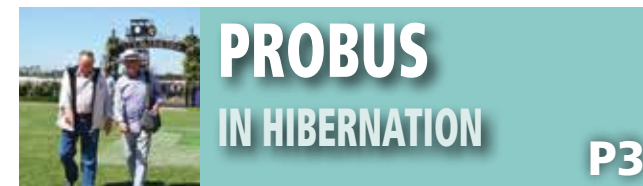


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Life Membership for Trafalgar Lions Pair

Lynne Byrne

The Trafalgar Lions Club is currently in recess, which resulted in the cancellation of the 50th anniversary luncheon that was to be held in March.

With that in mind the usual Monday morning working bee at the Lions shed was boosted by the addition of several partners, so president Trevor Byrne could present two life memberships

and a key award to Lions Brain O'Connell and Kevin Dewsbury.

Lion Brian O'Connell was presented with a life membership and in presenting the award president Trevor Byrne made note of the fact that Lion Brian (Mr Gadget) has been a hard working hands on member of the club for over 40 years. An active cyclist for many years, Brian has ridden in approximately 25

of the Lions 'Ride for Sight' charity rides. The first was a Malla-coota to Melbourne jaunt.

Lion Kevin Dewsbury was also inducted as a life member. Kevin has been a member for over 20 years, serving as president, secretary and treasurer and also serving a term as a zone chairman. Like Brian, Kevin is a very committed Lion who attends most activities conducted by the

club.

Finally, Lion Kevin Morrison was presented with his key award, for sponsoring two new members.

All Lions were very worthy of their awards.

The Lions Club celebrated these achievements with tea and coffee whilst practicing safe distancing.

Prior to the coronavirus

lockdown two Lions members attended a two day training course to become certified traffic controllers. The course was conducted at the Tyabb airstrip with 15 Lions from clubs including Yarram, Leongatha, Flinders, Trafalgar and Mt Eliza attending.

Most of the clubs are required to have traffic controllers for their farmers markets, while we have a need at our swap meet.

Firewood and kindling deliveries have commenced to the IGA supermarket with continued bagging of the firewood and kindling taking place as required.

Unfortunately, due to the present restrictions the Russ Turner Apprentice Encouragement Award of \$1000 has had to be postponed to a date to be fixed.



Lion Kevin Dewsbury is presented with his certificate of life membership by president Trevor Byrne.



Lion Brian O'Connell is presented with his certificate of life membership by president Trevor Byrne.

Flood of Messages of Love for Residents in Lockdown

Karyn O'Brien

Aged care residents at Andrews House have received a flood of messages, photos and drawings from the community to keep their spirits up during the Coronavirus lockdown.

Staff began a campaign last month called 'Make our Residents Smile' encouraging people to send messages so residents didn't feel alone during visitor restrictions.

The campaign proved a hit,

with messages of support pouring in.

West Gippsland Healthcare Group acting director of clinical operations Daniel Scholtes said all aged care facilities had closed to non-essential visitors to minimise the chance of Coronavirus entering the homes.

"Staff and residents have come up with some great ways to keep active and positive and residents are encouraged to use email and phone daily," she said.

"Children from the Yarragon Childcare Centre have been busy making pictures for residents. Staff have made a display and are reading the messages each day that come in."

West Gippsland Library, Baw Baw Shire and many community pages are sharing the campaign through social sharing platforms.

The residents have also enjoyed having their photographs

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Andrews House residents Del Knight, Joyce Miles and Win O'Brien display some of the paintings sent in from Yarragon Childcare Centre.

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Gippsland Water is reassuring customers it will continue to provide essential water and wastewater services and its priority is keeping employees and the community safe.

Managing director Sarah

Cumming said while community members may see Gippsland Water employees out and about, additional precautionary measures had been put in place.

"As an essential service provider, it's important that we continue with our work," she said.

"Customers may see our employees and contractors on the street carrying out repairs or upgrades to water and wastewater services.

"We may need to enter customers' properties to access assets such as the manhole or

water meter to complete inspections or repairs so that we can restore essential water and wastewater services.

"We're washing our hands regularly, disinfecting surfaces and maintaining a distance of at least 1.5 metres from others,"

she said.

"We're well prepared and we'll continue to supply safe drinking water and wastewater services to homes and businesses."

Ms Cumming said employees across Gippsland Water were following all recommendations.

"We're washing our hands regularly, disinfecting surfaces and maintaining a distance of at least 1.5 metres from others,"

Community Sponsorship Program Still Open

The final round of Baw Baw Shire Council's Community Sponsorship Program for the financial year is open for applications until May 3 2020.

The program provides funding support to local community events as well as to ambassadors that positively promote the Baw Baw Shire region.

Community groups are encouraged to apply for funding through the program, which has supported a number of events including those hosted by the Dr-

uin Ficifolia Festival, the Trafalgar Holden Museum and the Baw Baw Arts Alliance.

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

Baw Baw Shire Mayor Danny Goss encouraged those thinking of applying to put their hand up. "We acknowledge that events and activities aren't taking place now, however, this program gives

community groups extra time to plan for a great event when we get to the other side of this situation," he said.

"Community events and activities are some of the best things about living in Baw Baw Shire, and this program is a great way to take your event to the next level."

Community events may still be 12 months away but can still be planned for and are eligible to receive funding.

Those interested are encouraged to visit Council's Community Sponsorship webpage for full eligibility criteria and applications.

Support Measures Available to Assist All Ratepayers

Baw Baw Shire Council has introduced several support measures to financially assist ratepayers in response to the coronavirus pandemic, with further support announcements still to come.

Initial support measures include:

Extension of time: payment terms for the fourth instalment have been extended by one month, from May 31 to June 30 2020. Penalty interest will be exempt for this period.

Hardship Policy: this policy outlines options available to those facing financial hardship.

Talk to us: all residents who require additional relief are encouraged to phone council as soon as possible to check eligibility for other supports and make appropriate payment arrangements for their situation.

Pensioner Concession Card and Veterans Affairs Gold Card holders are also eligible for further rates and levy concessions through the Victorian govern-

ment.

For more information please visit <http://services.dhhs.vic.gov.au/concessions-and-benefits>

These measures are intended to assist ratepayers to spread their outgoing costs over a longer period of time and allow more time for impacted residents to access government support payments to assist with outgoing costs.

Alberts Corner

One may say the eternal mystery of the world is its comprehensibility.

— Albert Einstein





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Anzac Day marred by lockdown protest

On Anzac Day, a crowd gathered outside Trafalgar train station to protest against lockdown laws. The protesters defied current isolation laws, however a statement from police said there was no fines issued. Victoria's lockdown laws still prohibits gathering in

numbers and sporting activities such as golf, fishing and hunting (at the time of writing this article).

Protesters gather outside of Trafalgar train station, to protest Victorian lockdown laws



Probus Club in Hibernation

John Attwell

After 27 years of continuous meetings our committee took the decision to cancel all meetings and gatherings for the foreseeable future. This includes monthly meetings, walks, bus trips, and dine-outs. This was a very difficult decision because Probus is all about socializing, as our motto says 'Fun, Friendship and Fellowship' and we cannot do any of that!

The timing of the decision was interesting as it coincided with our annual caravan/cabin trip which was underway at Yarram and was the last up and close gathering of Probus members.

The trip to Yarram was very popular as we had 29 members

at the largest stage, and some had to leave early. This did not stop our members enjoying the benefits of the area and the caravan park.

There was some of the best fish and chips lunches held at Port Albert and Port Welshpool.

Our last bus trip for a while was to the Flemington racecourse, it was in splendid condition and the flower displays were magnificent. It was a great day out and one to be remembered especially in the current circumstances.

Thanks to our newsletter editor Barb Butterworth we are still in touch with all members via the monthly newsletter which is

being distributed via email or local delivery. Members can assist by sending any articles, welfare messages or other items of interest to Probians and to Barb via our email address.

We also have several new members who were to be inducted at our April meeting which unfortunately did not happen. I know that some of you have already joined in past Probus activities and will be keen to join up. We look forward to them completing the formalities soon.

To quote our newsletter editor "oh bring back our Probus days".



Corrie Koppen and Wayne Butterworth treading the turf to check the track condition at Flemington.

Work Still to be Exhibited with Baw Baw Art Alliance

Carol Monson

Like so many organisations the world over it has come as a shock to the Baw Baw Arts Alliance to find itself closing galleries and unable to run the regular workshops in the Trafalgar Artspace and Station Gallery, Yarragon.

However, members of the Baw Baw Arts Alliance have raced to make sure the public can still enjoy local artwork. Instead of viewing exhibitions on the wall in the station gallery, Yarragon, they can now be viewed online at www.bawbawartsalliance.org.au.

The first online exhibition is Carol and Russell Monson's 'Beyond the Bitumen'. This is a mix of large photographic works and textile art that are the result of some of the travels through inland Australia.

In a smaller space, normally called 'The Wall', painter Lynne Hall is exhibiting her delicate floral paintings and gentle landscapes. Some of these works can also be viewed on the Baw Baw Arts Alliance Facebook page.

Meanwhile, groups based on various art forms have set up their own spaces. The normal Fibre Friday group for example, has a closed Facebook page on which they share their current work. Expect to see their work online this month when they present a series of stitched postcards in the section of the station gallery called 'The Wall'. The general membership of the Baw Baw Arts Alliance this month will be exhibiting individual responses to the challenge of producing art from recycled objects.

While the shutdown during the COVID-19 period is difficult for most people, many artists are able to work creatively in their studios and enjoy sharing their work online. Cheryl Cook is one such artist who conducts City and Guilds courses in felt, creative textiles and embroidery. Cheryl has moved to video conferencing with all her students but meanwhile is finding time to develop her work on a City and Guilds UK Fellowship.

Cheryl's Fellowship is a very exciting one because her proposal involves an exploration of selective mordants combined with natural vegetation from Gippsland to produce clear eco prints on any type of fabric. At present Cheryl is unaware of any-

one else developing the processes she is designing. Most dyeing relies on changing the fabric but Cheryl is changing the natural materials she is using to dye a wide range of fabrics. So far she has experimented to produce over 200 samples and is now selecting the ones she will explore further over the next two years.

The artworks created as a result of her research will be displayed in the United Kingdom sometime in late 2022. However, all being well, in October, 2020, Cheryl Cook and Joan Best will exhibit their naturally dyed textile works in the West Gippsland Arts Centre.

Cheryl's work can be viewed at <http://www.artbybirdaustralia.com/>



Local artist Cheryl Cook is making the most of the isolation period.

Traf a Ghost Town

Liam Durkin

Like all regional towns, Trafalgar has been a hub of inactivity as the country continues to battle through the coronavirus pandemic.

With stage three restrictions now in place, Trafalgar has resembled a ghost town, with only a select number of in town services remaining open.

The local IGA supermarket, Trafalgar newsagent and Bendigo Bank are some of the select services still open, with all ensuring social distancing guidelines are being followed by placing markings and reminders on their premises.

Trafalgar's pharmacy is also open, with protective screens recently installed at counters to

quell the spread of germs, as well as home delivery options to make life easier for those seeking medical attention.

The towns usually bustling hospitality industry has taken a hit, with all cafes, bakeries, restaurants and drinking establishments ceasing indoor dining for the foreseeable future.

Food outlets have been operating solely in takeaway, whilst bakeries have experienced fluctuating periods of foot traffic.

Customers have been encouraged to use credit and debit cards to make purchases.

When previously it was commonplace to see groups of people congregating outside cafes after a bike ride or before setting

off for work, restrictions on social gatherings to two-people has meant this is not possible.

Hair salons were also closed for most of April, but reopened last week, much to the delight of local fashionistas.

Despite the figurative tumbleweeds blowing across Contingent Street, the desolation is in fact a good sign as residents are taking the coronavirus threat seriously and are heeding the government's message to stay at home.

As the uncertainty continues, one can only imagine how freely drinks will flow in any number of pubs, bars and clubs once it is all over.



Trafalgar has resembled a ghost town during the coronavirus pandemic.



The hospitality industry has been forced to provide a sole takeaway service.



Many local Trafalgar businesses have been forced to close due to coronavirus.

Easter weekend storm causes havoc

On Easter weekend, a storm ravaged Trafalgar with wind gusts exceeding 30km/h.

Damage was caused on Dodemaides road, where a trampoline had blown from a resident's backyard over their side gate and got tangled around the power service line

from the electricity pole to the house.

This blocked traffic on Dodemaides road, while the power company responded.

Unfortunately for the property owner, this caused significant damage to the house over box, and wiring within the house, which started a fire.

Trafalgar Fire Brigade quickly responded, extinguished the fire and monitored until the power company had arrived.

This is a timely reminder when experiencing storms and high wind gusts, to make sure items are weighted down, or out of the wind.



A trampoline found itself tangled around the power line during a gusty Easter weekend

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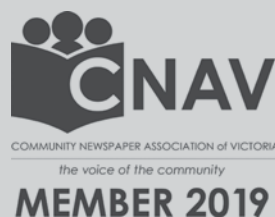
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Flood of Messages of Love for Residents in Lockdown

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taken with messages to the outside world reassuring everyone they are doing well.

“Even though the doors are shut to non-essential visitors, there are other ways to keep them open and the residents are enjoying receiving messages each day,” Mr Scholtes said.

Mr Scholtes said lifestyle staff were helping to keep residents active and healthy.

Andrews House is conducted ‘April Brighten Your Day’ activities, including Crazy Sock, Fur and Feather, Beach, and Oscars themed days.

“Our staff and residents would also like to thank the dozens of people who have sent cards, letters and flowers to cheer up residents,” Mr Scholtes said.

“The messages make a big difference to the wellbeing of the residents knowing that people are looking out for them during these difficult times.”

People who wish to send a message of cheer to Andrews House residents can email info@wghg.com.au, post to ‘Make Our Residents Smile’ (41 Landsborough Street, Warragul) or via Facebook message to @west-gippslandhospitalsupporters.



Andrews House resident Jean Webb, pictured with lifestyle coordinator Merita Rawlyk, looks forward to the daily messages sent via email and mail to residents to cheer them up during the lockdown.

Church services move to online

St Mary’s Anglican Church has had to make a number of significant changes to stop the spread of COVID 19. Our services have moved to Zoom, which is working better each week as more people learn to use the technology more effectively.

It is interesting worshipping across cyberspace with each person or family in their own living room. The more interactive style of Zoom allows for different people to contribute their gifts right across the parish.

So we will have a guitarist up in the Traf South hills, a reader from Thorpdale, someone leading prayers from Trafalgar and a kids’ talk from Yarragon. With three centers, many people did not know each other and this is already breaking down, especially when we have our community notice/notices at the end of the service.

Of course many people do not have either the technology or the skills to use Zoom, so a hard copy of the service and sermon are distributed to these people. Virtual morning teas via small group Zoom chats are good for staying connected and pastoral care as well as helping some folk feel more confident with the idea of video conferencing. If you’d like a link to a Zoom service or a virtual cuppa, please email trafalgarangican1@gmail.com

St Paul’s cathedral in Sale is

producing weekly services with a variety of clergy from the diocese preaching over the next few months. I’ll be preaching on May 3rd. These services can be accessed via the Anglican Diocese of Gippsland website or on YouTube.

All our children’s outreach programs (mainly music pre-school program, 3 after school Jaffas, our secondary aged youth group, well being courses in the local schools etc) had to conclude but we are looking at ways to maintain contact and to provide interesting activities again by technology. ‘mainly music’ is providing an at home session which I have been posting on Trafalgar mainly music facebook page.

We have also been very aware of the financial difficulties caused for some people by the economic downturn and have been busy cooking up meals for those in need. We have a number of ‘safe food handlers’ and an approved kitchen. People have been very generous donating produce.

Possibly one of the biggest changes has been the need to close the Opp Shop until the virus is under control. People in the wider community can help with this by storing their most saleable donations until we are again able to open the doors for this most appreciated service.

Nothing Going at Latrobe Valley Fields Naturalists

Latrobe Valley Field Naturalists Club general meetings have been cancelled until further notice.

Cr Darren WALLACE East Ward Councillor Baw Baw Shire

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Along with everyone else, the Trafalgar and District Historical Society has been put on hold. Members are working from home where possible to continue the work of cataloguing material and recording items and information from our collection. Most of our members are in the vulnerable age group and so are self-isolating as directed.

This is an ideal time to be sorting through memorabilia, so if you come across anything relating to the history of Trafalgar and surrounding district, please consider holding on to

it until this is all over.

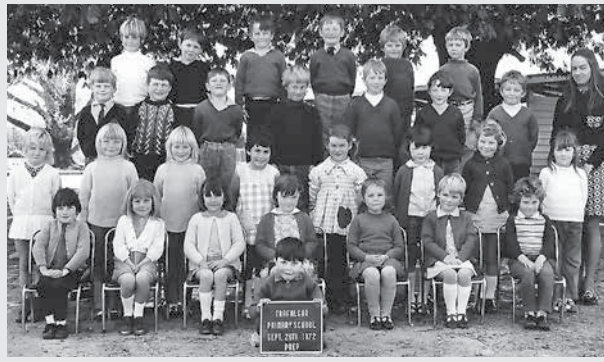
Photos from the past always create a lot of interest so because I happen to have these photos in my own collection, I thought it might be interesting to share them with you all to see how many faces you recognise and which of those are now prominent members of our community!

Email names to ireland-properties@dcsi.net.au or phone Dianne 0439 655 172.

Until our lives get back to what will be a new normal for us, may you all stay safe and well.



Trafalgar Primary School 1971 prep class. Notice any faces?



Trafalgar Primary School 1972 prep class. Where are they now?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Traf News is congratulated

Traf News is to be congratulated on publishing its monthly newspaper during the current COVID-19 pandemic.

The paper was established in 1999 with its first edition in October of that year after five months of planning by a number of locals, with its overall aim to inform and unite the Trafalgar community so that the voice of the community was not lost.

A community newspaper such as ours is particularly important in times such as now.

The purpose of the paper was two-fold, and remains so.

First, it is to inform the Trafalgar community of the activities that are happening within the community. This is particularly important for those who are not active within the community for whatever reason as it ensures our residents remain cognisant of life within Trafalgar.

It is equally important at times such as now with everyone affected by COVID-19, whether it is through loss of work, closure of business, or lack of normal life through physical and social distancing.

Second, it is a historical document as future generations will gain knowledge of life in Trafalgar at various times during its existence.

Generations down the track will be able to see how Trafalgar has changed over the years, with the activities and issues that interested contemporary residents dominating the pages.

Indeed, Trafalgar Historical Society’s regular article, Remember When, compiled by the society’s stalwart, Jack McDonald, now records information on Trafalgar from Traf News’ early days two decades ago.

The paper is now producing both contemporary and historical news, thus achieving its twofold purpose in each publication.

We should therefore tell our current readers and those future generations of our COVID-19 experiences. The best way to do this is to contribute to this paper, whether you are a community

organisation, business or individual.

The current period whereby each of us is affected by COVID-19 will be of particular interest to future generations.

Finally, I thank Traf News’ editorial and management committees for their commitment to the Trafalgar community.

It is encouraging that when the editors, Mark Walshe and Liam Durkin decided to continue publishing during the current period, the management committee led by John Freyne, actively supported his editorial team, and together, they developed processes to ensure the Trafalgar community remains informed.

Mick Bourke - Trafalgar

Dear Editor,

Some people like to think that Coronavirus has made climate change go away. The reality is that when a vaccine becomes available in at most 18 months time, the pandemic will end as suddenly as it started, just like Ebola did.

But the world will not suddenly cool. Her remedy for Australia to become self sufficient in far more goods is one most people share, but powering this effort with more fossil fuels will not bring us there.

When the wholesale cost of wind and solar are about half the cost as new coal fired power would be and about a third the price of gas, then the economics only point to renewables with storage options, such as pumped hydro. Having more renewables in the system will also take the pressure off to drill for gas on Victorian farmland and thus preserve our clean green image that give premium prices for our farm produce.

This is in view of the lifting of the moratorium on gas drilling on Victorian farms. Surely it is best to look to technology that does not compromise our farmers and works passively with nature rather than look back to the dirty carbon intensive technology of the past.

Dan Caffrey, Traralgon

Gippsland Bushfire Appeal Raises \$10.4 Million For Those in Need

The Gippsland Emergency Relief Fund’s 2020 Gippsland Bushfire Appeal closed on March 20, 2020, bringing to an end the company’s biggest fundraising effort to date.

Gippsland Emergency Relief Fund (GERF) president John Mitchell made the announcement about the bushfire appeal closure, which ends a two and a half month campaign.

“The 2020 GERF appeal has received outstanding support within the region, all states and indeed from many countries from around the globe,” he said.

“We’d like to sincerely thank all of the businesses, ethnic and community groups, organisations, families and individuals who have so generously given their time, money and extraordinary support to help our East Gippsland communities in their time of need.

“This is by far the biggest response we’ve ever seen to a GERF appeal.”

Mr Mitchell said the decision to end the appeal was based on confirmation that most of the property impact assessments had now been completed by the East Gippsland Shire Council.

“This means that GERF can

now proceed to disburse the remaining funds,” he said.

GERF has also allocated at least \$1 million for fencing and fodder assistance to impacted farmers in East Gippsland.

Discussions are currently underway with Bushfire Recovery Victoria and relevant government agencies, East Gippsland Shire Council, BlazeAid and the Victorian Farmers Federation to ensure a coordinated assistance program is developed and agreed.

Mr Mitchell said about \$9 million of the \$10.4 million raised had already been distributed to more than 2060 families or residents in East Gippsland.

“Of the \$10.4 million raised, \$2.5 million was received and distributed on behalf of the Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund and the Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Community Enterprise Foundation,” he said.

Mr Mitchell said this partnering arrangement with the Victoria Bushfire Appeal entity was welcomed by the GERF executive and this has enabled the Victorian Bushfire Appeal Funds to be quickly distributed and it, of course, avoided duplication of effort.

Mr Mitchell said the donation distribution process would continue.

“We’re confident that all affected residents who have been referred for GERF support and met the criteria have received emergency financial assistance,” he said.

“The outstanding appeal response has meant that GERF has been able to make supplementary payments to those most severely impacted.”

For example, for all principal places of residence totally lost in the fires, a payment of \$17,500 has now been paid.

GERF is a charity organisation established in 1978 and is operated by a small group of local volunteers, providing cash donations to help Gippslanders affected by natural disasters to access immediate requirements like food, accommodation and clothing.

For more information, visit www.gerf.org.au or follow the Gippsland Emergency Relief Fund on Facebook.

No Activity at Strzelecki Bushwalking Club

Joanne Leviston

The Try Bushwalking program by Strzelecki Bushwalking Club has been postponed due to the current restrictions put in place by federal

and state governments, and also on advice from Bushwalking Victoria.

The club has also cancelled all activities and meetings until at least the end of June 2020. For

further information get in touch with Jo at publicity@sbwc.org.au, or visit our website or Facebook page.



Strzelecki Bushwalking Club, pictured during a walk in Boolarra State Forest, has put all walks on hold until the end of next month.



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Online Kindergarten Applications Now Open

Kindergarten applications for 2021 are now open for first-round offers until June 30 2020.

Parents and guardians can complete the quick and convenient kinder application forms online on Baw Baw council’s website without any need to visit a Council Customer Service Centre.

Online forms are available for:

- Expressions of interest (available from 18 months old);
- 3-year-old kinder enrolments for 2020 and 2021 and;
- 4-year-old kinder enrolments for 2020 and 2021.

Online applications are available for 14 local community kindergartens currently part of the Central Enrolment process managed by council, namely:

- Oak Street Kindergarten, Drouin
- Drouin Kindergarten
- Drouin Primary School Early Learning Centre
- Erica Pre-School
- Longwarry Pre-School
- Trafalgar Kindergarten
- Thorpdale and District Kindergarten
- Grace Berglund Kindergarten, Warragul
- Warragul Community Pre-School
- St Andrews Kindergarten, Warragul
- Warragul Primary Early Learning Centre
- Willow Grove Kindergarten
- Yarragon Early Learning Centre
- Mary Beck Pre-School, Neer-

im South
Online enrolments are currently being accepted for 2020 and 2021 enrolments.

Although kindergarten open days are currently postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, parents and guardians are encouraged to apply to make sure they are included in the first round of allocations. The open days will be rescheduled to later in the year when the restrictions are no longer in place.

For more information about kinder enrolments or to access the online applications forms, please visit www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/Kinders

Drain lid collapse leaves dangerous hole

A drain lid managed to break apart, on the footpath along the Princes Hwy, outside the Shell Service Station. Quick thinking staff at the servo, filled the hole with some wooden boards, and put tape around to help people see it and avoid anyone getting hurt.

To make it easy and therefore encouraging communities to report on incidents there is a smart phone app called Snap Send Solve.

The phone app makes it easier and more efficient for local councils and other responsible authorities to act on the reports.

Free to download from the

App Store and Google Play, and available online, Snap Send Solve eliminates the complexity of knowing where and how to report incidents on the spot by enabling users to capture and send

photos of issues that need attention - from cracked pavements and dumped rubbish to water faults to councils and a range of other authorities.



A drain lid collapsed on the footpath near the Shell Service Station

Innovation During Crisis Leading to Business Startups

Startup Gippsland alumni are responding to the impacts of the coronavirus with innovation in their businesses. With job lay offs, self isolation, school closures and remote working thrown into the mix, good ideas are needed more than ever.

Startup Gippsland seeks leaders to take their emerging business ideas and create new value for their families and the region.

For Erin Lord and Steve McLaren, co-founders of Aeromedical Solutions, they saw a gap their business could help with during their time working for the Royal Flying Doctors Service.

Aeromedical Solutions is a brokerage service that arranges medical repatriation to both interstate and international clients who have become ill or injured. Since launching their business in 2019 with the support and education from the Startup Gippsland Program, Aeromedical Solutions now have access to 100 partners globally.

Recently, Aeromedical So-

lutions was involved in the extraction of New Zealand residents from the Diamond Princess cruise ship. Given that most commercial airlines wouldn’t take the passengers, they sourced their own team of flight attendants, captains and medical escorts from Perth, Melbourne and Sydney to fly the passengers in a private jet home to Auckland.

Annebelle van Tongeren from Fern and Frost is also a Startup Gippsland alumnus, and has recently launched virtual yoga and meditation classes to replace her face-to-face business.

To help businesses stay relevant, and inspire Gippsland leaders to take action, Startup-Gippsland is showcasing stories of innovation and opportunity in challenging times, as a way to shed a positive light on current events.

Keep an eye on the Startup Gippsland website and social media platforms to hear more stories of innovation and creation from ambitious entrepreneurs and past alumni of the

program.

Startup Gippsland was first established in 2019 to support entrepreneurs in Gippsland to develop, launch and scale their businesses. The success of Startup Gippsland in 2019 has allowed for the exciting expansion of the program in 2020, and this year will see the program delivered to all six shires of the Gippsland region, which allows for an additional 30 new startups and businesses being

supported.

Given the current circumstances, the program’s content is adaptable to ensure it is relevant and can support the current business landscape and challenges.

Applications for the 2020 Startup Gippsland Program are now open. Apply at www.startupgippsland.com.au or email hello@startupgippsland.com.au for more information.



A virtual yoga class has been established thanks to assistance from Startup Gippsland

Scholarship Program to Benefit Local Students

Stephanie Paul

Trafalgar and District Community Bank Branch announced last month that two local students, Karla Hobson and Grace Judd, were the successful recipients of its annual Scholarship Program.

The program exists to improve access to tertiary education for local young people and will supplement the study costs of both Karla and Grace as they embark on their first year of a Bachelor of Nursing degree at Deakin University and a Bachelor of Fine Arts at Federation University respectively.

Subject to academic performance, the scholarship may be renewed to further support both students in the second year of their studies.

Trafalgar and District Community Bank branch chair Christine Holland said the Trafalgar and District Community Bank Branch Scholarship Program was launched by the branch to help support local students to achieve their academic dreams.

"An investment in education yields great long-term dividends

and by helping young people gain access to tertiary education, the returns to the student, their families and the local community are significant," Ms Holland said.

"Since 2012, the Community Bank in Trafalgar has provided more than \$144,000 in scholarship funding to local students and it's a program we're extremely proud of.

"Our Community Bank Branch Scholarship Program is a transformative scheme which changes the lives of local students, strengthens communities for the long term and is a tangible example of the benefits that can result for local communities when they choose to bank with

us.

"Our young people are our future and we believe they deserve the best support possible, so they can concentrate on building their fledgling careers and achieving their dreams."

The Trafalgar and District Community Bank Scholarship is part of the Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Scholarship Program, which partners with Community Bank branches, Rural Bank and The University of Melbourne.

For further information please phone Trafalgar and District Community Bank Branch on (03) 5633 2783 or visit www.bendigobank.com.au/scholarships.



Grace Judd and Karla Hobson received scholarships from Trafalgar and District Community Bank last month to assist with their tertiary education.

St Joseph's Learning From Everywhere

Patricia Mulqueen

The St Joseph's Primary School community has jumped on board with remote learning. Families have been encouraged to set up an appropriate area at home for children to continue learning. Sometimes the family dining table or home office area is being used, one student has even created a mobile learning desk so that she can move it to where she wants each day.

The teachers send out weekly learning plans electronically

to the students and the teachers check in with the families to monitor and direct the learning. Learning packs with appropriate resources were distributed before the school holidays. Each student was gifted an artist's sketch pad and greylead to encourage drawing. The students are enjoying the extra time for creativity.

To lift spirits and keep the community connected, the staff created and distributed their own video clip to the song 'I

Feel Better When I'm Dancin' by Meghan Trainor. The reaction to the video clip was positively overwhelming.

A spokesperson from the school said "the video clip brightened everyone's day. We have also encouraged the students to produce and share their own video clip. We may as well have fun learning at home."

There is no doubt that 'We Are In This Together' so we may as well make the best of this opportunity.



St Joseph's Primary School student Ayla Farrell has set up a mobile learning station.



Grade six student Matt Balfour working from his home desk.



Foundation student Pippa Dillger makes the most of home learning.



The Wilbelms kids learning at home, pictured are Ember, Inara and Xander.



Adelle and Hayley Sayer work from home.



Senior teachers James Simon, Taryn Maxwell-Garratt and Will Troy plan for remote learning.



Chaise Hicks gets creative at home learning.

Vox Pop – How restrictions affect our local business

Marjorie O'Donnell

Di Brock – CGC Brock

How are you maintaining contact with your members/employees during this isolation period?
Social Distancing

If you are using any on-line networking for work are there any notable moments you may have had during that conferencing?
We didn't have any audio with Zoom so still used landline.

Kevin Gracie – Gracies Bakery

How are you maintaining contact with your members/employees during this isolation period?
We are still working as an essential service nothing has changed with our contact with employees

If you are using any online

WhatsApp has been great

What activities had to be deferred to a later date?
Birthday celebrations, weddings, family gatherings, travel.



networking for work are there any notable moments you may have had during that conferencing?
N/A

What activities had to be deferred to a later date?
Closing of the cafe earlier than usual

What can the community do to assist you?

Support local businesses



Gary Jenkins – Trafalgar True Value Hardware

How are you maintaining contact with your members/employees during this isolation period?
Via Facebook, email and phone

If you are using any on-line networking for work are there any notable moments you may have had during that conferencing?
N/A

What activities had to be deferred to a later date?
N/A



What can the community do to assist you?
Keep shopping local, via, Facebook or phone

Sue Carpenter – Thyme Out Cafe

How are you maintaining contact with your members/employees during this isolation period?
Re-arranged shop. Put counter at front. Customers only allowed to stand in front of shop and counter when paying. All other access blocked off. Employees serving

If you are using any online networking for work are

there any notable moments you may have had during that conferencing?
N/A

What activities had to be deferred to a later date?
All committee meetings and catering jobs deferred

What can the community do to assist you?
Keep doing what they are doing. They have been great support us



Kevin – Edcomp IT Services

How are you maintaining contact with your members/employees during this isolation period?
Customers by remote support and phone calls. Employees by phone and emails
If you are using any online networking for work are

there any notable moments you may have had during that conferencing?
N/A

What activities had to be deferred to a later date?
Not urgent things. Home visits where possible
What can the community do to assist you?
Ring or email before coming in to shop



Virtual School For Students

Staff at Trafalgar High School have been working with education authorities and school teams to support students who have transitioned into flexible and remote learning for term two.

The situation is non ideal but it has become a necessity as the country continues to battle the COVID-19 crisis.

Trafalgar High School principal Jane Mersey said arrangements had been made to ensure students were given the best opportunity to learn and develop.

"With the planning that has occurred we do feel as though we are well prepared in supporting our students and families with the delivery of learning and teaching online," Ms Mersey said.

"We appreciate how unsettling the last few weeks have been for students, in particular for our senior students, our families and our community."

Work for students in years seven to 10 has been created as learning tasks on the online management tool 'Compass', while a range of software is being used to support Victorian Certificate of Education students to continue their unit one and unit three studies.

Victorian Premier Daniel Andrews message of "students who can learn from home must learn at home" has been emphasised to the school community and the majority of school staff will be working remotely as well.

"At Trafalgar High School the principal team and a skeleton staff will remain at school for the purpose of ongoing leadership and coordination of our learning and teaching online program," Ms Mersey said.

St Paul's Anglican Grammar School has gone down a similar path, thanks to its own tried and tested online learning management system, 'MyStPauls', which has already been used extensively at secondary levels since 2016 and from prep to year six

for over 12 months.

To ensure that students get the very best from an online education in these unprecedented times, St Paul's has implemented a number of innovative practices and ideas, which has enabled year 12 students to complete term one learning and assessments online through MyStPauls, regardless of the state government's decision to end term one early.

The MyStPauls platform was specifically chosen for its ability to allow students to interact in an eLearning environment. In the weeks succeeding the end of term, St Paul's staff added the use of video and video conferencing to their learning and teaching repertoire, doing so with great enthusiasm for the possibilities offered; not the least of which is comfort offered to students by 'seeing' teachers and classmates in a virtual environment.

St Paul's principal Cameron Herbert praised the technological advances of modern society.

"From ELC to year 12, our St Paul's quality education will not be compromised by online learning," he said.

"We know that as we move into the future a quality education will continue to be the best gift any parent can give their child.

"Every year of a child's education is an important developmental stage and we will continue to make sure that these milestones and achievements are met.

"The commitment of our St Paul's community to quality education has never been in doubt and our shared values will see us through this period as well."

St Paul's taching staff are adjusting individual student programs as required and are supporting children emotionally, as well as academically.

To monitor the wellbeing of students in this new learning environment, regular wellbeing surveys are being held online and any school pastoral issues

identified from these surveys are being quickly followed up by pastoral care staff.

Students are facing many challenges in this period of on-line learning and virtual social contact, and pastoral care staff are reaching out to any students who find the online environment challenging.

An online school day is following a similar structure to that of a classroom; from a morning message outlining the day for junior students; to the marking of rolls at secondary.

Instrumental teachers are prepared to conduct individual and group lessons online, as is the St Paul's Academy of Music. In addition, St Paul's staff are currently working hard to adapt many other co-curricular activities to ensure students continue to benefit from this vital part of the St Paul's offering.

"St Paul's has a significant role to play for our students and families and we take this responsibility seriously," Mr Herbert said.

"Times of adversity strengthen us and positive opportunities for growth arise. Our confidence and genuine optimism for the future will help our students adapt to the changes they face and heighten their adaptability, creativity and resilience."

In a true case of Murphy's Law, remote learning got off to the worst possible start for students in Trafalgar, as the power went out for half an hour on the first morning of virtual classes.



Trafalgar High School acting assistant principal Jack Brown is working with teachers of year seven to 10 students in their online learning.



Trafalgar High School Chaplain Belinda Pugliese has been preparing social opportunities for students online.



Accessing their morning school messages are St Paul's Secondary School students Zac, Tully and Kaelan Loomes.



Students returned to class but there was no pick up at Trafalgar High School on the first day of term two last month.

the water quality and visibility in Licola so canoeing was taken off the activity list, but there was a huge range of adventure activities to engage the young students starting their high school journey.



Angus Carlson supervising the camp dog.



Ready for the high ropes are Sharna Gillies, Hunter O'Neil, Ben Hagley, Caleb Wilson, Will McGrath, Isaac Caroleo and Molly Vosper.

Youth Centre Plans for Rest of 2020

Wombat Lyons

In early April the Trafalgar Youth Resource Centre committee met via ZOOM to make some clear plans for services in 2020.

Above all, to make plans that offer the best outcomes to our young people, community and volunteers.

A one on one mentoring program where a volunteer mentor meets with a young person in the community was suspended in early March.

The committee has decided that in all cases at this time until school returns to full on site delivery for all students, it will remain suspended and we expect this to be the case in term three.

David 'Wombat' Lyons and Dorothy Hoare OAM as program managers considered encouraging online or phone based meetings, but considering the child safety legislation aspects, this is not to occur at this time.

"If school returns earlier, we will let you, the community, know that one on one mentoring can return earlier," Dorothy explained in her email to volunteers.

The committee will review if remote learning continues in term three for Victorian Students.

The Thursday morning weekly program over term four with year seven students and term one for the next year with the same students now in year eight, the 2019-20 program was suspended with only one week of this program to run, due to the community health response that was occurring around COVID-19.

"Our plan is, in term four 2020, to hold the celebration for our volunteers and the young people," Dorothy said.

Ensuring that young people "will still get to race their Billy carts", a construction project they had worked on with the volunteers as part of this mentoring session in January and

February.

For the next group of the program described above to be run in 2020-21, will have a delayed start but is still expected to run in term four 2020.

It is one of the few offerings of the Trafalgar Youth Resource Centre that is expected to run as normal. Dorothy has committed that the Youth Centre team will work with the school and review as needed.

The outcome of the Monday evening 2020 group was the hardest call to make.

Dorothy's email to volunteers read as the Trafalgar Youth Resource Centre will not run a program in 2020.

The program groups youth aged 12 years and older with a mentor for a dinner time gathering. One pairing cooks the evening meal for that week while others complete project work.

It is a popular program and is one of the longest running at the Trafalgar Youth Resource Centre.

"We did consider a delayed start but with the uncertainty to when community based group meetings might be advised to return and with our 2020 fundraising significantly impacted, the call has been made not to run in 2020," Dorothy said.

The committee has committed to a normal time line resumed in the new year and the committee will work to keep our Monday



Judith Lyons, a Monday night volunteer and training instructor for the Trafalgar Youth Resource Centre and program manager Dorothy Hoare OAM, are working through an uncertain time for Trafalgar Youth Resource Centre.



Thursday program participants did 10 minutes of tai chi as part of each session in January and February. Pictured are instructor Lynne Byrne (front), Mitchell Sexton, Kittikawin Kukkong Ukkong, Robyn Maxwell, Michael Brennan, Trevor Bottoms (obscured), Caleb Ronalds and William Bremner.

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Flying fox, high ropes course, giant swings, archery, rock climbing and campfire cooking were among the activities, with lots of relaxed time including



Toby McCabe talks Drazic Rosse though a low ropes challenge.

swimming in the pool and jumping on the trampolines that are part of the Lions Club campsite.

While fun and adventure are key elements of the camp, its true aim is to foster connections



Juddson Ryan works to pull himself through the Tyre challenge in the obstacle course.

volunteers engaged as well as fundraising in the later part of 2020 towards this program.

In terms of fundraising our IGA barbecues wont be occurring at this time as all can understand, but we continue our plans to have a garage sale as part of the town wide monster garage sale day in October.

If you have items you can donate to that garage sale, please phone David Wombat Lyons on 0409 015 662. The good thing is, if the garage sale needs to be delayed, it's easy to store items till new dates.

We have been lucky to have a strong relationship with the Trafalgar OPP Shop and encourage the community support of their store which assists our programs as well as the West Gippsland Health Care Groups projects at Andrews House.

Our partnership with West Gippsland Healthcare and the Trafalgar High School also allows us to access valuable in kind support allowing our 100 per cent volunteer program to remain strong.

We are working hard to seek and recruit new volunteers at this time, and we will use online methods to interview and train these volunteers.

Those interested can get in touch via our Facebook Page or calling David on the number above.



Charlie Vardon Phillips takes her shot at archery.

Dealing with COVID-19 as a Community

Dr Michael Kunze and Dr Pete Verbeek

It is an understatement to say that Coronavirus has and will continue to have a profound and lasting effect on us as individuals and as a community.

Now, more than ever, we must band together to flatten the curve, protect life and ease the pressure on our healthcare system.

Our leaders are very clear: if you can stay at home you must stay at home.

Social distancing will save lives and everyone needs to comply with the restrictions in place to keep yourself, your loved ones and the whole community safe.

Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses that cause respiratory infections. This coronavirus disease known as COVID-19 is an infectious disease caused by a previously unrecognised virus. It was first reported in December 2019 in Wuhan City, China, and has now been reported in 209 countries and territories.

The disease causes respiratory illness (like the flu) with symptoms such as a cough, fever, a sore throat, loss of taste or smell, fatigue or tiredness, muscle aches, diarrhoea and shortness of breath. For most people it is a self-limiting disease, but in a small but significant percentage it can be very serious, and even fatal.

The virus can spread from person to person through:

- Close contact with an infectious person;
 - Contact with droplets from an infected person's cough or sneeze, and;
 - Touching objects or surfaces that have droplets from an infected person, and then touching your mouth or face.
- Sadly, unlike influenza there is no existing immunity in our community to COVID-19, which means it can spread widely and quickly.

What is Flattening the Curve?

We have all heard of "flattening the curve" but what exactly does that mean?

In a nutshell, it means slowing how fast the virus moves through the community. The steeper the curve (the mountain peak), the quicker the spread of the virus.

The flatter it is, the slower the spread. By flattening the curve, we reduce the stress on health services and increase the opportunity to save lives.

Despite there being an enormous amount of scientific work and testing, there remains no cure or vaccination. This means we will live with this virus until such time that a clinically safe vaccination becomes available.

There are a number of things that we can do to "flatten the curve" all relating to limiting the opportunity for the virus to be transmitted from person to person. We must all adopt social distancing measures such as:

- Staying home, unless it is absolutely necessary to leave for an essential purpose;
- Staying 1.5 metres away from others;
- Avoiding public places and unnecessary gatherings, no more than two people;
- Covering your nose and mouth if you sneeze or cough;
- Practising good hygiene, wash your hands often;
- Not touching your eyes, nose or mouth;
- Staying at home if you are sick, and;
- Isolating infected or exposed people.

Personally, we've been impressed at how everyone in Trafalgar has been working hard to stick to these rules.

A new way of providing care

At Trafalgar Medical we have implemented a number of initiatives to inform the public and keep patients safe. We have started a Trafalgar Medical Facebook page which provides regular updates to our patients and the broader community. You can find the link on our website, please follow us and share the page.

We have changed all consults to initially being by telephone or video. This includes the psychologists at Trafalgar Primary Care. It is important to note that this does not mean we are not offering face-to-face consults. If your doctor decides you need a physical examination you will be offered an

'in-clinic' appointment and given further instruction as to how you can prepare for your appointment and access the building.

For videoconferencing we are using a new platform called 'Healthdirect', there is a link to our virtual waiting room on the front page of our website or under "Telehealth." If you use this option, patients must be using one of these web browsers: Google Chrome, Apple Safari 12+, Mozilla Firefox or Microsoft Edge. Devices that are compatible with Healthdirect include Windows PC, Apple Mac, Android tablet or smartphone or an Apple iPhone or iPad. So far, we've found this to be a stable and secure way of getting to see patients.

Trafalgar Medical has also been conducting drive-thru flu vaccination clinics in our staff carpark. We are busily working through our patient lists and inviting patients to attend the drive-thru clinics. Essentially, this means you are given a time to attend the clinic where the flu vaccination is administered while you sit in your car. You are then asked to park and wait for 15 minutes, until advised that it is safe for you to drive home following no adverse reaction to the injection. Our nurses have been incredible in getting these running, and we greatly appreciate the work that Lyn, Libby, Elle and Krystal have been doing.

In the car park you will also see a tent, which has been kindly lent to us from the Lions Club of Moe. This is to protect those who are waiting outside from the elements and to adhere to social distancing recommendations.

Our industry partners that work at Trafalgar Primary Care continue to provide allied health and imaging services, albeit with some changes in keeping with the social isolation policies. These services are essential to promoting health and reducing demand on other organisations. We value their work immensely. If you need an appointment please call Trafalgar Primary Care on 5633 2986.

What can you do to help?

At Trafalgar Medical we are

extremely proud of our team and their commitment to providing primary care services. We want to do a special call out to our doctors, nurses, administration, cleaners and industry partners and thank them for continuing to work during the pandemic.

They know that they are at a higher risk of being exposed to COVID-19 by the nature of their work, and yet they have been unflinching in their dedication to providing ongoing care to the town. We appreciate the kind words and support shown to us by patients and the community.

We ask that people be patient when trying to phone the clinic as almost all our interaction is via the phone and there are times when the increased load leads to blockages. Our reception staff are dealing with lots of questions and concerns, and are doing their best to find suitable options for everybody. Ruth, Ellie, Kerry, Katrina and Cathy have all been working tirelessly. Thank you for your understanding and we look forward to when Christine and Kayla are able to re-join the team.

This is a completely new way of delivering general practice services. There is no doubt that some things are more challenging or take longer to do when patients are not physically sitting in front of you. We're trying our hardest, and we're grateful for your help with this.

Right now, we all have a role as global citizens, here are a few ideas in how you can support your family, friends and our community:

- Write a letter, leave a note or get your children to draw a picture and send it to the Andrews House Nursing Home, or to other people who might be feeling isolated. For people who wish to send a message of cheer to Andrews House residents you can email info@wghg.com.au or post to "Make Our Residents Smile" at 41 Landsborough Street Warragul VIC 3820 or via Facebook message to @westgippsland-hospitalsupporters.
- Shop responsibly, only buy items that you need and don't

stockpile essential items.

- Support local businesses, such as purchasing take-away meals from local cafes or restaurants.
- Offer to pick up groceries or walk pets, especially for those who are older people or not well.
- Look after your own health. While we're all talking about COVID-19, the other health challenges we face haven't gone away. Now might be a great time to stop smoking or to start an exercise program. If you have a chronic condition such as high blood pressure or diabetes please continue to manage it and get checked.
- And please get a flu vaccination. We can prevent the impact and spread of influenza through vaccination – something we're grateful for every day.

As this is a rapidly changing and evolving situation please keep an eye on the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) webpage and alerts from the Chief Health Officer.

Looking out for yourself and each other

Our mental health is likely to suffer in these times. Remaining connected to our community and checking in with your family and friends is important.

Here are some other suggestions to help you cope:

- Don't panic. Remain calm and follow advice from our government.
- Know that life will return to normal.
- Be proactive in your self-care. Consider making a plan about how you will address these challenges.
- Be creative in how you connect with people and enjoy social activities from a distance.
- Check in by phone or video-conference to see how people are going, especially those who are older, sick, isolated, or have a mental health condition.
- Share books, toys, games, rec-

ipes, tools, and music.

- Eat healthy and stay physically active (with people in your household!).
- Maintain a daily routine. Get out of bed at a regular hour, and structure your day. Don't forget to make it fun and involve children and other members of your household where you can.
- Find opportunities to amplify positive or hopeful stories.
- Give children extra attention and reassurance.
- Stay informed, but don't obsess. We've seen quite a few patients who are finding it harder to sleep after watching late night news bulletins. Consider limiting your exposure to social media or news if it is making you feel anxious or distressed. And use only reputable sources and check at designated times of the day.
- Be kind and patient! Supermarket workers, delivery staff, healthcare workers and other essential personnel are exhausted and are trying their best to support our community.

And if you're struggling, please reach out. There is help available through friends, family, community groups, churches, and our health services.

Lastly, if you think you may have Coronavirus symptoms, immediately self-isolate and then phone your GP or the Hotline on 1800 675 398 before you attend a clinic or a hospital Emergency Department.

Please stay safe, adhere to social distancing and be kind to yourself and your loved ones. Like you, we're looking forward to the day when we can see you down the street and greet you warmly with a handshake or a hug.

Trafalgar Medical has appointments available every day and are taking new patients. Please call 5633 2211 to make an appointment or book an appointment online via our website www.trafmc.com.au



Nurse Krystal attending to patients in the tent at Trafalgar Medical.



Nurse practitioner Elle giving a vaccination.



Trafalgar Medical receptionists Katrina, Eloise and Kerry have been doing a great job in extremely difficult circumstances.





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

The Trafalgar & Yarragon News, May 1930

8 May – Girls in Training

Quite a large crowd of girls in Trafalgar started training last week – in the art of deportment and folk dancing etc.

Miss Pat Dwyer is the instructor, and the class will undoubtedly receive benefit from her tuition. Some of the actions are graceful – at least they will be later on. A few “giggles” are inevitable for the first stage – and a few groans too, as stiff muscles sometimes give a nasty twinge.

But the classes will do the young ladies a lot of good, and the innovation here is sure to be popular. A public demonstration later on should attract a big crowd.

Scouts Grand Revival

The interest and attendance at the Trafalgar Boy Scouts’ meetings of late is reminiscent of pre-war days, when the Troop was so powerful.

At the recent meeting on Monday last the attendance was excellent with 35 lads answering the roll call.

Returned Soldiers Meeting

Two vital meetings of all returned soldiers, whether members of the League or not, are called for at Trafalgar and Thorpdale.

An urgent meeting will be held in the Trafalgar Memorial Hall to deal with the welfare of all returned men, and the Federal Government’s proposed policy not to give absolute preference to returned men. Members of the League consider that there is a grave danger of the withdrawal of all soldiers’ privileges, such as soldier settlement, war service homes, etc.

The Gippsland News, May 1960

5 May – Polocrosse Premiership

On Saturday last the final of the Polocrosse was played at the Trafalgar ground between the Trafalgar Blues and Warragul Greens, and resulted in a win for Trafalgar by 19 goals to 13.

Trafalgar team were: Ron Jolly,

D. Cowan, Alex Templeton, Don Green, Ted O’Meara and Lindsay Martin.

Golf Opening Day

Fifty-two members, including several first year players, turned out for the first competition for 1960 at the local links on Saturday. President Doug. Hasthorpe created a “new” course record of 78.

The influx of new members is very gratifying and all members are requested to assist the new players where they possibly can.

May 12 – Trafalgar Butter Best

Butter from Peters Trafalgar factory won the coveted Victorian Shield for the third occasion, and for the second time in succession, in the 1960 Victorian Butter and Cheese competitions.

No other factory or brand of butter has ever won the Shield on three different occasions. Peters won it in 1947, 1959 and 1960.

The Trafalgar factory also won the Grand Aggregate for the highest aggregate score in five separate classes.

In the same class, the Company’s Yarragon factory gained second place. “These awards confirm the value of the efforts being made by this Company to ensure that it manufactures a consistently high quality butter for all markets”.

Bowling Club Wind-Up Evening

Although weather conditions were anything but pleasant, a good crowd of members, associates and visitors attended the wind-up and presentation night of the Trafalgar Bowling Club held in the club-rooms on Friday last.

Opportunity was also taken to tender a send-off to Mr and Mrs Bob Munro. During the evening dancing and games were enjoyed to music provided by Mrs R. Madicks at the piano.

May 26 – Apprentices Win Awards

Local apprentices to win awards at the Apprentice Award Night, (for those who attend night classes at the Warragul Technical School) held in the RSL Hall, Warragul included the following: Trafalgar – Colin Bilston, Bill Quigley and Keith Wallace. Yarragon –

Robert Stott.

“News” Advertisers In 1960

Trafalgar Lending Library – J. Woods, East-Way Auto Service – J.B. Dillon, Tates Trafalgar Garage, Funeral Director – H.E. Nelson, W.A. Purvis Stores,

Apples – Pietsch Bros., Chinese Herbalist – L.H. Lim, Chemist – J.H. Weymouth,

Butchers – N.L. Wagner, L.E. Giles, Atkin & Standing, Auctioneers – R.R. & H.C. Jolly, Gippsland & Northern, Victorian Producers, Elder-Smith, T.V. – J.R. Blacker, Irrigation Equipment – T. Laybourne, Footwear – H. Allen, Electrical – W.A. Tullo, Veterinary Surgeons – Southgate & Carter, Sight Testing – Coles & Garrard, Yarragon Fruit & Vegetable Supplies, Wreaths – S.A. Milligan, Café – L&E. King, Land Estate – W. Dinsdale, Firewood – J. Dubelaar.

Traf News, May 2002

May – Printing Traf News

On the subject of printing the paper, special thanks go to Grant Coulthard and particularly Sue Rose, who did all the printing for last month’s edition. It takes almost six hours to print the Traf News when it has 24 pages. On that point, since we purchased our printer, we have increased the distribution from 1,800 copies per month to 2,100.

Trafalgar Youth Resource Centre

Thank-you Lions and Rotary. Due to the effects of these two Trafalgar Service Clubs, our young people have commenced their community garden.

Special thanks go to Lion Trevor Ralls for the sand, Rotarian Michael Fozard for the garden soil, Nina’s Garden Art for the plants, and to Ruth Fozard for the advice during planting.

The young people have eagerly awaited the opportunity to have their own community garden – now that dream is a reality.

Trafalgar Senior Citizens

We have had a busy month starting with a fortnight of activi-

ties where everybody had a chance to join in on the concert by the ‘Hillandale Singers’ and our trip to Foodstar and Robert Gordon Pottery.

We also visited the ‘Meals on Wheels Café’ in Warragul and the Arts Centre concert – then the wind-up concert at Fairview Homes.

Community Bank

As indicated last month the final response to the survey was excellent. The data shows that a Community Bank Branch for Trafalgar is viable. In general most of the community seemed positive and supportive of a Community Bank. The Pledge Level is now at \$511,000, (\$753,370 today) but we are still looking for more people to pledge to buy shares.

Trafalgar Rural Fire Brigade

Brigade members celebrated the efforts of their members for the year at the Annual Presentation Night on 20th April.

This year the ‘Graham Young Memorial Fireman of the Year Award’ was presented to Les Bartlett for his time and dedication to the Brigade. Bob Mynard and Alby Higgins received badges to acknowledge their commitment of 40 years’ service to the CFA, while Ken Davey received his 20 year service badge.

The evening also saw the Brigade acknowledge a donation of \$1000 (\$1475 today) received from the Rotary Club of Trafalgar.

Uralla Nature Reserve

Our Reserve is improving at a rapid pace.

We have had tremendous support from the Trafalgar community, the most recent coming from Mt. Speed Quarries and Travally Farms, with the supply and delivery of 50 metres of crushed rock for our tracks.

We have also had the loan of machinery and equipment from Ray Giles, and Chris and Morris Mynard. “Thanks Traf. for your support”.

Our Committee appreciates this help and together Uralla Reserve will be a great asset for future generations to enjoy. – Fred Boreham, Chairman Uralla Committee.

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

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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

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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 Dee Crosby Phone 0409 933 104

ANGLICAN CHURCH

Rev Sue Jacka, Phone 5633 1021
0409 757 170 or tullicavan@dcsl.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: 8am
Breakfast after service

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



Council News.

To help keep our community up to date with the latest information and changes to Council services amid the coronavirus outbreak (COVID-19), we’re bringing more regular Council updates to you via print, radio and online.

Baw Baw Shire Council is committed to looking after the health and wellbeing of our community, taking proactive measures to slow the spread of coronavirus. We are taking advice from the leading authorities seriously. To do our part in flattening the curve of this pandemic while continuing to support our community, the following changes will be made to Council services:



Rates support measures

Several initial support measures have been introduced to financially assist ratepayers.

- **Extension of time**
Payment terms for the fourth instalment have been extended by one month, from 31 May to 30 June 2020. Penalty interest will be exempt for this period.

- **Hardship Policy**
The policy outlines options available to those facing financial hardship. The policy and an application form for assistance are available on Council’s website or by contacting Council by phone.

- **Talk to us**
We encourage all residents who require additional relief to contact Council as soon as possible to check eligibility for other supports and make appropriate payment arrangements for their situation.

Pensioner Concession Card and Veterans Affairs Gold Card holders may be eligible for further rates and levy concessions through the Victorian Government. If you have already received a concession for your property in 2019/2020, no further concessions will be applied. For more information visit <https://services.dhhs.vic.gov.au/concessions-and-benefits>

Additional support measures for residents, community groups and businesses are being considered and will be announced in due course.

What services are still operating?

There are many essential Council services that are still operating, including:

- Customer service via phone, email and Live Chat
- Rubbish bin and hard waste collections
- Transfer stations (EFT payments only)
- Meals on wheels, home maintenance and shopping supports
- Family Day Care
- Maternal nurse consultations via phone
- Immunisations (Drouin sessions have moved to the Drouin Library)
- Planning services
- Online kindergarten enrolments
- Council meetings (available to view via Live Stream only)
- Local business support (call 1300 229 229 or email economic.development@bawbawshire.vic.gov.au)

Disabled parking permit extensions

All disabled parking permits will be automatically extended until 30 June 2020. This applies to all disabled parking permits that have expired this year, or are due to expire before 30 June. Permit holders will soon receive a letter which can be placed on the car windscreen next to the expired permit.

What facilities and services are closed?

All facilities where face-to-face services are provided are temporarily closed, this includes:

- Customer service centres (still available to contact via phone, email and Live Chat)
- Cat trap hire
- Syringe disposal container exchanges (containers can be exchanged at Chemist Discount Centre Warragul next to Coles)
- Maternal and child health service centres (phone appointments available)
- Leisure centres and swimming pools
- Recreation reserves
- West Gippsland Arts Centre
- Libraries (online services still available)
- Social support groups
- Community bus
- Playgrounds & skate parks
- Some public toilets

More information

We’re still here to help!

If you have a question regarding a Council service not listed on this page, please visit our website, chat to a team member on Live Chat (through our website), call us on 1300 229 229, or visit our Facebook page.

Reflection

Rev Sue Jacka

How will COVID 19 change us?

There have been many speculations about how society will change in the aftermath of the pandemic. Economists, social scientists and educationalists have all voiced hopes and concerns about the shape of

things to come.

They point out that in the aftermath of other global events like the World Wars and the Great Depression, society changed dramatically and so we will see changes after this pandemic is eventually over too.

I would like to say that we do not have to be passive about social change. Many people have commented that there is a simpler way of living just now with less rushing around. Gar-

dens, sheds and cupboards are all benefiting from more time at home. People are making more effort to check on loved ones via phone calls and emails- and even letters!

Parents, as I write, are contemplating how they will manage supervising their children’s schoolwork while juggling their own working at home.

Obviously all this imposed change can take time to adjust to. Yet there could be some very

significant changes which make our own lives more enjoyable.

It’s a good time to be reflective; to take note of which changes are life giving, which offer a chance for us to grow or deepen relationships.

In what new ways can we be more compassionate and look out for others? When we tell the story of 2020 when we ‘stayed at home’ to future generations, I hope that we will have many positive insights.

Farming News

Victorian Farmers Federation still supporting fire affected farmers

The spirit of mateship and camaraderie among farmers and the Victorian community was palpable during Victoria's bushfire crisis, as rural communities banded together for a common cause.

VFF president David Jochinke said the Fodder Drive was a team effort that stretched the length and breadth of Victoria.

"We had literally hundreds and hundreds of farmers and truck drivers rise to the occasion to donate their fodder, time and transport," he said.

"On behalf of the fire affected farmers and the VFF, I want to thank them for their generosity".

"In what was another Team Australia moment, our farming community and transport sector along with the corporate sector and Victorians more broadly, came together to give a helping hand to farmers in crisis."

Mr Jochinke said this generosity enabled the VFF to facilitate the delivery of 16,540 bales of hay to bushfire affected farmers in East Gippsland and Upper Murray and 113 tonnes of pellets which fed 80,000 animals including cattle,

horses, sheep and alpacas.

"Our immediate response was to provide fodder to 440 farmers in need, coordinate cow parking and agismism for displaced livestock," Mr Jochinke said.

Dairy farmer and Biggara CEA captain Gordon Nicholas was one of the 440 farmers who fed his animals via the fodder drive.

Seventy of Gordon's heifers perished in the fires but thankfully his dairy cows survived.

"Being able to feed them would have provided some small relief during an extremely stressful and traumatic time", Mr Jochinke said.

Mr Nicholas, who is also a United Dairyfarmers of Victoria regional representative, said he was humbled by the donation.

"I have been overwhelmed by people's generosity and I want to thank them and pay particular tribute to the drivers who transported the fodder during this difficult time," Mr Nicholas said.

Mr Jochinke said the VFF received up to 400 calls a day and acted as an important conduit between farmers and the support they required such as counselling, animal welfare services and government assistance.

"Our response to the 2020

Bushfire was the most comprehensive in VFF's history and we worked closely with many organisations and individuals such as Agriculture Victoria, Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, Country Fire Authority, Lions Club, Australian Defence Force, Victoria Police, Riordan's Transport, HW Greenham and Sons, local councils, Rural Financial Counselling Service, Multiplex, Delta Transport, K and S Freighters, Commonwealth Bank and Livestock and Rural Transporters Association of Victoria and the media," Mr Jochinke said.

"The finalisation of the Fodder Agreement with the Victorian Government means that all payments will be settled as soon as possible. The majority of payments have already been made.

"While we thank volunteer drivers for their patience, the scale of this natural disaster meant that this was not a normal commercial freight arrangement. In these circumstances it can take time for the funding and administrative paperwork to catch up."

With the fodder drive now closed, the VFF is shifting its operations from immediate emergency response to longer term recovery.

During the bushfires the VFF

accepted donations into the Disaster Relief Fund which is a charitable fund that provides financial relief to farmers and rural Victorians who are affected by a natural disaster such as fire or flood.

Fire affected farmers can now apply for a grant of up to \$3000 (excluding GST) for infrastructure items such as fencing, pipes, troughs, seed, fertiliser and cattle yards.

There are a range of other grants available through the state and federal governments to assist producers with recovery including fencing, veterinarians, fodder, transport and infrastructure.

Socio economic report fails to deliver

The VFF was critical of the recently released draft Socio-Economic Report into the Murray Darling Basin Plan.

Mr Anderson said whilst the report acknowledged the severe social and economic hardship faced by rural communities, it failed to make much needed recommendations to give irrigators certainty about their future.

"The report fails to clearly recommend that there should be no further buybacks and fails to rule

out recovery of the 450GL of up-water. Instead the report lamely recommends the 'slowling' of water recovery," he said.

"Rural communities must have certainty and expected to see a recommendation that the 450GL should be scrapped - the VFF has long argued for this to be removed."

Mr Anderson said the recovery of an additional 450 giga litres is simply not possible.

"One it can't be delivered; and two, it will devastate irrigation communities that have already been knocked to their knees," he said.

The report suggests water buybacks have contributed to 'efficiency and improvement' but provides little acknowledgement of the negative impacts of water buybacks.

"These comments ignore the costs to the irrigators caused by stranded assets, the costs to irrigation businesses of increased water prices, and the costs to irrigation communities of the job losses that result from lost irrigation production and associated processing and support industries," Mr Anderson said.

Mr Anderson said the report's recommendations fail to provide

the certainty needed by irrigators and their rural communities.

"The VFF has long argued that the Basin Plan needs an end date, currently after a review in 2026, we could all be facing even more water recovery for the water environment," he said.

"Farmers just want to get on with farming and not have the uncertainty of further water recovery looming in the background."

Mr Anderson also said the report had conflicting messages around constraints.

"In one section it suggests constraints should be relaxed, but in other parts it talks about the inability to deliver water below the Barmah Choke and third party impacts."

"We have to remember we are working with a natural river system and it is physically impossible to deliver large volumes of water downstream without damaging the Goulburn River or the Barmah Choke."

The VFF will be providing a detailed submission to the Independent Panel as its recommendations need significant strengthening.

Coach Kyriacou Back in Bloods Top Job

LIKE all sporting clubs, Trafalgar Football Netball Club is currently playing the waiting game to see whether or not it will be taking the field or court this season.

That being said, the Bloods senior team have had a new but familiar face leading the group through this unprecedented challenge, with Chris Kyriacou returning to the coaches box after spending the last few seasons plying his trade elsewhere.

The clubs 2012 premiership coach was good enough to spend some time talking to Traf News about his career and the journey ahead.

Please note this interview was conducted before the season was postponed so some answers may have changed context since that time.

(Questions by Liam Durkin).

From the outset I must say I was surprised when the announcement was made. What has brought you back to coach Traf?

Finishing my career with the club that has given me so many memories was always on the list. I thought it may have been a couple more years from now to be honest, but all the stars aligned and it was fitting for the club and myself to reunite.

I'm not getting younger, or any quicker for that matter. I wanted to come back when I felt I could still make an impact as a player. I feel that I still have a bit more to give, so the time needed to be now.

Returning to the club where you have played close to 150 games, won three senior premierships and a best and fairest, there must be some great memories?

Great memories is an understatement. I have lifelong memories both good and bad, bad from losing grand finals of course. Friends for life. The club

and so many individuals have shown so much faith and trust in me for a very long period.

So many individuals have helped me outside of football which I will always be grateful for.

You've now been coaching for a while. Can you give us an overview of your coaching career and how it all started?

I have always had aspirations to coach senior football. Getting the opportunity to work with Matt Robertson as his assistant in 2010 with Traf kick started this. We worked together successfully in 2010 and 2011 making grand finals in both years, unfortunately only winning one of those.

I was approached to take over the senior for season 2012. I managed to get the keys to a Ferrari and snagged a flag that year. Kept my job again for season 2013 and decided after that year that the club needed a new voice.

I'd been captain and assistant coach for four years, then coached for two. I felt that I couldn't get any more out of the group and they needed a fresh voice and new ideas to spark the fire again.

I also wanted to leave the door open for a potential return while things were still good.

Tarwin approached me to coach in 2016. New league, new people, new challenge and having a cabin in Inverloch were all factors that prompted that move. Unfortunately we didn't deliver what I expected and predicted that year. Injuries and a mass exodus of players before I arrived some key factors. This was a tough year on my young family with the travel which made it only a one year spell.

I thoroughly enjoyed my time there and couldn't say anything but positive things about the Tarwin FNC.

We then purchased some land in Churchill and I wanted to get involved with the community

to make some friends locally. I ended up assistant coach for seasons 2018 and 2019, both grand final years with one flag.

Made more memories and more lifelong friends. The club is also home on par with Traf.

Now I'm back at Traf where it all began.

You can throw a stint as Auskick coach at Churchill down there which was an experience!

Are there any coaches you model yourself on or have taken pieces from?

I have taken pieces from all of my senior coaches: Jason Shields, Lachlan Sim (Moe), Dean Hendricks, Dave Dawson, Matt Robertson (Traf), Brendan Holt, Chris Williams, Tim Darby (Churchill).

I don't necessarily model myself on anyone. I try to adapt and be better tomorrow then I was today.

During your last stint at Traf the senior team had one of the longest winning runs out of any Victorian country football team, something like 40 consecutive wins. Did you just go into games knowing you were going to win?

I wouldn't say we knew we were going to win. We were hungry and had a culture that winning was the only thing we accepted, so we did whatever it took to make that happen.

That become the standard. Unfortunately we were outclassed in the 2011 grand final which undid so much hard work.

After leaving Traf you played at Moe, Tarwin and Churchill. Having played in the Gippsland, Mid Gippsland, North Gippsland and Alberton leagues can you explain the difference between

the four?

The Gippsland League is definitely the top standard. My personal opinion is that the top North Gippsland and Alberton (before the league was divided) sides would beat the bottom two or so Gippsland league sides. The top Mid Gippsland sides would beat the bottom half of North Gippsland sides.

In rankings Gippsland League, North Gippsland/Alberton, Mid Gippsland. In all the top side would beat the bottom in the league above/beside it.

Mid Gippsland is far more physical than the others, due to heavier grounds and the rainfall they get. North Gippsland grounds are superb and don't get the rain which enables you to play a quick brand of footy.

During your time away from Traf I'm sure you would have kept a close eye on results?

I'll never stop keeping an eye on all of the clubs I have represented. Traf and Churchill both hold a very special spot in my heart though.

Has there been any transition or dialogue from outgoing coach Clint Einsiedel to yourself?

No there hasn't, that is due to me not reaching out though. I kept a close eye on the group so I was comfortable where things were at. I have only heard positive things about Clint and if I called I know he would do nothing but help us out.

Now that you're back at Traf does it feel like a homecoming or is it a totally new chapter and blank canvas?

Definitely both. My history and ties with the club mean nothing to a new group. I have to prove myself again and I'm really looking forward to that. I can't undo the past, but I can help pave our future.

I guess one challenge will be to prove to skeptics that the club has made a progressive appointment and has not just reverted back to someone they know?

Possibly yes. We are a proud club. Success is in the clubs blood. I have those pressures and I expect to deliver. For me, winning another premiership is the expectation on the group. It's that simple. Along the way we want to develop our people and the club to be better in every aspect of life and in football/netball.

And things are looking promising? Getting Dylan Farrell back and adding Lee Stockdale, Chris McIntosh and Jumbo James who have all had sizeable Gippsland league careers will

complement the team nicely?

All the above will add some great leadership, experience and some grunt. All great people which is why we targeted them. Nearly all live in Traf and are a part of the community.

From an outsiders perspective it looks like every team in the competition is going to be at least better or as good as they were in 2019 so it's shaping as a pretty competitive season?

The standard of Mid Gippsland will definitely improve overall which is great for country football. Some big names have been recruited. Each game will be a welcome challenge.

Did you always have intentions of coming back to Traf one day?

Yes most definitely. Was just a matter of when.



Chris Kyriacou has returned for a second stint as Trafalgar senior coach.

Wally's Words



I think it's pretty irresponsible that the newspaper companies don't post warnings when their Sunday comics contain Peanuts— Wally

No Respite For Farmers

Liam Durkin

WHILST the majority of the population spends its time in isolation, local farmers and those working in the agricultural sector have been kept busy in the paddocks, sheds and stock yards.

As one of the most essential of all services to remain open during the coronavirus pandemic, agricultural enterprises have experienced an increase in production during the last month for obvious reasons.

With crops still to harvest, stock to maintain and trucks to load, Victorian Farmers Federation councillor Steve Harrison said agricultural workplaces were continuing to run on unabated, albeit with a strong adherence to social distancing and hygiene guidelines.

"Because everyone needs to eat, whether it's vegetables or meat, generally the farming population is doing rather well in this situation, or making the best out of a bad situation," he said.

As the pandemic continues to play out, farmers are rising to the challenge of rapid increases to supply in demand, as shoppers repeatedly storm supermarket shelves for essential supplies.

Despite the perceived threat of total shutdown, Mr Harrison wished to reassure buyers that things were well under control.

"We're not going to run out of food," he said.

"There is certainly enough produce to feed our nation so we're very lucky.

"It certainly does place the

importance of a farmer, so out of this bad situation it would be great if people in the towns and cities can appreciate a farmer and know we've certainly got peoples back and we're certainly able to feed them."

In a positive spin off effect, the added demand has created more jobs in agriculture, with some employers becoming inundated with applications.

With companies forced to cut staff drastically due to COVID-19, people from all walks of life have been faced with little choice but to try their hand at working in agriculture - simply because there is nothing else available.

Victoria Farmer's Federation vice president Emma Germano said late last month farmers had been reached by everyone from backpackers to hospitality workers, pilots and tradies.

"We've been saying, 'how do we make ag sexy again?' And it probably just did that overnight by itself," she said.

"We're talking about people who are highly skilled in some areas and used to an epic wage, and now they're looking for work on farms."

Astonishingly, the Northern Territory Farmers Association of office received close to 1200 emails in 48 hours from job seekers last month.

In what could be another good sign, Mr Harrison said travel restrictions may have inadvertently brought holding farming conferences into the 21st century.



Victorian Farmers Federation councillor Steve Harrison, pictured on a recent visit to a high quality Trafalgar South property, bopes people appreciate the work of farmers during COVID-19.



We want to ensure our clients that at this stage, vet clinics are considered essential businesses and we will be staying open and continuing business as usual until further information is given to us from the Australian/Victorian government.

As the situation is constantly changing we are ensuring that we are keeping up to date and following all health and safety recommendations from the government.

We have implemented new measures within the clinic to help keep our staff safe and healthy, so that we can continue to stay open to support our patients and clients.

Firstly, we have split staff in-between our two clinics and will have a sole Trafalgar Vet Centre Team and Newborough Vet Centre Team, until further notice.

Our Trafalgar Veterinary will be open as per usual and we have extended our Newborough hours for your convenience. Newborough Vet Centre will now be open from 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday.

We will continue to perform routine and emergency surgery and after hour emergency small and large animal consultations.

We have modified operating procedures relating to consultations and rechecks which are for the safety of our clients and staff members, but should cause minimal inconvenience. You will be given further details when you call to make an appointment.

Consults can be either in person at Trafalgar or Newborough or by telephone. Please call reception if you would like to make an appointment or would prefer to change to a phone consultation on (03) 5633 1327 (Trafalgar) or (03) 5126 2880 (Newborough).

Before coming into our clinics, please ask yourself if the matter is urgent or solved over the phone instead. We encourage everyone to call and pre-order medications and food to minimise time spent in the clinic.

If possible, please pay over the phone or via EFTPOS in the clinic, however cash will still be accepted at both clinics.

When you come in to the clinic you will notice a few changes:

- Please pay attention to our new signs on the front door and at reception.
- If you have been in contact with someone who has been overseas in the last 14 days or are experiencing any cold/flu symptoms (fever, sore throat, fatigue, coughing, sneezing), STOP and DO NOT enter the

clinic and give us a call instead.

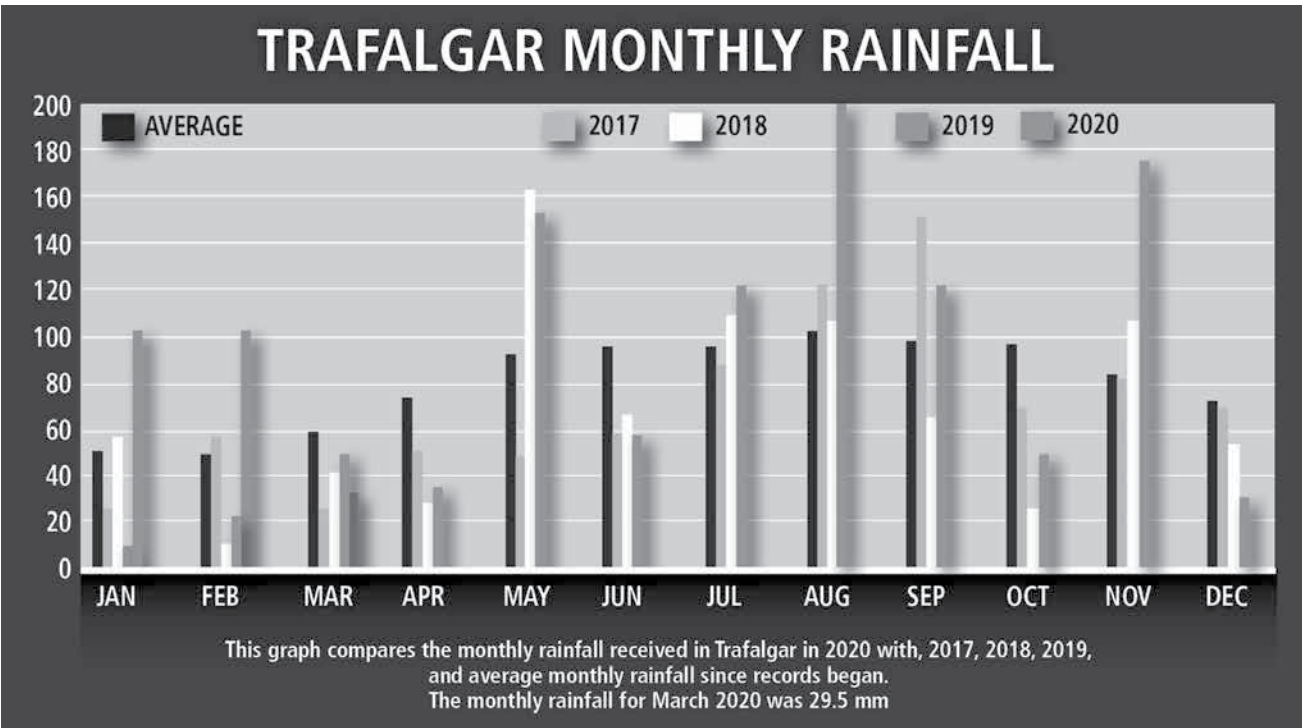
- If you are unwell or under quarantine please STAY AT HOME and give us a call instead. We are happy to assist you over the phone and advise whether your pet requires veterinary attention. If we decide your pet does need to be seen, please organise for a friend or family member not from the same household to bring your pet into the clinic on your behalf.

- You will notice red tape on the floor around the reception desk, please keep behind the red line. Be mindful of other people and stand 1.5 metres away from staff and other clients. Chairs have been moved apart to help keep distance.

We will have to moderately reduce our foot traffic. Please be patient with us as we limit the amount of people in the clinic at any given time. Please always phone ahead before coming in. Stay in your car as the front door will be locked, have your mobile phone on you as you arrive to the clinic so that we can let you know when you can come in.

We will continue to update you with any changes, please check Trafalgar Veterinary centre Facebook page for updates and remember we are always here to help.

Thank you for your patience, cooperation and understanding.





Trafalgar Cricket Club A Grade players celebrate after being crowned 2019-20 premiers. Pictured are (back row) Mitchell Claridge, Liam White, Aydan Connolly, (middle) Christian Burgess, Daniel Heathcote, Jackson Noonan, Rhys Holdsworth, Riley White, (front) Brodie Burgess, Zack Brown, Liam Durkin and Ryan Bishop.



Trafalgar Cricket Club father and son premiership players Christian and Brodie Burgess, Zack and Darren Brown, Paul and Aydan Connolly and Riley, Liam and Craig White.

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Trafalgar Cricket Club C Grade players pose with the premiership cup. Pictured are (back row) Owen McLeod-Aglad, Craig White, Darren Brown, Mark Wynne, Fred Dyke, (front) Dr Kingsley Rajasingam, Bill Pace, Paul Connolly, Simon James and Connor Dastey.



Bill Pace and Fred Dyke are all smiles after winning the C grade premiership.



Senior coach Jackson Noonan shows off the clubs two senior premiership cups.



Mitchell Claridge proudly holds the A grade premiership cup.

Senior Cricket Wrap Up from the Coach

Jackson Noonan

After 2018-2019 was a pretty good season for the club they wanted to continue on the upward trajectory. Being the second season of a new league players knew what was expected so Rhys Holdsworth and co wanted to get the ball rolling early.

During the offseason Nick Gurney was appointed coach. We also added some more players to the list with Liam White coming back to the club from Casey-South Melbourne, Ryan Bishop coming from Buln Buln, another Pom in young Anthony Thorp and myself also coming back from Buln Buln.

After much discussion we decided to enter a third grade team for the season. It was the first time Trafalgar had fielded a C Grade in nine years so we were excited to see how we would go.

Rhys Holdsworth was appointed captain of A Grade, Christian Burgess and John Asmusen were B Grade captains and for the new C Grade team Paul Connolly said he would take on the job.

We started our season early heading down to the Icon indoor centre in Doveton with some sessions with Frankston-Peninsula premier coach Keith Jansz. When the weather started to shine we headed to the nets not knowing how many numbers we would get. We were shocked to see 30 plus people there for the first session, the most the club has

seen in a while.

Three weeks into the season we were hit with some bad weather meaning there was no cricket for three straight weeks and we were not sure when it would stop. After Christmas we were hit with some bad news as three players from A Grade were no longer playing with us. Nick Gurney returned to England, Ant Thorp also had to go back to England for family reasons and on a little brighter note Leo Connolly had been picked up in the AFL draft going to the Saints. I then stepped up into the coaching position with Daniel Heathcote and Rhys Holdsworth helping me out.

After making finals the previous season in A Grade we wanted to go one better. With only one loss before Christmas by seven runs and then one loss after Christmas by one wicket things were looking good by the seasons end as we finished on top of the ladder by 10 points, clearly being the best team in the comp.

Losing three players after Christmas followed by another a month before finals Cooper Burgess who broke his finger was tough but as a club we stepped up and the guys who we brought up were phenomenal and helped us get to where we got in the end. Going into the finals we were confident if we played our best cricket we would win. After not playing our best cricket over the

two days in the semi final we still came out with the win, scrapping over the line by two wickets. The week to come would be a different grand final week with what was going on around the world. We didn't know if we were going to play or not. The news came around that the grand final would not go ahead and that we would be premiers for the season.

With that there were some individual awards with Rhys Holdsworth named player of the season for the league and also winning the league batting average.

Now we have the task to go up and show our skills in the top division and give it a crack. A massive thanks to everyone who played and cheered us on, we wouldn't have got to where we did without you guys.

Lucky last big thanks to our 12th man Mitch Claridge. For the second season in a row Mitch was there every week to sub field, run drinks and check scores from around the grounds. Love your work Mitch!

Making the grand final last season in B Grade meant they got the opportunity to go up into Premier B. Knowing the cricket would be a better standard and us having a really young side it was good to see no one give up.

In B Grade some of the younger guys got the opportunity to take their cricket to the next level and step up and not take a

back seat. It was a tough season trying to get the right side out on the park every week and when we had the players go from A we knew B would take a hit. We used 35 players this season and thank everyone that put their hand up to take on the hard task.

Hopefully next season as we go back down into B Grade we can string a few good games of cricket together and win some more games.

After nine years without a team, to come away with the premiership in C Grade you could say it was a success. After not knowing how many people we would get we took the gamble and had 27 people go through the team.

A massive thanks to Paul Connolly for getting the team up and running. With the addition of the third team it meant we got some older guys back to the club and some of the younger junior kids got their chance to play some senior cricket.

Finishing the season off in third position the boys had to play Moe in the semi final. After playing probably their best cricket for the season they came out with the win and progressed to the grand final where they were going to play fourth placed Jeeralang-Boolarra which gave us the upper hand with what went on.

Next season they get to go up into Premier C so hopefully

guys stick around and have some more fun.

For myself I want to say a big thanks to Nick Gurney for getting the guys going this season, without whom who knows what would've happened this season.

I want to make mention of our terrific sponsors. These people allow us to do what we love and that is play cricket. The club has always been well supported and this season was no exception.

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A huge thanks to the committee for appointing myself as the person to take over from Nick. I think the season was a huge success with our A and C Grade winning the premiership and

having a lot more people around the club with the addition of the third team.

Thanks to club president Craig White for his support once again this season. Whitey has always given us what we needed to execute our core business and that is to play cricket. Thanks also to secretary Liam Durkin once again. Durks does a ton of work at the club and puts a lot of his own time and resources into trying to make it a better place for the players. Finally, thanks to Mel White again for all her efforts. She always looks after us as players and makes sure we have everything we need.

The cricket club just doesn't function without these guys and sorry if I have missed people but a big thanks to everyone and anyone that helped out around the club, without you the club would not run. These are the sort of selfless people that good clubs have around. It is a massive step in the right direction for our club culture that these roles are filled without issue each week.

Thanks to all of our players, supporters and sponsors for this season and I look forward to all three sides once again contending for premierships in 2020-2021.

Jackson Noonan, Trafalgar Cricket Club Senior Coach 2019-2020.

Bowls Club Winners Named

Graham Hill

As the rest of the world slows down, so to has Trafalgar Bowls Club. Recent events have had to be cancelled (Diggers Day, Traf Fives and monthly pairs) and all social events have had to be suspended.

Tuesday night bingo, Friday night raffles, Sunday music afternoons and no hall bookings suspended until further notice.

The good news is that we were able to complete the Barefoot Bowls competition. Kindly sponsored by Encore Living, the grand final was played between The Grey Beauties and J.A.M.

After a close battle the J.A.M. team consisting of Justin Young, Anthony Blackshaw and Matt Farrell were successful at winning the prizes. The next competition will hopefully be

played in November, so get your teams organised, all welcome.

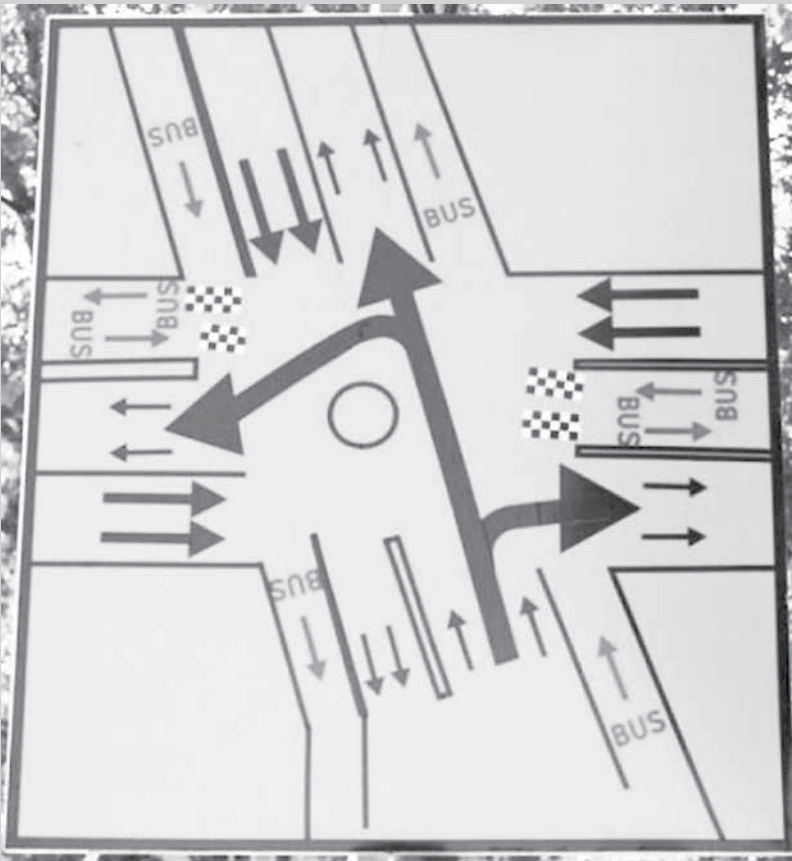
The annual presentation night was also cancelled but winners will be presented with their trophies at a later date and they are:

- Club Champion: Ian Miles.
- B Grade Men's: Wayne Hurst.
- Men's Championship Pairs: Ian Miles (S) and Peter Rosenboom.
- Men's 100 up: Ken Capper.
- Men's Fours: Peter Rosenboom, Bruce Giles, Gerry Rosenboom and Ian Miles (S).
- Two Bowl Singles: John Cornish.
- Mixed Pairs: Tony Dawson and Heather Taylor.
- Ladies Champion: Heather Taylor.
- Ladies Pairs: Heather Taylor

- (S) and Carmel Young.
- Ladies 100 up: Heather Taylor.
- Handicap Singles: Patricia Tattersson.
- 21 UP: Heather Taylor.
- Ladies Fours: Heather Taylor (S), Lyn Matthews, Lyn Hill and Carol Saunders.
- Ladies Triples: Heather Taylor (S), Patricia Tattersson and Carmel Young.
- Drawn Pairs: Sue Robinson (S) and Margaret Moss

The club is currently closed due to COVID-19 and we hope you all keep well and safe and that this interruption to daily life comes to a satisfactory conclusion. We hope to see you all back soon.

Funny Sign



Triumphant Cricket Season at Willow Grove

Josh Coombs

Willow Grove Cricket Club would like to thank the community for their support during the 2019-20 season. We have had a very successful season and picked up more silverware to add to the collection.

Willow Grove Cricket Club were announced as Junior Club of the Year in the Latrobe Valley District Cricket League with all three age groups making finals this season.

Our two senior teams also performed well with Premier C Grade just missing out on finals and Premier B Grade finishing third on the ladder. Our little Wolves in the Cricket Blast program also received much praise from the league and had so much fun learning the game and supporting our under 12 team.

Thankfully the junior season was able to finish successfully amongst some chaotic times. The under 12s managed to finish third but unfortunately got knocked out of finals by Churchill. Thank you very much to Mark Jarvis, Rob Phoenix and all parents of the under 12s for a fantastic year!

Our Under 14s managed second spot on the ladder play-

ing off against CATS in the grand final. Wickets were shared amongst the bowlers and a captain's knock from Will Robinson (73 not out) saw Willow Grove win comfortably. Thank you to coach Simon Robinson and assistants Shane Milroy and Nathan Wheildon on a very successful season. Very proud of you all and looking forward to seeing how far this group can go.

The under 16s also had a strong season, coached by Steve Blackshaw and captained by Nathan Wheildon. Facing injury, football commitments, and availability of players the young group stamped their authority on the league finishing on top of the ladder undefeated. The grand final was played against a very strong Morwell side and a solid 38 not out and 5-12 from Wheildon got the Wolves across the line winning by 20 runs.

Senior cricket this season was anything but normal with washouts galore and finals cut short by COVID-19. Premier C Grade saw competitive cricket week in week out with finals opportunities coming down to the very last week of the competition.

Premier B Grade was a simi-

lar story slipping into finals with two weeks to go. A strong performance against Mirboo North sent us to the grand final to play Thorpdale who had defeated Churchill, setting up a North verses South scenario.

With strong recommendations from our governing body Cricket Australia cancelling the remainder of the season, the grand final was deemed abandoned naming the higher placed finalist premiers, which was us!

So, although we didn't technically 'win' the grand final, our season performances meant we didn't lose.

Unfortunately, because of the current virus circumstances we were forced to cancel our presentation day. We fully endeavour to host a season launch/presentation day at the start of next season to celebrate the fantastic efforts by all involved in 2019-20. Please follow our Facebook page to stay up to date with events, news and award winners.

Thankyou again to the broader community of Willow Grove for all your support this season. The Willow Grove Cricket Club is in a fantastic place at the moment and it's all thanks to you and your families. Stay safe over

the off season and we look forward to starting things off with a bang in season 2020-21.

Editors note: Willow Grove

has now won the last two Premier B Grade premierships and it would be great to see them have a crack at fielding an A

Grade side in coming years.



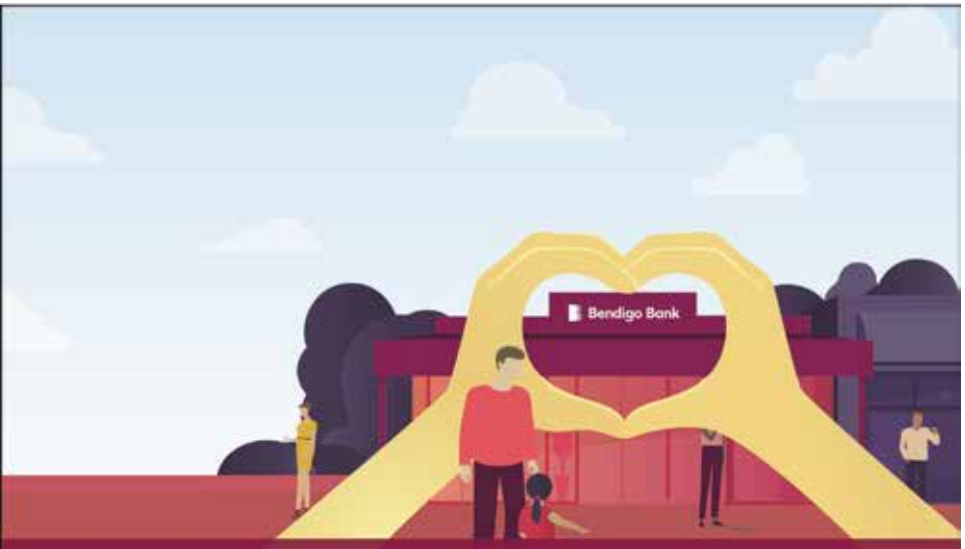
Willow Grove Cricket Club celebrates winning the Premier B Grade premiership.



Willow Grove under 14s toast victory in the grand final.



Willow Grove under 16s completed a strong season, taking out the premiership.



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