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Remembrance Day commemorated

Ray James

Trafalgar and the surrounding areas held services to mark Remembrance Day. The Trafalgar service on Monday, 11 November at 11am was led by RSL President Ray James and attended by approximately 100 people with wreaths being laid at the cenotaph by community members and the local schools.

Mr James advised the attendees, that the end of the First World War came suddenly. The Armistice that had brought an end to the fighting was signed in a railway carriage in a forest clearing in Compiègne, France, on 11 November 1918. Six hours later, at 11am, the guns fell silent after four years of fighting. The diggers had been spared from none of the horrors. Their dead lay strewn across numerous battlefields, and among the survivors were tens of thousands who had been wounded. The Armistice brought victory to the allied nations, but also sadness.

Back home there seemed little to show for the dreadful loss of life, the disruption, and the grief. Yet Australia had changed. Amid the sorrow and suffering was a pride in the nation's achievements and a new confidence about its place in the world.

It is now 101 years since the hostilities ceased on the Western Front during WW1. This was not the end of that war but merely the end of fighting. That war ended in June 1919 and that is why you may see that date on some cenotaphs and monuments.

On Remembrance day we gather at the empty coffin to remember our servicemen and women who in the great tragedy of war gave their lives. They were the men and women who were willing to believe in something greater than themselves. It was their willingness to act as such and as much as their action would allow, that gives them hero status in our society today.

They fought for Australian ideals of freedom and democracy and those who sleep in unknown resting places in many lands and in every sea. Let's live this life our fore fathers secured for us.

We also remember those that came back home from war, wounded, sick and bewildered and we also remember those veterans that have since past on.

Gallipoli was the birth of ANZAC it is a day in our history that will never be forgotten! BUT Remembrance Day is a day that holds as much importance or perhaps more importance than ANZAC Day as Remembrance Day is when we stop and remember all those that lost their lives in defence of our democratic beliefs. We should be very proud of their sacrifice.

Remembrance Day, 11 of November every year, is set aside as a day to remember the

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Dive into Baw Baw's seasonal pools this summer

With summer just around the corner, residents can prepare to splash and dive into Baw Baw Shire Council's seasonal outdoor swimming pools.

Seasonal pools in Drouin, Neerim South, Rawson, Thorpdale and Trafalgar will be open to the community from 1 December 2019 to 31 March 2020.

The outdoor pool at the Waragul Leisure Centre features an extended open season from

1 November 2019 to 30 April 2020 due to its temperature control functionality.

Seasonal pools will open when the temperature is forecast to reach or exceed 25 degrees Celsius (except Rawson and Warragul which are not weather dependent). Open days will be determined at 5.00pm for the following day using the Waragul forecast data provided by the Bureau of Meteorology. This format allows pool-goers more

time to plan their summer fun earlier than ever before.

All seasonal pools are managed by the YMCA on behalf of Council and will feature summer events such as Family fun day, Santa's pool party, inflatable sessions and an Australia Day party.

Pools may close prior to or during thunderstorm activity or in extreme weather conditions. All pools will be closed on Christmas Day and Boxing Day.



Trafalgar High School 2020 school captains Ellie Farmer, Grady Ruiter, Nyah Makin and Cooper Burgess at the Remembrance Day service in Trafalgar

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Baw Baw Council endorses Trafalgar multi-use pavilion

Trafalgar is one step closer to a new multi-use pavilion after Council endorsed its preferred concept design at their November 13 meeting.

The endorsement has progressed the project to 'grant ready' which will allow the council to apply for third party grants to fund the pavilions delivery.

The multi-use pavilion will include female friendly changerooms, an officials space, external access toilets, veranda, storage, office, timekeeping box, canteen and boxing gym.

The pavilion cost has been estimated at \$3.2 million.

The pavilion has been designed in conjunction with a project reference group, compromised of stakeholders including:

- Trafalgar Boxing Gym
- Trafalgar Cricket Club
- Trafalgar Football Netball Club
- Trafalgar Victory Football Club
- Gippsland Football Club

Baw Baw Mayor Cr Mikaela Power said "This pavilion is a really exciting project for

Trafalgar Recreation Precinct. Council officers have worked closely with user groups to ensure the design of the pavilion suits their needs now and well into the future.

"On its completion, the Trafalgar Recreation Reserve Precinct will provide Baw Baw residents a top-class sporting

facility and will ensure our residents have no barriers to participation.

"Now that the concept design has been endorsed, we will be advocating strongly for grants and external funding to bring the design to reality."



Thorpdale RSL to celebrate centenary

Ray James

The Thorpdale RSL will be celebrating their 100 year anniversary as a sub-branch of the Victorian RSL in December 2019.

To mark this milestone we will be holding a memorial service on Sunday 22 December 2019 at 12pm. The service will remember those service people named on the memorial wall and will provide a history of the sub-branch.

After the service we will celebrate in Pioneer Park with free BBQ and soft drinks where the 100 year anniversary certificate will be on display.

At the conclusion of the events we welcome the community to return to the Trafalgar Thorpdale RSL Hall in Contingent Street, Trafalgar for drinks and comradie.

To assist with catering we ask those intending to attend to email trafslr@bigpond.com.



Aqua blue Avanti girls bike with pink hand grips and pink/blue decals stolen from outside 11 Brown Street, Trafalgar on Saturday 16 November, 2019 between 6pm-7pm. Owner is

one very upset little girl. Information on returning the bike to its owner to Sgt MOORE at Trafalgar Police. 56331188

Have you seen this bike?

Council endorses placemaking project in Thorpdale

The Thorpdale recreation reserve works will comprise an electrical transformer upgrade, and if sufficient funds are available, the resurfacing of a netball court.

The transformer upgrade will improve safety at the site, increase electrical capacity for

the pavilion and enable use of hot water in change rooms while oval lights are in use.

The placemaking program grants approximately \$50,000 to smaller communities, to deliver capital works projects that are at the top of the community's wish list.

Mayor Cr Mikaela Power has said "Council is committed to promoting and maintaining thriving rural and remote communities across our Shire, in ways that match the vision and desires of the residents of those communities.

" The placemaking projects

such as the Thorpdale reserve works, reflect this commitment. The works are the direct result of thorough consultation and direct collaboration with the communities and will help to improve liveability and visitor attraction to the towns."



Gary BLACKWOOD MLA
Member for Narracan

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sacrifice of those who have died for Australia in all wars and conflicts. It was originally known as Armistice Day.

On 11 November 1918, the guns of the Western Front fell silent after four years of continuous warfare. With their armies retreating and close to collapse, German leaders signed an Armistice, bringing to an end the First World War. From the summer of 1918, the five divisions of the Australian Corps had been at the forefront of the allied advance to victory. Beginning with their stunning success at the battle of Hamel in July, they helped to turn

the tide of the war at Amiens in August, followed by the capture of Mont St Quentin and Pèronne, and the breaching of German defences at the Hindenburg Line in September. By early October the exhausted Australians were withdrawn from battle. They had achieved a fighting reputation out of proportion to their numbers, but victory had come at a heavy cost. They suffered almost 48,000 casualties during 1918, including more than 12,000 dead.

In the four years of the war more than 330,000 Australians had served overseas, and more

than 60,000 of them had died. The social effects of these losses cast a long shadow over the post war decades.

Each year on this day Australians observe one minute's silence at 11am, in memory of those who died or suffered in all wars and armed conflicts.

Vale: On this day we also remember our RSL sub-branch members past on since last Remembrance Day.

- Neil Cummings, Affiliate member – Rest In Peace
- Robert Hinds, Affiliate member – Rest In Peace
- Arthur Mack, Affiliate mem-

ber - Rest In Peace

- William (Bill) Sampson, Affiliate member – Rest In Peace
- Allan Erbs, Service member – Lest We Forget
- Sylvia Hill, Affiliate member – Rest In Peace



Remembrance Day service in Aberfeldy



Remembrance Day service in Erica



Remembrance Day service in Willow Grove



Remembrance Day service in Wallballa



Remembrance Day service in Yarragon

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

I've never seen anyone rehabilitated by punishment - Henry Lawson, poet



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Many thanks to all who contacted the Trafalgar Historical Society in regard to the photo of the Grade 2 class at Trafalgar Primary School in 1954. Robyn Walker (nee Tandberg), Len Gibson, Carol Ballantine, Barry and Patricia (nee Edwards) Paul, and Pat Tatterson were able to complete the list and I would like to thank them most sincerely.

The latest edition of the Gazette is now available at the Post Office and Newsagency for \$4 and has been posted to subscribers.

The Society will be in recess over the Christmas and New Year period, with working bees resuming in mid January. The first general meeting for 2020 will be held at 30 Contingent Street Trafalgar on February 20 at 7.30pm.

Season's greetings to all our members and supporters. May you have a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Pic 1: The school photo Traf News published in November 2019 edition asking to identify the students from Grade 2, 1954 created lots of interest and now the Trafalgar Historical Society is able to name all the students:



Working left to right: Back Row: 1; Jeffrey Seymour 2; Jeff Hasthorpe 3; John Ward 4; Jimmy Edwards 5; Kevin Lewis 6; Robert Taylor 7; Ray Presnell 8; Kevin Brown 9; Frank O'Connor 10; Stewart Mowat 11; Gordon Paynter 12; Len Gibson 13; Norman Tandberg. Third Row: 1; Maureen Carne 2; Judy Pratt 3; Lynette Trickey 4; Joy McCrorey 5; Shirley Ashby 6; Margaret Kent 7; Marilyn Ryan 8; Sandra Walker 9; Liz Rochet 10; Yvonne Pearson 11; Judy King 12; Pamela Mann 13; Faye Dylan Teacher Miss Pearson. Second Row: 1; Dianne Brereton 2; Carol Ballantine 3; Gail Irvine 4; Merrilyn Hansen 5; Sue Lamb 6; Pat Hughes 7; Glenys Walker 8; Dianne Tatterson 9; Cheryl Pattle 10; Linda Wilson 11; Helen Weymouth 12; Kaye White. Front Row: 1; Graham Hill 2; Terry Laybourne 3; Ken Gibson 4; Murray Cook 5; Tony Ireland 6; Robert Wilson 7; Robert Wild 8; Kelvin Wilson 9; Andrew Bell

History of Trafalgar's Pioneer Scouts

Jack McDonald

Scouting was first started in England in 1907 by Lord Baden Powell.

It was not really his intention to start a movement, but as a prominent British Army Officer with much overseas service, and several awards to his credit, he decided as an experiment to introduce a form of diluted military scout training into small organizations such as the Boys' Brigade and Y.M.C.A. This idea proved so popular that the boys formed groups of their own, and called themselves "Scouts".

By 1908 it became necessary for some semblance of order, so King Edward VII influenced Lord Baden Powell to leave his Army career and take on leadership of the Scouts. The next two years saw rapid spread of Scouting throughout the British Empire. It was also discovered that girls wanted a similar organization so in that same year the "Girl Guides" was formed.

Meanwhile, in Trafalgar, in June 1910, a meeting was called in the old Public Hall to start a local branch of the Imperial Boy Scouts. By August 1910, the Troop was formed; with 10 Scouts, and meetings were held in what was then the Shire Hall.

By November 1910 the strength had grown to 20 and

weekly Scout meetings were held by courtesy of the proprietor, Mr T. McCrorey, in his stables on the corner of Kitchener and McCrorey Streets, (now a vacant block). Thus Trafalgar had a Scout Troop just three years after the foundation of the world wide movement.

First Scoutmaster was Mr H. Vail, who was a chemist in Trafalgar at the time, and other early Assistant Scoutmasters were Messrs. Maughan, a chemist, and A. (Bert) Williamson. Camps of a week's duration were held at Sunny Creek and in a valley near Murray's Hill at the top end of School Road.

In 1912 Baden Powell visited Australia, and in 1913 1st Trafalgar Troop produced the first King's Scout in Gippsland, and one of the first few in the world. He was Mr R. T. (Dick) Rolls, who set a local if not greater record by gaining this great award only two and a half years after joining Scouts. This was an outstanding achievement even by today's standards.

The outbreak of the First World War came in 1914, and with it came another record for the 1st Trafalgar Troop, when the Scoutmaster and all Scouts enlisted in the A.I.F.

Through the difficult war

years other lads filled in the vacant positions, and the Scout committee acquired some land on which a small shed was built to serve as a hall. After the war, the Contingent Street portion of the Scouts' land was handed over to the Returned Soldiers' League and a few years later another Scout Hall was built next door on the present site in Kitchener Street. This hall was later replaced by the present larger building.

The names of those proud pioneers of the 1st Trafalgar Scout Troop who enlisted in the First World War are as follows:

Capt. H.H. Vail, Dr. W.C. Marsden, Sgt. T. Byrne, Sgt. R.T. Rolls, Pte. O. Anderson, Pte. E. Gray, Pte. N. Campbell, A.B.J. Giblett,

Dvr. H. Jolly, Pte. W. Jacobs, Gnr. H. Leech, Pte. O. Lucas, Pte. K. Murray, L/Cpl. E. McDonald, L/Cpl. W.G. Rolls, Dvr. J.L.N. Tatterson, Pte. D. Tullo, Gnr. J. Weatherly, Pte. J. Yule.

Source: "Gippsland News", August 8th 1957.

Contributed by Trafalgar & District Historical Society.

New Benefits Available for Police Veterans

Liam Durkin

A new police Veteran Benefit Card has been launched to provide welfare support for Victoria Police officers once they have finished their career in policing, in recognition and appreciation of their service to the Victorian community. In an Australian first, Victoria Police veterans will now have a physical connection to the broader policing family, as well as having access to a range of concessions and benefits for various mental health and wellbeing services across Victoria. The announcement comes on the one-year anniversary of the 2018 Head to Head Fundraising Walk, which raised funds for police mental health. Chief commissioner of Police, Graham Ashton, said the funds raised during the walk had been used to professionalise the services provided to police veterans through the Retired Peer Support Officer program, which is now incorporated as Police Veteran Support Victoria (PVSU). "Police Veteran Support Victoria has launched the Veteran Benefit Card which is designed to fill a gap that currently exists for veteran police in terms of welfare and support," he said. "It also importantly helps police veterans to feel connected and enables them to reach out and access the support services when they need them. "By improving access to a range of services and products, we aim to help police veterans manage their mental health and wellbeing - whether that be through health and fitness, lifestyle or family related activities. "Exposure to trauma on the job is the reason some of our police struggle with their mental health, and we have a duty of care to

them which doesn't end once they hand in their badge. "Once a police officer leaves our organisation, they are very much still a part of the Victoria Police family, and they should continue to receive our support." The Veteran Benefit Card provides a range of discounts and benefits to veteran police from health and fitness, lifestyle and family retailers. The card has been developed by PVSU as part of a joint collaboration with Victoria Police, The Police Association and the Retired Police Association. Recently retired police veteran Josef Sestokas said he was pleased to see the initiative take place and encouraged all ex-serving members to apply for a card. "I think this is all recognition that's been happening in the last five or 10 years, that when we leave Victoria Police we tend to just get left to our own devices," he said. "Lots of us are extremely damaged, there has been suicides of serving ex-members which has really brought it into sharp focus and taking more concern for us when we leave the job because it [PTSD] just doesn't go away." Mr Sestokas said the benefits from the card would allow police veterans to access important avenues to assist with mental health and wellbeing. "It could mean the difference between joining a gym and not joining a gym, taking some supplements or going on a holiday that they [police veterans] might not necessarily have been able to afford. "The discounts aren't going to be enormous, but it could just help people realise their goals and live a healthy and long retirement." Former Inspector Jill Wood, who wore badge number 143 during her

career, said she was also happy to see police veterans given the opportunity to have access to the benefit card. "I really applaud Graeme Ashton for doing it, he's recognising the fact that we've had this service and it's a recognition of that so I think it's terrific," she said. "I'm going to feel very proud to carry mine." Another former serving member, David Carey, shared similar sentiments. "I'm hoping it might give younger members, who for some reason or another, have to leave the force, something to link them up to our peer support group," he said. "When I joined in 1965 no one ever asked how you felt after seeing a dead body or anything like that, it just wasn't the norm. "The training we did was just learning the law and the physical side of things and that was it, there was nothing in those days (for dealing with) if you were feeling traumatised, where to go to or who to see. "Maybe if they've got a card in their pocket and they're feeling a bit down it might prompt them to ring somebody or do something." By definition, a police veteran is a Victoria Police officer (including Protective Services Officer) who has left the organisation after at least one full day of service. PVSU is a volunteer group of retired police members supporting police veterans experiencing mental health issues including post traumatic stress disorder, depression, anxiety, and alcohol and substance abuse. Veteran police can register for the card today at the Police Veterans Support Victoria (PVSU) website: www.pvsu.org.au

Trafalgar Firefighters help out in NSW

Mark Walshe

On Monday 11 November, Trafalgar CFA Lieutenant Mark Walshe together with Warragul Ex-Captain Mark Gallagher, deployed from Warragul fire station to Goulburn, NSW on Longwarry tanker. As part of strike team 0900, from Gippsland.

On Wednesday 13 November, the CFA strike teams (five strike teams, each strike team consisted of five fire trucks each), then headed north from Goulburn, to where assistance was required at the Gaspers Hill fire, in the Blue Mountains, north of Sydney.

Upon arrival it was evident town of Colo Heights and surrounds were in the fire line. The strike teams worked through to late evening Wednesday and all day Thursday putting in fire breaks and burning out areas in front of the fire.

On Thursday 14 November Trafalgar Fire Fighter Marcus Barker flew up to NSW as part of the relief crew for Strike Team 0900. Marcus spent approximately one week in NSW, assisting other CFA crews to work the fire.

What we currently see hap-

pening in NSW, QLD, SA and WA is a timely reminder as we head into the Victorian summer season, have you prepared your property? Does your property have gates that fire trucks can fit through? Do you have a fire plan in place? Is there water sources on your property fire fighters can access, and does your local brigade know of this?

There are many more questions to ask, and things to prepare for, now, before it is too late. More information can be found at www.cfa.vic.gov.au



Strike team 0900 consisting of firefighters from Gippsland Latrobe Valley region, which Lieutenant Mark Walshe was deployed with (Photo credit: Unknown)



Lieutenant Mark Walshe and Fire Fighter Marcus Barker both from Trafalgar CFA, catching up as the relief crews swapped over Friday 15 November 2019

Probus hears from Vietnam veteran

John Attwell



Joy Martyn and Ian Plant being inducted by President Bob Jones



Trafalgar Probus members at Probus annual luncheon 2019-11-16



Veteran Ron Osler addresses Trafalgar Probus



Tom Neville being presented with his 10 year pin by President Bob Jones

NEW MEMBERS INDUCTED

This month we saw two new members inducted into the Club. These were Joy Martyn and Ian Plant both of whom had already experienced Club activities before joining and were ready to take that next step. Welcome to Joy and Ian and many future happy times of "Fun, Friendship and Fellowship"

TRIPS

There have been a few trips planned including the Tyabb Packing Shed which comprises 5000m2 of antiques, deco, old wares, retro and vintage goodies to consider buying and there is also a trip to "War Horse" planned for January. We attended a very successful annual luncheon at the Pakenham Racing Club with about 170 Probians from all the Clubs in our Cluster area. This is certainly an

amazing facility to have on our doorstep and they have big plans to develop the facilities further. There are 600 acres to develop and apart from all the requirements for thoroughbred racing, will include accommodation and retail outlets. This is a world class facility and a great asset for our area.

10 YEARS SERVICE

Congratulations to Tom Nevell who completed his 10 years with Probus and received recognition from President Bob Jones with a 10 year pin.

XMAS

Our Christmas lunch is at the Moe Turf Club function room and hopefully we will have a visit from Santa. As this will be our last article for the year, we wish everyone a very Merry Xmas.

Lions club donates oxygen concentrators to Andrews House

Trevor Byrne

Trafalgar Lion Tom Pye and Trafalgar Lions President Trevor Byrne recently had the pleasure of presenting two oxygen concentrators to Andrews House. The cost of \$3400 came from club funds and a grant from a Lions Christmas Cake fund.

At the first Lions meeting in November, Trafalgar Lions President Trevor Byrne presented a Chevron Award to Lions Tom Pye to mark 10 years membership, during which time he has served as President in 2014/2015. He also presented a Chevron

Award to Ian Bosma to mark his 20 years membership of the Lions Club of Trafalgar. Lion Ian has served an amazing 4 terms as President: 2003/2004, 2006/2007, 2016/2017, and 2017/2018. Truly an exceptional effort.



Trafalgar Lion Tom Pye and Trafalgar Lions President Trevor Byrne present oxygen concentrators to Andrews House



President Trevor Byrne (left) presents Chevron Awards to Tom Pye (centre) and Ian Bosma (right)

Trafalgar Historical Society trying to find lost scouts



1st Trafalgar Scout Group, date unknown.

Jean Huffer

The Trafalgar Historical Society is asking readers kindly for help to identify the date or names of people in the photo of the 1st Trafalgar Scout Group, date unknown. There is an old car in the

photo on left, maybe 1920s or 1930s but we know nothing other than that.

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Grandparents Day at St Joseph's

Sonia Lombardo

Grandparents are so valued in our community of St Joseph's Primary School Trafalgar and we celebrate their 'greatness' every year.

A special Mass at St John's

Church started the day, which was followed by a beautiful afternoon tea supplied by our parents and friends committee.

Grandparents gathered with their grandchildren to share in the enjoyment of school life.

As you can see it was smiles all round and such a successful afternoon. We give thanks for our grandparents and hope everyone enjoyed the afternoon immensely.



Asb Treyvaud, Odin Treyvaud, Irene Treyvaud



Kerrin Schelbhout, Joe Plozza and Noab Plozza



Sienna and Wilbelma Jamieson



Belinda Parise and Sue Balfour



Glenda Kimberley and Lauren Francis



Tim Wood and Jackie Abrecht

Traf High class of 2019 go out in style

David 'Wombat' Lyons

This years graduating class from Trafalgar High school signed off with the tradi-

tional end of year dress-up celebration, as students prepared for the next stage of their lives.

Although their secondary school days are up, some will continue their studies at univer-

sity, some will travel and others will jump straight into the workforce.



Trafalgar High school students enjoy the chance to dress up on muck up day.



Trafalgar High school year 12 students celebrate their last day.



Sandra Snell and Emilee Gibson-Williamson on muck up day.



Mario Kart team, back row: Logan Winter, Montaser Rabama, Marni Bosman, Melody Westlake, Tyson Samsudin, Isby Lewis and Josh Geiberras. Front row: Laurie Vosper, Stuart Beckley and Aylssa Roylance.



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The Trafalgar & Yarragon News, December 1929

December 12 – Radio 3FB Trafalgar

There will be some features for listeners'-in on next Sunday when 3FB Trafalgar will be broadcasting. The secretary, Mr E D. Berkery, states that he has secured the services of the celebrated Torpedo Band, late of 3LO and 3AR and that from 8.30 to 10 a.m. on Sunday morning they will broadcast classical and jazz numbers.

The secretary particularly wants reports on the reception of these items over the air.

Trafalgar Fire Brigade

On Wednesday evening members of the Trafalgar Fire Brigade held a competition in Ashby Street. The contest was a four men hose and reel event. That the public have an interest in the brigade was evinced by the large crowd of onlookers. Mr L. Roadknight had kindly donated two pounds, two shillings (\$390 today) as a trophy.

Controversial!

The Yarragon Anglican Church has asked us to publish the following: "The False Teaching of the Evangelical Mission now preaching in this town will be challenged and answered by the Rev. Lyndsay A. Macqueen, during Evensong at St. Mark's Church on Sunday, 15th December at 7.30.

Come and hear what your Bible teachers concerning Christ and His Church.

The Gippsland News, December 1959

December 3 – Gas Canvas Favours Supply

Early indications of a gas supply for Trafalgar were most heartening, said Mr K. J. Doyle, the Gas and Fuel Corporation's New Homes Division Superintendent, on Tuesday last.

He said that, so far, of the homes visited by Corporation representatives, 70 per cent had signed an application for a gas service.

"Big Bill" Milroy Resigns

Bill Milroy, captain and coach of the Trafalgar football team for the past three seasons, has resigned from the position owing

to health reasons.

Jervis Stokes will be the non-playing coach of the "Bloods" next season and all football enthusiasts will wish him every success.

Trafalgar Marching Girls

Trafalgar Marching Girls, along with other teams in the Gippsland Marching Girls' Association will attend the Fire Brigade demonstration at Moe on Saturday next to give displays and take part in competition marching.

The Trafalgar "Midgets" earned high praise after their display at Garfield on Sunday last, and should be popular throughout Gippsland.

December 10 – New Bowling Club for Trafalgar

At a meeting of ladies held in the Methodist Hall on Thursday last, it was decided to form a new Bowling Club on land adjacent to McGregor Park. The club will be known as "Trafalgar Park Bowling Club".

December 17 – Successful Baby Show

The Baby Show conducted by the Trafalgar Rotary Club in the Public Hall on Saturday last, attracted 34 entries to cover all sections. Proceeds from the show, which amounted to £48 (\$1450 today), will go towards the Trafalgar Swimming Pool. All trophies were generously donated by the Trafalgar Rotarians.

Holiday for Junior Legatees

As in past years a number of Junior Legatees are coming to this area for two weeks holiday. Several local residents have already indicated their desire to assist with the work of Legacy and are acting as hosts for these boys and girls.

These children are from the city and any family who can act as host to one of them for two weeks will be giving practical evidence of their thanks to the men who served this country in time of war.

December 24 – Cubs Trip to Zoo

On Saturday last, members of the 1st Trafalgar "A" Pack, travelled by train to the Melbourne Zoo. On arrival a picnic lunch was enjoyed before making a tour of the animals.

The next five hours could

be called the tale of a thousand rides. Elephant rides, stage coach rides, miniature train rides, the train ride back into the city and then bus and taxi rides around the city to see the Christmas decorations.

The long ride home ended what had been a thoroughly enjoyable break-up outing.

Traf News, December 2001

December – Residential Lots for Trafalgar

An 18-lot residential development in Trafalgar will be developed off School Road, but three large eucalypts will have to be removed. Surveyor Peter Marx said that the trees should be removed for safety reasons.

Mr Marx told council the trees were diseased and termites were a problem. He said a similar gum tree next to Andrews House was knocked down for the hostel development and it had one of the largest termites' nests ever seen in Trafalgar.

Movies Return to Trafalgar

On the 10th November, 230 people filled the Trafalgar Public Hall for the first time in nearly 20 years to watch the pictures.

The focus for the movie night was to attract as many families and young people to the film to provide a source of entertainment right here in our own back yard. In other news, the public hall committee was successful in obtaining a local government grant to the value of \$16,000 (\$23,840 today)

Community Art Exhibition

Over 80 local artists exhibited their work in the very successful "Battle Festival Art Exhibition" this year. Designed to encourage Trafalgar People to

celebrate their talents with the community, visitors were impressed with the high standard and quality of display.

Probus Club News

Members of the Trafalgar Probus Club have enjoyed several outings over the last couple of months. Forty-five members travelled by coach to the show "Singing in the Rain" in Melbourne.

The Picnic/Walking group has visited Boolarra Rail Trail, Gumbuya Park, Wirilda Park, and Caringal Scout Camp, and this month will go to Mt. Worth National Park. Some members also took part in the Emergency Services disaster scene in Waragul.

Cemetery Crawl Weekend

On the weekend of October 20-21, trust members from the Trafalgar, Yarragon, Willow Grove, and Leongatha Cemeteries went on a Cemetery Crawl week-end. Cemeteries visited included Sale, Yarram, Greenmount, Alberton, Port Welshpool and Leongatha. The Cemetery Crawl is organised each year by the Trafalgar Trust.

Boxing Gym News

Finals of the 2001 Australian Boxacise Championships were held on October 21 in Melbourne. Members of the Trafalgar Boxing Gym returned with six medals.

On October 26, junior members rounded off one year's training by competing in a demanding Multi Event Championship which included a 160-metre sprint, speed skipping, speed ball and the triple Boxathlon Event. Jamie Hines received a well deserved award for the most competitive Australian Boxacise Championship competitor for the Trafalgar Boxing Gym.

St Joseph's students show appreciation to teachers

Sonia Lombardo

To celebrate World Teachers Day on 25 Oct 2019, St Joseph's students stopped and reflected on the effort and inspiration our teachers bring every day to our classrooms.

At St Joseph's our grade 5 and grade 6 class held a wonderful morning tea for all staff in the

school and shared in the celebration with their teachers. Other students came to school with flowers and artwork to surprise their teachers.

All staff felt blessed and honoured in such a special way and really appreciated the day.



Maycee Shankar, Liza Marino and Lorelei Withers



Mikayla Franssen, Maycee Shankar, Catleen Ryan, Mia Myrteza



Back to front row, left to right: Catleen Ryan, Carmen Rowlings, Michele Midgley, Liza Marino, Sofia Jamieson, Jenny Gavin, Sienna Giannotta, Katie Balfour, Vicki Cook, Sonia Lombardo, Carmen Farrell, Sienna Jonas, Rheanna Dunston, Izzy Grylls, Sheridan Jacobs, Hannab Upston, Bianca McCutcheon, Eve Kosic, Taryn Maxwell-Garratt, Lisa Wans and Janet Poelsma

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Traf News 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

2009

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New direction for Traf community bank

There are directors here and there, but the board of the Traf Community Bank is not. The board is made up of representatives from the community, and it is the responsibility of the board to ensure that the bank is run in the best interests of the community.

Nichole Roberts, Sally Brown, Glenn Brown and Chris Budge were elected to the board of the Traf Community Bank, which is a not-for-profit organisation. The bank is a member of the New Zealand Community Banks Association.

Chairman Nick Roberts said the new directors will bring a new direction to the bank, and will ensure that the bank is run in the best interests of the community.

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Lioness Club Melbourne Cup night fun

The Lionesses Club regular night is the first Tuesday of each month. The club is a social club for women, and it is the responsibility of the club to ensure that the night is run in the best interests of the club members.

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Happy and Safe Festive Season

2010

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Craig Hasthorpe at the Australian Masters

Traf professional golfer Craig Hasthorpe played in the 2010 Australian Masters in Melbourne. The tournament was held from 11 to 14 November, and it was a great success for the club.

Craig played in the 2010 Australian Masters, and he finished in 12th place. He was a great credit to the club, and he was a great success for the club.

Trafalgar Pilgrimage to Rome

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Other stories:

- TAFE named 'Stark' in the 2010 Community Bank awards
- Trafalgar Pilgrimage to Rome
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2011

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A MOVING EXPERIENCE

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2012

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Murray Cook becomes Mayor

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Local businesses receive Baw Baw Business Excellence awards

The Trafalgar District Council has awarded Baw Baw Business Excellence awards to local businesses. The awards were presented to the winners at a ceremony held in Trafalgar.

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Traf News

Best wishes to all our readers and contributors for a happy, healthy festive season and a wonderful new year.

2013

Traf News
DECEMBER 2013 EDITION NO. 157 www.trafnews.com

PLAN AND PREPARE FOR FIRE SEASON

The Trafalgar District Council has issued a plan and prepare for fire season. The plan is a guide for residents to help them prepare for fire season.

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Fire fighters honoured

The Trafalgar District Council has honoured the fire fighters who have served the community. The fire fighters were honoured at a ceremony held in Trafalgar.

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Local wins Tattsлото

The Trafalgar District Council has won the Tattsлото lottery. The council won the lottery in the 2013 Tattsлото draw.

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STOP PRESS

The Trafalgar District Council has issued a stop press. The stop press is a notice to residents to stop a certain activity.

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2014

Traf News
DECEMBER 2014 EDITION NO. 168 www.trafnews.com

REMEMBRANCE DAY

The Trafalgar District Council has held a Remembrance Day service. The service was held in Trafalgar, and it was a great success for the club.

The service was held in Trafalgar, and it was a great success for the club.

COMMUNITY GARDEN MURAL

The Trafalgar District Council has held a community garden mural. The mural was painted in Trafalgar, and it was a great success for the club.

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CENOTAPH COMES HOME

The Trafalgar District Council has held a cenotaph ceremony. The ceremony was held in Trafalgar, and it was a great success for the club.

The ceremony was held in Trafalgar, and it was a great success for the club.

Mark Judd finalist in achievement award

Mark Judd has been named a finalist in the achievement award. He was named a finalist in the 2014 achievement award.

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2015

Traf News
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REMEMBRANCE DAY COMMEMORATED ACROSS THE REGION

The Trafalgar District Council has held a Remembrance Day ceremony. The ceremony was held in Trafalgar, and it was a great success for the club.

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VEC recommends modified electoral structure for shire

The Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) has recommended a modified electoral structure for the shire. The VEC has recommended a modified electoral structure for the shire.

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2016

Traf News
DECEMBER 2016 EDITION NO. 182 www.trafnews.com

TCDA MUST CONTINUE

The Trafalgar District Council has held a TCDA ceremony. The ceremony was held in Trafalgar, and it was a great success for the club.

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Family show tradition continues

The Trafalgar District Council has held a family show. The show was held in Trafalgar, and it was a great success for the club.

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2017

Traf News
DECEMBER 2017 EDITION NO. 201 www.trafnews.com

BOXING THE KING INSPIRES

The Trafalgar District Council has held a boxing event. The event was held in Trafalgar, and it was a great success for the club.

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PLAYWRIGHT IN TRAFALGAR

The Trafalgar District Council has held a playwright event. The event was held in Trafalgar, and it was a great success for the club.

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TRAFFIC trouble in Trafalgar

The Trafalgar District Council has held a traffic trouble event. The event was held in Trafalgar, and it was a great success for the club.

The event was held in Trafalgar, and it was a great success for the club.

2018

Traf News
DECEMBER 2018 EDITION NO. 212 www.trafnews.com

WISH FULFILLED AT 96

The Trafalgar District Council has held a wish fulfilled event. The event was held in Trafalgar, and it was a great success for the club.

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BOT COMP WINNERS

The Trafalgar District Council has held a bot comp event. The event was held in Trafalgar, and it was a great success for the club.

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TVFC ON THE RISE

The Trafalgar District Council has held a TVFC event. The event was held in Trafalgar, and it was a great success for the club.

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Trivia night raises funds for drought relief

The Trafalgar District Council has held a trivia night event. The event was held in Trafalgar, and it was a great success for the club.

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Anglicare Giving Tree



Sue Jacka

Help share some Christmas happiness with Gippslanders who are doing it tough. Unwrapped gifts and non-perishable food items will be distributed to needy families and individuals. Goods will be collected Saturday 7 December 2019. Drop off point is Trafalgar Community Bendigo Bank. More info: small leaflet on counter Or Rev Sue Jacka 5633 1021 or 0409 757 170. Trafalgar, your support is appreciated!

Trafalgar Community Christmas Carols

Tuesday 17th December 2019, 7pm

Celebrate the coming of Christmas by gathering as a community for

traditional Christmas Carols led by the Moe Salvation Army Band. Items from local school children and others. Meet on the grassed area between the Public Hall and the

Uniting Church Hall, Contingent Street. In case of inclement weather, we will move into the Hall. BYO chairs or picnic rug. Wax candles and small LED candles

will be available, donations to Act4Peace Christmas Bowl appeal.



Trafalgar Police Community Day

Sue Jacka

Trafalgar Police Station covers the local area including Yarragon and Thorpdale and they will be having a community day on Saturday 21 December 2019 from 10am to 12pm.

Local people will be able to chat to a local police officer, learn about the operation of our local station and raise any policing issues with the officers.

This is a community building and awareness day. Its aims are

to further develop the positive relationship between residents, businesses and the police and to make our area a safer and happier place for all.

The day will be run in conjunction with the Trafalgar Community Development Association (TCDA). Come with your questions, enjoy a sausage and to meet your local police officers at McGregor Park, Contingent Street, Trafalgar.



Local police officers Roy Moore and Trevor Farmer will be happy to discuss policing issues on 21 December 2019

Reflection

Rev Sue Jacka

'Christmas is a time for giving' many people will say. I think some balance is often needed with this concept. Yes it's good to be generous and to show our loved ones that we care. Gift giving may not always be practical- some people buy everything they want the instant that they feel the need. Whatever you give to the person who has everything that they need or want? Others want things that

are simply outside our price bracket. Racking up a huge credit card debt over Christmas is definitely not going to lead to a happy New Year; more likely a regretful one!

Christmas celebrations in former times often revolved around home-made gifts: a beautiful item hand crafted or a fabulous Christmas cake. For this would be most acceptable.

Unfortunately others simply may not appreciate the time and skills that go into such a gift. I like giving gifts through aid and development organisations- but I know my kids are not excited about someone in Africa receiving a few chooks.

The traditional understanding is that we give gifts at Christmas because God gave us his Son Jesus. So the focus is on relationships – the love shared,

the time invested rather than objects. With so many people time poor, I've decided some of my family will get some accommodation and we'll look after the grandkids (or grand-dogs) to enable them to have some quality time together.

May your Christmas be a happy time, enjoying company of friends and family!

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)
Christmas Eve:	5.00pm Trafalgar
Family & Children's Mass (Parishioners Welcome)	
Christmas Eve:	7.00pm Trafalgar
Christmas Day:	10.00am Yarragon

St Jarlath's Yarragon, Rollo Street

Sunday Mass:	10.00am (1st/3rd/5th Sunday)
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Transport availability, Neighbourhood Outreach, Home visiting
Please phone Julianne now at the parish office on 5633 1166

UNITING CHURCH

Rev Helen Prior, Supply Minister
Phone 0401 911 124



St. Andrew's Uniting Church, Trafalgar

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

St David's Uniting Church, Yarragon

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

St Stephens Darnum

Service times	11.00am on 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month
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Please direct inquiries to Peter Curwen 5634 2450

ANGLICAN CHURCH

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



St Mary's Church, Trafalgar

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

St Mark's Church, Thorpdale

First Sunday of the month:	
Breakfast after service	8am

St Mark's Church, Yarragon

First Sunday of the month: Service	8:30am
Other Sundays: Holy Communion	8.30am
Tuesdays: JAFFAS after school program	3.30 - 5.30pm

THORPDALE WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH

Rev Frank Lees,
Phone 5634 6413 or 5633 2758



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



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

Council Meetings

Next Ordinary Council Meeting will be on **Wednesday 11 December** at the Trafalgar Business Centre, 107 Princes Hwy from 5.30pm.

Community members are welcome to attend or tune into the live stream from home. See what's on the agenda for the meeting on Council's website.

Careers

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

Warragul Customer Service Centre temporarily moved to WGAC

We'll be able to assist with all enquiries from here. Access via Arts Centre main entrance. We expect to be back in the Annexe building in early 2020.

Help shape the 2020/21 Council Plan, Budget and Infrastructure Delivery Plan

Have your say

We're seeking community input to help guide the early development of Council's budget and key plans for 2020/21. These documents guide service delivery for things like roads, footpaths, recreation and community facilities.

Via an easy online or hard copy survey, residents can tell us what services, projects and infrastructure themes they would like to see prioritised in the 2020/21 financial year.

This early input consultation is open until **Friday 13 December**.

There will be another opportunity to provide feedback in April 2020.

Find out the full project details at bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/HaveYourSay

Council pop-up heading to Rawson

Baw Baw's a big place, so we're hitting the road to bring a regular Council pop-up to towns all across the Shire.

Previously we've visited Thorpdale, Longwarry, Neerim South and Willow Grove. Next up is Rawson!

Come along and have a chat with us - we'd love to hear your thoughts and ideas, as well as talk through any local issues important to you.

When: 3.00pm - 6.00pm on Thursday 12 December

Where: Dunstan Oval Pavilion Knotts Siding Road

No RSVP required. We hope to see you there!

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Booking can be made online at www.hardrubbishmelbourne.com.au or over the phone on 1800 969 278.

For full details and conditions please visit www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/HardWaste

What's on at the WGAC!

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

- Young Stars of Country** Wednesday 4 December
- Evoke by Industry Studios** Saturday 7 December
- Karen Knowles Christmas** Friday 13 December
- A Celtic Christmas** Saturday 14 December
- Jon Stevens** Thursday 19 December
- Ross Noble Humournoid** Saturday 22 February
- Bohemian Rhapsody Live** Friday 28 February
- A Farewell to Doris by Melinda Schneider** Saturday 29 February

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

Mayor and Deputy Mayor elected for 2020 term

Cr Danny Goss has been elected Mayor and Cr Peter Kostos elected Deputy Mayor following a Statutory Council Meeting on 20 November. The Mayor and Deputy Mayor will serve a full 12-month term in these roles.



Dive into Baw Baw's Seasonal Pools this Summer

Summer has arrived and residents can dive into Baw Baw's six seasonal outdoor swimming pools across the Shire!

Seasonal pools in Drouin, Neerim South, Rawson, Thorpdale and Trafalgar will be open from 1 December 2019 to 31 March 2020.

The outdoor pool at the Warragul Leisure Centre features an extended open season from 1 November 2019 to 30 April 2020 due to its temperature control functionality.

Seasonal pools will open when the temperature is forecast to reach or exceed 25 degrees Celsius (except Rawson and Warragul which are not weather dependent). Open days will be determined at 5.00pm for the following day.

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

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Trafalgar Medical asks; do you need a heart health check?

Dr Yan Lu

About 51 Australian die from heart disease every day. According to Bureau, in 2015, the vast majority of heart disease due to chronic ischaemic heart disease (55.3%) or heart attack (42.7%).

Ischaemic heart disease is still the leading cause of death in Australia for both males and females. It is also called coronary artery disease, which is most commonly caused by build-up plaque in the heart's arteries. This plaque (fatty material) is

known as atherosclerosis, resulting in reduced flow of blood and oxygen to the heart muscle.

In a case of heart attack, there is a complete blockage of the blood vessel. As a consequent, it causes permanent damage to the heart due to lack of oxygen. Often, people who have chronic ischaemic heart disease are not aware they suffer from the condition until they experience angina or a heart attack.

So, are you at risk?
Knowing your risks is the first

step to avoid a heart attack or stroke. There is no single cause for heart disease, but there are risk factors that increase your chance of developing it. Some of them are not preventable such as age, gender, ethnic background and family history. However, most risk factors can be changed and there is a lot you can do about them. For example, an imbalance of cholesterol in your blood can lead to a heart attack or stroke. There are things you can do to improve it with or without

medication. Modifying these risk factors reaps benefits both in terms of reducing the likelihood of developing heart disease and also in limiting the progression of the disease once it is acquired.

From 1 April this year, Medicare allow and encourage GPs (or a practice nurse) to conduct a heart health check. The heart foundation recommends Australians over 45 years of age have a heart health check. Professor Garry Jennings, Cardiologist from Heart Foundation says the

introduction of Heart Health Checks could prevent about 9100 deaths and 76,500 heart attacks and strokes over the next five years.

Your heart health check could involve taking your blood to check cholesterol and glucose; checking your blood pressure and weight; learning more about your immediate family's heart health history; discussing your lifestyle such as your diet and activity. After collecting all the information, your doctor

will then assess the risk and if required tailor a management plan.

A heart health check could save your life or the life of someone you love. If you are 45 or above, you may eligible for a Medicare-funded heart health check. Available at Trafalgar Medical, we are looking forward to helping you for a happier and healthier heart.

To find out more refer to www.trafmc.com.au or call 5633 2211.

St Joseph's to Celebrate 90 Years of Catholic Education

Glenda Mynard

St Joseph's Primary School will reach a milestone in March 2020 and plans for celebrating are underway.

In 1930, Fr Shanahan, (the Parish Priest of Trafalgar) was responsible for establishing St Joseph's school. Classrooms began in the former wooden church building. The first Sisters of St Joseph arrived in the town and initially there were about 30 students. A convent was built for the Nuns. Local Parishioners proved very supportive of their new school and regularly ran working bees to improve the school and convent grounds.

Two years later, after lots of successful fundraising, a new school building was constructed. It was able to accommodate 80 students in two rooms. The rooms had a sliding door partition and a fireplace for heating in winter.

Mrs Anne Roughead of Le-

ongatha was a pupil in the early days and she recalled:

"I started at St Joseph's in February 1936. Our only school requisites in those days were a slate, slate pencils, a reader and a catechism."

In the 1950's, industry was growing in the Latrobe Valley area, school numbers increased and a bigger school was needed. In 1961 four new classrooms surrounding a large shelter area, plus staff and school administration area were opened.

In 1986 the Josephite Nuns were no longer able to provide sisters to staff the school. They were farewelled after 56 years of service to Trafalgar. Principals who have carried on the Josephite's passion for education were Ms Lucy O'Connell (acting 1987), Mrs Mary Hunt (1988-1994), Mrs Win Dortmans (1995 -2003), Mr Dominic Ryan (2003 - 2006), Ms

Denise McKenna (2007), Mrs Lidia Goodwin (2008- 2016) and present Principal Trish Mulqueen (2017-)

In recent years the classrooms have been refurbished and a library added. These modern facilities provide a comfortable working environment where both staff and students can learn. Split system air conditioners have replaced fireplaces and where once slates and slate pencils were used, students today are very much at home with technology and a variety of resources. The three R's are still an important part of the curriculum but today, social skills and wellbeing play a big role in a child's development.

You are most welcome to help us celebrate and give thanks on 22 March 2020 at St Joseph's School.



Names of people known, school photo from 1933 St Josephs primary school: Back: Bernie Yerve, Frank Berkery, Roy Kenny, Ted Kenny, Vin Roche, Tome Edwards, Jim Wall, Mick Nix 2 row: Joan O'Connor, Patty Harkin, Kath Kenny, Beryl Cook, Agnes Wall, Mary Bellingham, Joan Cooke, Edna Bellingham

3 row: _____, Jim Aldag, Mick Wall, Morrie Conway, Rick Kenny, Vin Berkery, Bob McDonnell, Jack Connop, Jack McDonnell, Albert Kenny. 4 row: Val Foster, Agnes McDonnell, Lorna Bellingham, Margaret Nix, Cecilia Berkery, Joan O'Connell, Nancy Nix, Elma McDonnell, Eileen Fennell Front: Don Connop, Ted Connop, Colin Connop _____, Frank Fennell, Frank Rowell, _____, Aldag, Charlie Connop and _____

Traf Veterinary discusses colic in horses

Colic is the name given to describe a horse with signs of abdominal pain. Typically it relates to the gastrointestinal tract, but may also occur due to other pain such as urinary tract pain. Horses with colic may show one or several of the following signs:

- tamping feet or kicking at the belly
- flank watching
- stretching out as if to urinate
- laying down and/or rolling
- going to the water but not drinking
- not eating
- groaning or straining
- flehmen (curling the top lip up)
- looking mentally dull

It can be very worrying when your horse appears painful. If the signs are only quite mild you might like to watch him before calling the vet. Or perhaps you have a short wait before the vet can attend. During this time there are some important things you can do:

- Keep the horse in an area where you can monitor the droppings produced. The vet will want to know the frequency as well as consistency of all manure. The size and colour of the faecal balls can provide useful

information. Horses should produce 6 to 10 piles of manure in a 24 hour period, they should be well formed, regular sized balls.

- Have an idea if your horse is drinking water or not. A regular horse (500kg horse) will drink around 25ls of water over 24 hours. If you choose to offer electrolytes, please make sure there is also fresh water provided. Some horses will seek electrolytes and drink them, however others will avoid it and not drink at all. It is ideal if horses are offered both electrolytes and fresh water.

- Withhold hard feed from the horse until the vet has made an assessment. If your horse wishes to pick at some grass, this is okay. If you are monitoring your horse at home, you can recommence hard feed after your horse has started showing normal behaviour and has passed two or three piles of normal manure.

- Walking your horse can help keep them from rolling and help to encourage gut motility. Be mindful that too much walking during a colic episode can tire them out.

15-20 minutes each hour is enough walking

- You might like to monitor your horse for changes in heart rate or breathing if you feel comfortable. Normal heart rate for a horse is 28 - 44 and normal breathing rate is between 5 and 20 breaths per minute. You may notice that as time goes by, your horse relaxes and these numbers will come down a little as a sign he is improving. If you notice your horse has higher than normal heart rate or breathing rate, notify your veterinarian.

Please remember that your safety is always absolutely vital. If your horse appears unsteady on his feet, if he's dropping to the ground regularly or rolling and thrashing it is best to leave him alone in a safe environment. Painful horses are unpredictable and potentially dangerous.

Horses can show signs of colic for many reasons. Specific recommendations and treatments will vary from horse to horse. If your horse experiences colic regularly, please consult with your veterinarian.



Farming News

Farmers call for stop to rural rates inequity

The Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF) called for a total overhaul of council rates and the way local government is funded at a public hearing in Melbourne last month.

In the VFF's submission to the Local Government Rating Systems Review, Victoria's peak body representing farmers asked for an equalised funding model in which local government rates are redistributed across councils on the basis of equity and need.

"The local government rating system has failed Victorians, and is producing inequitable outcomes for all ratepayers," said Mr David Jochinke, VFF President.

"You know the system is broken when a \$300,000 property in Kerang pays \$2400 in rates and a similarly valued property in Toorak pays just \$390.

"Victoria's rating system has created a situation whereby rural ratepayers pay more in rates as a percentage of the value of their property than ratepayers in metropolitan Melbourne. What's more, rural ratepayers receive and have access to fewer services from local government than ratepayers in the city.

"That's why the VFF supports a comprehensive overhaul of the rating system through an equalised funding model where the Victorian Government redistributes rates to local government on the basis of equity and need.

"The Government must establish a state-wide general rate in the dollar based on the valuation of all property. Revenue would then be redistributed on the basis of state-wide minimum service and infrastructure levels, equity and need - similar to how the Government already distributes GST money to local govern-

ments.

"This proposed model will help create robust and transparent governance within the system, provide a sustainable funding base for disadvantaged rural councils and ensure all councils are more accountable for the dollars they spend.

"In addition to a redistribution of funds, the VFF has called for the reintroduction of minimum and maximum rates alongside five year average valuations for property, separation of house and curtilage from farmland and mandatory differential rates for farmland," said Mr Jochinke.

Australian Dairy Farmers responds to floor price debate

Australian Dairy Farmers (ADF) welcomed the deeply held concerns by those in the Australian Parliament and the community regarding the well-being of dairy farmers.

There is a desperate cash flow crisis for many dairy farmers, which also impacts on local communities. Dairy farmers' input costs have risen markedly in recent years (for example: feed, water, energy, labour) and farmers have worn many of the costs of living in Australia and contributing to the country's food security.

ADF has previously stated that there are challenges, domestically and internationally, associated with the establishment of a milk floor price.

There are a multitude of factors that come into play when processors set milk prices, and the ADF believes it must ensure that they are competitive with other dairy export countries.

The company says it must recognise the needs of a modern, globally competitive and sustainable industry, and in that

context, there may be several mechanisms that deliver that outcome.

A floor price is one instrument that could be considered. However, these are complex, historical challenges that need to be comprehensively explored.

The ADF says they have a fair way to go in resolving these issues, but not a lot of time, and these problems won't be fixed via parliamentary debate alone.

There is a Senate Inquiry pending on this matter which should assist in bringing some of these issues into the public domain, and decisions should not be made prior to a fully informed and proper consideration of the facts.

There are currently several government assistance programs for dairy farmers. The Farm Household Allowance provides up to three (soon to be four) years of income support for farmers and their families experiencing hardship.

Rural Financial Counselling Services are a free mobile workforce help identify and farmers' financial and business options.

The Regional Investment Corporation offers investment and drought loans for farmers. Some states also offer concessional loans for farmers in drought-affected areas.

The dairy industry was also promised a \$22 million package by the Coalition Government before the May 2019 election.

The package included over \$1 million in projects to be delivered by ADF, including developing a payment system using blockchain technology and a standard form contract that complies with the industry's mandatory code of conduct, and facilitating the development of a new dairy industry trading platform.

The package also included

\$10 million to support dairy farmers investing in more energy efficient equipment and \$3 million in grants to assist farmer groups in establishing collaborative business models.

The ADF works closely with its six state dairy farmer organisation members on a range of initiatives with the objective of improving the well-being of dairy farmers.

This year has seen considerable activity in the area of retail pricing with amplified efforts in the retail dairy cabinet space.

ADF and its members can see considerable scope and opportunity to better promote Australian dairy products, and say retailers must be willing to explore all options that foster a profitable, sustainable dairy industry.

There is unclear and varied support to either fully or partially re-regulate the industry as there are countless complex factors involved in doing so, many of which have not been considered in detail.

The ADF believe this is critical, not just for those dairy farmers supplying fresh milk contracts, but for all dairy farmers, regardless of the destination of their milk.

What is clear is that dairy farmers must be able to better engage with the marketplace and extract greater value. There is a chance to look at appropriate structural reform in a bipartisan manner.

The ADF believes mechanisms need to be identified and adopted that deliver transparency in setting farm gate prices and equitable income back to farmers

Traf News Year in Review

Liam Durkin

As another year draws to a close I would like to take an opportunity on behalf of the Traf News team to reflect upon another busy 12 months in the Traf community.

Some news stories that highlighted issues throughout the year included local youngster Maya Robinson hitting our TV screens in February for the drama Bad Mothers, whilst other events of note included the Special Olympics Torch Run making its way through town in September, and the District General visiting Traf Lions recently.

Trafalgar residents saw the town's population continue to grow this year, with a number of new estates now being prepared for homebuyers. Commuters using the towns public transport during peak hours would have also noticed a healthy enrolment at Trafalgar High School, evidenced by the number of students departing the train station each weekday morning.

The Trafalgar ANZAC day ceremony was again well attended, with locals coming out to pay their respects, and the Pub was given a facelift with a new paint job.

Some of the challenges Trafalgar residents faced stemmed from an upward spike in crime that cast a dark shadow over the town in October, forcing police to crack down on vigilantes and set up an operation blitz.

We said farewell to local legend Alan 'Doc' Erbs in July, with many coming to town to send off the great man and reminisce about stories from yesteryear.

As we move into 2020 we will also see two stalwarts of Trafalgar business hang up their boots, with Maria and Graham Davey retiring after more than 30 years at the helm of Traf Men's and Boy's Wear. The business has become an institution in town and has supplied generous sponsorship for many clubs and community initiatives across the decades, and has also been the one-stop-shop for all sporting and school clothing for locals. We wish Graham and Maria a happy retirement and look forward to the new owners providing the same great friendly service!

Before we sign off we would invite anyone interested in joining the team to please consider lending a hand. No experience is necessary and you get to create something new every month, which in itself is always an enticing prospect.

Thanks to all our readers, subscribers and contributors for your support during 2019. We hope to continue to bring Traf News to you in 2020.

On the sporting side of things Traf teams again fared reasonably well. Premierships came to a number of teams in cricket, football, netball and bowls and we again send our congratulations to them. Volunteers continue to put many hours into keeping the Recreation Reserve in good condition for people to enjoy their sport, and their efforts are truly appreciated.

On behalf of Mark and I it has been a pleasure to put together Traf News for our readers this year. There have been a few mad late scrambles to find enough content to fill pages but by and large the engagement and contribution from the community has been appreciated.

The future of Traf News depends on community contributions, so please continue to send in news stories that need telling!

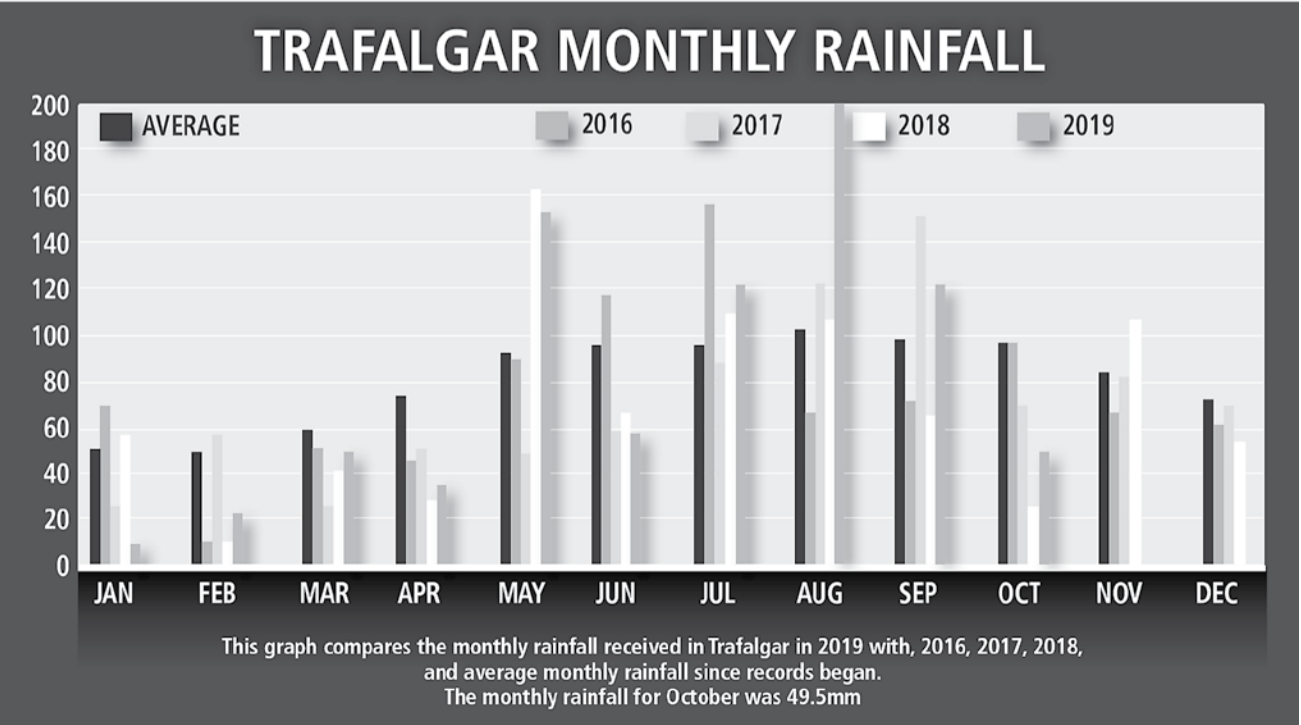
We would like to formally acknowledge the hard work of all who make Traf News possible, especially graphic designer Sarah Manigan who we work closely with. Sarah stepped into the role at the start of the year and her reliability and efficiency ensured deadlines were always met.

To the Committee of Management led by John Freyne, thanks for all your efforts in what can be a challenging environment. Although low in personnel the Committee of Management ensures the solvency of Traf News and allows a great monthly newspaper to continue being printed.

Thanks also to Mick Bourke for his guidance. Although no longer involved in a formal capacity, there simply wouldn't be a Traf News without Mick Bourke.

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Premiership Coach Back in Bloods Top Job

Liam Durkin

The Trafalgar Football Netball Club have appointed Chris Kyriacou as its senior coach for 2020.

Chris Kyriacou returns to the club after a few years plying his trade for Churchill in the North Gippsland Football League, where he was part of the Cougars team which won this seasons premiership.

Previous to that, he also served as senior coach at Tarwin.

Chris will look to extend his Trafalgar FNC list of achievements, which currently has three senior premierships, a best and fairest and more than 140 senior games.

Having been playing-coach of the Bloods for the 2012 and 2013 seasons, Chris led the club to the memorable 2012 triumph. All players, members and supporters will be hoping for similar success the second time around.



Chris Kyriacou has come back to coach the Bloods in 2020.




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Trafalgar Bowls Club would like to say thank you

Joy Richardson - Vice Chairperson

On behalf of the Trafalgar Bowls Club, I would like to thank the Trafalgar community, businesses, clubs and individuals for the support during our recent financial crisis. Without your support this club would not have been able to continue to function. It's great to see community spirit is alive and well in Trafalgar.



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The Greatest Country Football Team of All Time?

Liam Durkin

The Gippsland football equivalent to the 1992 United States Olympic basketball 'Dream Team' all found themselves playing in the unusual location of Nilma-Darnum 10 years ago.

A group of players from all parts of Gippsland, including a number from Sale who had just won the Gippsland League title in 2008, formed part of what became arguably the most talented Gippsland country football side ever assembled.

The players from Trafalgar probably didn't even know Nilma-Darnum had a football club, and given the fact the ones that were recruited there included league leading goal-kicker Chris Aurisch and future Gippsland League best and fairest winner Kane Martin, one can only imagine how dominate those players were playing at a level well below what they were used to.

With the injection of three time Brisbane Lions premiership player Mal Michael into the lineup, the Bombers side quickly became known as the 'All-Stars', and took all before them to win the 2009 senior Ellinbank and District league premiership.

The win ended a 50 year premiership drought for Nilma-Darnum but was embroiled in debate, as many questioned the merits of the club essentially buying a premiership with a team of hired guns.

Whilst the debate will always rage, the story of how the club came to bring in so much talent to a somewhat foreign location is an interesting one to tell nonetheless.

A man named Andrew Patterson was president of the club at the time, and took over at the end of 2006 – a year in which the Bombers lost every game by an average margin of 140 points.

The club was on its death bed at the time, and if someone had of said Nilma-Darnum would be senior premiers within three years, they would have been told where to go and what to do with themselves.

"When I took over the presi-

dency at the end of 2006 the club was about ready to fold," Patterson said.

"Everyone says we just bought a flag but it was actually a three year plan building up to 2009, it wasn't just that one year.

"We probably went a bit too far getting in as many players as we did but we needed a premiership, we hadn't made finals in 14 years."

Baby steps saw signs of improvement in 2007 under new coach Brad Sinclair, which was followed by further development in 2008.

At the end of 2008 Nilma-Darnum showed the value of networks in securing the services of a number of Sale-based players.

Through the coercing of David 'Posion' Ivey, the Sale forward in the Magpies 2008 premiership, he was able to talk a number of premiership teammates into making the pilgrimage west.

"Poison is the reason we won it in 09, as he was able to get the Sale blokes across," Patterson said.

Ivey himself said that initial talks with some Sale players saw them dismiss the proposal outright, as they took offence at the prospect of going from playing in Gippsland's best team at the time to playing in one that had been arguably one of Gippsland's worst.

"Some of them said 'why would I want to play in that league?' Ivey said.

"But then they became more curious and wanted to see what playing there was like and it just sort of grew and one (new signing) became two and two became four."

In the offseason of 2008, the Nilma-Darnum hierarchy teed up a meeting in the Rosedale Pub with Sale premiership players Kane and Brenton Martin, league best and fairest winner Phil Harris and talented sportsman Chris Aurisch, who signed on the proviso that Mal Michael would definitely be their teammate for the 2009 season.

"The Sale blokes wanted a guarantee that we had Mal

Michael, we got his signature through some connections we had when he played at Collingwood, and got Hutchy (AFL journalist and former Gippsland resident Craig Hutchison) to promote it," Patterson said.

It was on the way home from the pub that Patterson undertook what was to go down in local football folklore.

Over the years the story of the legendary bet that was placed on Nilma-Darnum to win the 2009 premiership has been passed on from person to person, although Patterson says it "has a fair bit of mayo on it."

"There was a bookie up in Darwin that betted on Ellinbank and District games, and after we signed the Sale boys I put money on us to win the flag," he said.

"People say the odds were 1000 to one but it was more in the 20s or 30s, it was a decent win put it that way."

The 2009 season saw Nilma-Darnum lose only one game, in round 18 when they were preparing for finals, with Ivey saying the Sale players were virtually untouchable to their average competitors.

"The buzz created around the club was electric, membership and sponsorship numbers were up, old stalwarts would say 'this is the most we've ever had watching games' and all the functions would be packed," he said.

"Mal Michael took training a few times and the Sale blokes would car pool up, there was the sense of it being an adventure for a lot of them as well.

It appeared money wasn't the issue, as the team still needed to get and there still needed to be good people around the club that attracted players to it.

In the grand final the Bombers defeated Cora Lynn by 35 points, with Kane Martin among the best players and Ivey kicking three goals.

Patterson said he looked back fondly on the club's last senior football premiership.

"I only wanted one flag, if we had of lost 2009 we would gone again in 2010," he said.

"There's no regrets at all [go-

ing about it the way they did], it put a smile on so many supporters faces."

In the years following the premiership the Bombers fall from grace was both dramatic and somewhat predictable. From the 21 that played in the 2009 grand final, 14 left before the next season, and Nilma-Darnum crashed to finish second last on the ladder. The Bombers plummeted even further in 2011, collecting the wooden spoon with only one win to their name.

Since 2009, the side has only returned to finals once - in 2016 when it was eliminated in the first week.

The Nilma-Darnum story continues to be a topic of discussion in local football circles, with arguments against saying it was wrong for the club to desert local players, and arguments for saying bringing in new players was the only way the small town club would ever see any on field success.

Some argue that the Bombers premiership would lose meaning as the years went on, saying that money doesn't and can't replace the spirit of a good local club and that any spirit was removed when a team of outsiders came, won a flag and promptly left.

People in that camp say that everybody knows the value of juniors, but what future was there for the juniors at Nilma when the kids watched all the juniors who had gone before them pushed into the ressesies or out of the team by imports?

It is always a delicate balancing act, but some believe Nilma-Darnum went too far, as they brought in a whole team, not just five or six new players and left no room to develop younger players within the senior team.

What Nilma got out of it was a premiership flag, and in their view probably the only thing that changed was the fact that Nilma-Darnum won the premiership, and the rest remained the same.

Others look more upon the realities of the situation, and will say that the club was left with little choice.

What were they to do? Watch

as the other clubs got stronger and bring in players as they wait for their players to just show up and turn good? Languish at the bottom for 10 or so years and hope their juniors were the players that brought the club the highs it was after? Where does it end? Where is the enjoyment and success for the people that do it year after year and see no results for it?

Or perhaps the local players that were pushed out simply weren't good enough to get a senior game in the first place?

Regardless of what happened in the aftermath, there can be no denying just how good the team that wore the red and black for Nilma-Darnum was in 2009.

Having played for a number of clubs across a long tenure, Ivey said the 2009 Nilma-Dar-

num side sat first in his list of best ever, closely followed by Heyfield's 2000 team.

"Talent wise it's the best team I've ever played in," he said.

"Because it had so much depth, if you were having a bad game you just knew someone else would step up and get you over the line."

Nilma Darnum's 2009 Senior Premiership Team

- From the AFL: Mal Michael (238 games and three premierships with Brisbane)
- From Sale, who were the reigning Gippsland League premiers: Kane Martin, Brenton Martin, Phil Harris, David Ivey, Chris Aurisch.
- Other players of note: Allan Chandler, Michael Mooney, Shane Morgan.

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Limited Cricket Action During November as Rain Falls

Liam Durkin

There was no weekend cricket for three consecutive weeks last month, as wet weather confined players indoors.

The hat-trick of washouts was the highest number of consecutive games being abandoned since 2010-11. As some players joked in a few months time it could well be the opposite, with games likely to be heated off come February.

The predecessor for the washouts was seen in round three, in what was certainly one of the coldest days many could remember playing in. The B Grade match at Trafalgar saw some players rugged up with hoodies underneath their playing shirts, as well as hoodies to block out the chill factor. The A Grade game in round three was spectacular in the fact that the Ships got home by Duckworth-Lewis. This was the first time a match had been decided in such a way, and caused mass confusion.

Trafalgar batted first with

Aydan Connolly scoring 75, Liam White 40 and Rhys Holdsworth 29 not out. Their opponents, Centrals, were 3-83 when rain came down. The Duckworth-Lewis calculator was then brought out and the Ships got home by five runs. One can only imagine how fast Daniel Heathcote's head was spinning as the calculations for overs and time lost were being formulated.

After this match it was three weeks of wash outs. The clubs poor C Grade team were the hardest hit, as the weather and changes to the fixture meant that by the end of November they had played two games in as many months.

A two day match for A Grade against Yallourn North was reverted to a one dayer as the first week was washed out. This game was virtually all about Leo Connolly, who scored 84 and took four wickets. Jackson Noonan also got in on the act with the ball, snaring four himself, whilst White anchored the innings with

a steady hand.

B Grade was well beaten in a match against Willow Grove last month. C Grade had better luck against Jeeralang-Boolarra, as the experienced duo of Billy Pace (58 not out) and Mark Wynne (41) showed how its done. Wynne hit two sixes in his innings and was certainly sore the next morning. The Pace's had a good day in this match, as Billy's son James took three wickets.

Elsewhere, Liam Durkin has had a busy schedule, playing a few weeks for Melbourne in Victorian premier cricket, a few T20s for Stratford in the Sale-Maffra league, all the while fulfilling commitments as secretary at Trafalgar.

Trafalgar has now produced five players in the last 10 years who have gone on to play at district level, which surely must be the highest of any club in Gippsland. They are: Rhys Holdsworth (St Kilda, Casey-South Melbourne), Blair Clymo (Casey-South Melbourne), Liam White (Casey-South-Melbourne),

Nicole Faltum (Dandenong) and Liam Durkin (Melbourne).

The junior cricketers have also been affected by the wet weather, with limited opportunity to play. The under 16s went down in a match to Morwell, but got back on track with victory over Moe. Billy Claridge has been amongst the runs, as had Josh Cope. Dylan Gauci had a good game against Moe, making 31 and taking 2-2. Kaleb Chapman took two wickets against Morwell.

In the under 14s, Olly Hennessy made 27 in a losing effort against Willow Grove. The team had a good win over Moe, with Hennessy and James Pace making runs. Mitch Claridge, Aaron Aloyts, Louis Hennessy and Olly McQualter took wickets.

The under 12s have put in some good performances, with a win over Moe the highlight. Moe batted first and scored 4-65, which Traf was able to chase. Sam Jones top scored and wicket takers were Zak Larkin, Lucy Coulthard, Charlie Hennessy and

Olly White.

The Under 12s also had a great game against Mirboo North, with a convincing win in perfect cricket conditions. It was real team effort with all players giving it 100 per cent. Jax Ryan with two wickets and Zak Larkin with an innings of 17 not out were the standouts.

Off the field the club was successful in obtaining a grant for club room upgrades. The existing store room will be demolished to allow more space,

whilst new carpet will be laid. Club treasurer Melanie White has been the figurehead of this project and can add this to her long list of TCC achievements.

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



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