after 45 overs at the tea interval.

After tea Trafalgar picked up a couple quick wickets, but from there, Traralgon West dominated the rest of the day. Trafalgar let a tight, economical start to the game slip, with the standard of fielding and positivity dropping in the last hour and half of the day.

At the end of the first day Traralgon West ended up posting 6-232 and opted to use the extra 10 overs they were entitled to at the start of day two to try and stretch out the score.

Trafalgar was clinical on the second day and had one of those rare days where nearly everything went right.

Traf took 4-20 in the first seven overs to see Traralgon West bowled out for 253, Jackson Noonan with 4-53 was the pick of the bowlers, whilst Zack Brown (3-40) and Rhys Holdsworth (2-45) also chipped in.

Some sensible batting then got the side to the tea break in a strong position, with play only halted once due to rain. Anthony Thorpe (86) and Holdsworth (78) saw a lot of balls and probably threw away tons in the finish but thankfully Ryan Bishop (37) and Nick Gurney (21) were able to get the side across the line.

Aidan Connolly (31) also made some valuable runs as the top order cashed in on some early trash that was dished up.

The Ships had a complete reversal the following week against Jeeralang-Boolarra on the Boolarra astro.

In what was just a very bad day all round, the natural order of things didn't go the Ships way as balls hit the edge instead of the middle and shots from the bats of opposition players fell between

against Centrals was certainly interesting, and almost went down in Traf folklore.

Traf batted first and were skittled for 51, and then amazingly had Centrals 8-39 in reply.

After looking like they would romp home at 1-21, Centrals imploded and lost wicket after wicket.

The Ships sensed a win from the jaws of defeat, but some tense moments late in the piece went the way of the opposition, as Centrals scampered the winning runs with one wicket to spare.

Holdsworth with 4-5 and Bishop with 2-11, including a pivotal run out, were productive.

With the two day format returning the next week, the Ships were sent in to bowl in what turned out to be favourable conditions against Moe at Ted Summerton Reserve.

Trafalgar struck regular blows to have Moe bowled out for 134. Liam Durkin took 4-15 and Daniel Heathcote 3-19 to be the main players.

Needing to face 30 overs before stumps, the Ships ended the day in a precarious position at 3-42, needing 93 more runs to win when it faced up on day two.

Traf ticked along on day two, with Anthony Thorpe registering a half century.

The match was still alive, as the Ships got to 7-98.

A 43 run partnership between James Blaser and Durkin for the eight wicket eventually got the team over the line, with Blaser scoring 51.

Traf secured first innings points and a lead of 18 runs.

Moe then faced 20 overs in their second innings before the captains decided to shake hands as the game was descending into a waste of time.

Liam White took 2-7 in the second innings.

Another challenge awaited Traf when it played Centrals.

Fronting up on a pitch that was literally black, the Ships bowled first with all bowlers coming to the party.

Centrals were bowled out for 75, as Daniel Heathcote took 3-9 from 19 overs and Zack Brown cleaned up the tail with 3-8. Rhys Holdsworth also chipped in with 2-24.

John Asmussen also took three great catches with the gloves.

Traf then ticked off 52 runs before stumps, with Brodie Burgess scoring 25.

Returning the next week, the Ships went at an ultraslow rate, but eventually got the points. Liam White batted for more than 70 overs across two days and scored 38.

Traf grinded their opponents into the ground, mercilessly batting for a total of 106 overs before calling an end to the blitzing with the score on 8-198.

The second twenty20 game

THE second grade team has had a mixed bag of results, with some wins and largely competitive games.

The Ships had an early day after bowling Centrals out cheaply. Leo Connolly took to the field in one last game before the AFL draft, and bowled with the new ball alongside Damien Mann, in what would have been one of the more lethal combinations in B Grade cricket history.

Young gun Josh Cope came on late in the piece and took 4-21 in a strong display. It was a classic club cricket story as Centrals was 4-11 before some consolidation saw them get to 5-48.

A tail end capitulation had Centrals all out for 59, and Traf had the chase done and dusted in 13 overs. Connolly smashed 40 not out and Mitchell Smart took a classic catch to round out a positive day.

Traf was in a winning position in the next match against Morwell but just couldn't get the job done. Chasing a gettable total, the Ships lost their way toward the end of the day but showed some good signs with under 18 players Billy Claridge and Jack Hart making 36 and 25 respectively. Christian Burgess was the most damaging with the ball, taking 3-16.

A trip up the hill to Thorpdale greeted players the next week, in what was a case of the Ships being competitive without damaging. A highlight and lowlight at the same time was Paul Connolly, who very nearly claimed a hat-trick from a catch on a hat-trick ball that appeared to stick before bobbling out.

Connolly ended the day with 4-13 and Riley White 2-13. Jasin Hopkins put the foot down with an attacking innings of 39 and Matt Hives scored 29 in the effort.

Traf was well defeated in a match against Churchill, with Christian Burgess' 31 the only knock of significance. Riley White was a shining light with the ball, taking 4-11, whilst Mann ended with 2-32.

The Ships got back on the winners list with a win over Calligee and Traralgon South (CATS), with a good all round team effort.

Bowling first, Luke O'Neill (3-14), Riley White (2-21), Christian Burgess (2-25) and Jarryd Kilday (2-31) all took wickets as CATS slumped to 5-32 before some late hitting got them to 124.

Traf legends John Asmussen and Burgess then made scores of 36 and 42, along with Hives who chipped in with 18, to win the match with relative ease.

Such was the excitement after the victory that the scorebook was left at Traralgon South.

The next game ended with Traf being 40 runs short against Mirboo North.

Bowling first, Jack Hart found some success, taking 2-23, but it was Christian Burgess who led the way, with his huge turning off spin-

ners netting figures of 6-17.

The batting effort was disappointing, with only John Asmussen's 34 able to make much of an impression.

It was a case of less said the better in the game against Willow Grove, as Traf torched a seemingly unlosable game.

The Ships made 9-121 from their allotted overs, with Damien Mann top scoring on 32.

Fred Dyke made 26 and John Asmussen 25 to also chip in.

The run chase came down to the last ball, where an overthrown game Willow Grove the three runs they needed to claim victory.

Mann with 2-18 was the best of the bowlers.

Rain came the following week to draw a tight match with Centrals.

Bowling first, Christian Burgess took 3-6 along with Damien Mann (2-15) and Dillon Clark (2-25) who also found success.

Chasing 121, Traf was 6-109 when the game was called off.

Burgess top scored with 36.

Traf came up against a strong Morwell team and was well beaten.

Wickets were shared amongst Paul Connolly (2-23), Billy Claridge (2-25) and Luke O'Neill (2-31).

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THE Thirds are enjoying their season, and have been blessed with an abundance of numbers and players wanting to have a hit.

In the match against St Vincent's some strange moments occurred, as Crinigan Rd Morwell brought out some interesting characters.

There was mass confusion as numerous white lines painted on the pitch made it hard to decipher where the crease was, resulting in a number of short runs.

Josh Vosper hit a six but continued to run regardless, whilst with the ball Craig White claimed three wickets in one over to go with four for the match.

All in all it was a match Traf really should have won, as they had St Vincent's 3-3 and then 6-41 chasing 103. Simon James top scored with 27.

It was a slog-a-thon at Traf in the next game, as the ball was dispatched to all parts of the ground against Newborough Blue.

The Ships amassed 6-259 from their 40 overs, with Billy Pace scoring 112. Mark Wynne struck some lusty blows in his 41, as did Darren Brown who scored 40. With ball in hand, the White's cleaned up, with Craig taking 3-3 and Blake 2-10.

James Pace took after his old man's efforts with the bat, taking 2-0 as the opposition was dismissed cheaply.

A win via forfeit occurred the next week, before a loss to Moe came the Ships way seven days later.

In a low scoring game, Traf was bowled out for 88 chasing 117. Fred Dyke top scored with 25, but

was bereft of any support.

The Traf bowlers performed well for the most part, with Brent Claridge taking 4-16, Doctor Kingsley Rajasingam 2-17 and Brown 2-20.

Traf reversed their previous result against St Vincent's with a strong win on the return fixture.

The team had a good crowd to cheer them toward victory over the top team.

Batting first, Billy Pace took a further step toward the league trophy with another unbeaten knock, this time making 68. Connor Dastey scored a half century and hit the ball around the ground as the Ships scored 3-185.

Out in the field Paul Connolly claimed a run out at the bowlers end after the ball deflected off his hand, whilst Mitch Walker was also lively, taking two catches, including five in one instance.

Traf sailed to victory thanks to a consistent display from all bowlers. Dennis Dyke with 2-6 and Brown with 2-26 were prevalent.

A follow up victory over Traralgon West saw Trafalgar post 8-172 from its allotted overs.

Bill Pace top scored on 33, whilst opening partner Simon James made 28.

The bowlers then got the job done, with the Ships winning by 29 runs.

Wickets went to the skilful Mark Wynne (4-29), Blake White (2-6), Brent Claridge (2-16) and Darren Brown (2-36).

Another win over Newborough Red saw Trafalgar bowl their opponents out for 107.

Connor Dastey (3-12), Mark Wynne (3-28), Brent Claridge (2-9) and Darren Brown (2-15) ensured all 10 wickets were taken.

Claridge backed up his efforts with the ball, scoring an unbeaten 34.

A close loss to Moe gave Trafalgar a good indication of what might meet them in finals.

Batting first, the Ships scored 7-141 but cost themselves due to a slow run rate at the start.

Bill Pace notched a half century, Mark Wynne made 33 and Kingsley Rajasingam made 29.

Moe got home in the final over. Wickets for Trafalgar went to Craig White (3-8), Brent Claridge (2-20) and Rajasingam (2-25).

A full report on junior cricket will appear in the next issue of Traf News. Due to deadlines, there was only one junior match to report on in each grade at the time of print.

The Trafalgar Cricket Club welcomes all new players, members and supporters. Anyone who would like to find out more is encouraged to call club secretary Liam Durkin on 0402 556 338, or join the clubs Facebook group (Trafalgar Cricket Club Ships).

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# Junior Football Coaches Appointed at Hill End

*Liam Durkin*

THE Hill End Junior Football Club committee are thrilled to announce the appointment of two of their three junior team coaches for 2020, under 12s Paul Mann and Under 14s Pete Grima.

The club are yet to fill the position of coach for under 10's. If you have, or you know of someone who has, a passion for football and are keen to engage with children and get them excited about Aussie rules footy please phone club secretary Fiona Reavley on 0408 381 971.

Your time would be greatly appreciated.

The committee welcome Pete Grima, Willow Grove local, who has been a part of both the junior and senior Hill End footy club for most of his playing career. Peter played his junior years for the club starting at age seven. He was in the final selection for Gippsland Power at aged 16. Pete played both seniors and seconds with Hill End including the seconds 2001 premiership. Pete's football career was unfortunately cut short due to an ACL

injury but took up roles coaching 4ths and 3rds for the club. He has been an assistant coach for the seniors side. Pete has experience with young aspiring footballers and cricketers for the club supporting the Auskickers and co-ordinating the Milo Cricket/Woolworths Blasters

Pete and wife Katie have two children, Jake and Isabella. The kids have both been Auskickers, which Isabella will continue for the 2020 season. Jake played for the clubs under 8's player last year and is looking to start in the

under 10's for 2020. The club are extremely lucky to have a coach with plenty of experience under his belt.

Paul Mann, club president and re-appointed Under 12s coach, is excited for the season. Paul's passion for kids to play and enjoy football with their mates is a big driver of the clubs positivity. His dedication to the club and the children is beyond measure. The club is excited to have him and is very grateful for his time and commitment.

With a great list of names for

the coming season, Paul Mann said "the club is excited about the season, with an active committee, a great culture and new families into the club the season ahead is exciting". The club prides itself on a family inclusive club. This year the club will be holding a reunion celebrating 40 years of the Junior Footy Club. The club are hoping to see as many past players as possible.

The reunion will take place at the football club on Sunday 31 May 2020 after the under 14's match. It is a home game

for Hill End against Traf. Details to follow in future editions. Any enquiries in this regard can be made through the secretary, Fiona Reavley on 0408 381 971.

The club again will have an early bird registration fee of \$80 a player (with a \$20 refund for return of helmet, jumper and footy folder) . For more information go to the club website on [www.hillendjfc.vcfl.com.au](http://www.hillendjfc.vcfl.com.au)



Paul Mann will coach the Hill End under 12s.



Pete Grima, pictured with children Jake and Isabella, will coach the Hill End under 14s this season.

## Cricket club to select teams of the decade

*Liam Durkin*

THE Trafalgar Cricket Club has formed a subcommittee to look at selecting teams of the decade.

In its more than 130 year history, the idea to selected the best XIs from various eras has been

touted before, without ever really progressing further than fantasy teams being created in the clubrooms of a Saturday night.

The subcommittee is in its very early stages and at present consists of Scott Moorhouse,

Christian Burgess, Jackson Noonan and Liam Durkin.

The four man team would like to expand to take a great deal of guesswork out of deciphering between players they either did not see or only have

vague recollections of remembering.

In selecting the teams a certain criteria will have to be established, as one has to consider a number of things such as the condition of the wickets

that players from a bygone era were exposed to, how strong the competition was and how they performed on a statistical level.

If anyone would like to join the subcommittee in selecting some of the greatest Trafalgar

Cricket Club XIs, please phone club secretary Liam Durkin on 0402 556 338.



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