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STAMPS HELPING CHILDREN WALK

By Trevor Byrne

Trafalgar Lions Club members Graham McKenzie and Pauline Wheller travelled to Omeo recently to pick up a huge donation of stamps for the Australian Chapter of the Lions International Stamp Club.

All of these stamps are sorted and trimmed if necessary, then packed in wine boxes and sold at

the three stamp auctions held in Sydney each year. Money raised is then donated to the Australian Lions Children's Mobility Foundation and they use the money to purchase walking frames for children with cerebral palsy.

Over the past two years the Australian Chapter has raised a total of \$102,000 and in the cur-

rent Lions year we have \$45,000 in the bank with one auction to go. So this will be another record amount raised in a very difficult COVID-19 year.

All of the stamps are donated by Lions and Lioness Clubs, businesses and individuals and the Australian Chapter is very grateful for their continued support.

Lions members are responsible for collecting the stamps in each Australian State and Lion Graham McKenzie has received donations from all over Victoria for more than 10 years. He receives excellent support from Jessica Rosenboom and Jill McCourt who are always happy to trim and sort the stamps.

If anybody reading this story has been collecting stamps they no longer need or has their unloved children's albums sitting on a shelf, Graham would be delighted to hear from you. Please do not soak stamps off the paper, as they get the best price at auction for 'stamps on paper', however all stamps from Australia

and overseas, on or off paper are very welcome.

Graham's can be reached details via email at grahammck@westnet.com.au or on mobile 0400 104 058.

Vale Father Tom

By Liam Durkin

Tributes flowed for legendary Trafalgar priest Father Tom O'Connell who died recently.

Father Tom served the Catholic Diocese of Sale for more than 50 years.

Born in Ireland in 1933, Father Tom was ordained at All Hallows College, Ireland before being sent to Australia in 1956.

His first appointment was to the parish of St Therese's, Yallourn. Over the next five decades Father Tom ministered in many parishes across the diocese, including Morwell.

He became parish priest of St John's Trafalgar in 1980, and served there until his retirement in 2007.

As parish priest, he conducted many sacraments for students of St Joseph's Primary School Trafalgar – occasions he always counted as a highlight.

St Joseph's Primary School principal Patricia Mulqueen said Father Tom would be sorely missed.

"Father Tom will be remem-

bered for his warm and happy personality," she said.

"As a priest he brought friendship, songs and lots of fun to our school.

He has been a truly loved member of our school, parish and in fact all of Trafalgar.

"We will always remember Father Tom with much love."

Father Tom became a much-loved figure throughout his time in Trafalgar, and was known for his humility, sense of humour and generosity of spirit.

His work was recognised in 2005 with Baw Baw Shire awarding him an Australia Day medal for commitment to the local community.

An avid sports lover, Father Tom played golf for many years and was a passionate St Kilda supporter.

He also watched many games at the Trafalgar Football-Netball Club, where he was number one ticket holder.

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Trafalgar Lion Graham McKenzie cutting stamps to be sent to auction. The money raised is then donated to purchase walking frames for children with cerebral palsy.

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Our regular hirers were able to return in very late 2020 for their weeknight programs, but now all user types can return to hiring this community owned facility.

Some restrictions are still in place, including a total number of people limit of 70, needing a QR code for your event, registration with relevant authorities and provision of additional hygiene tools like hand sanitiser for your guests.

Australia Day and The Lions Club junior speaking competition were among the first events to return to the hall in 2021, and April will see our first private birthday party booking return.

The volunteers of the hall committee will continue to review and update the hiring policies as restrictions adjust over 2021 and booking enquiries can be made on our Facebook page or by calling Wombat on 0409 015 662.



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Andrews House residents roll up their sleeves for vaccination

Forty-eight residents of Andrews House rolled up their sleeves to receive their COVID-19 vaccine last month as part of the federal government's national roll out.

Elaine Smith was one of the first in line to be vaccinated and said she had no hesitations.

"If it protects people and helps get life back to normal I'm all for it," Elaine said.

105 year old Lilius Hart gave it the thumbs up saying she didn't feel a thing.

Ron and Dorothy Blakeman said it was simple and would provide protection for everyone.

The program is part of a vaccination drive coordinated by the Gippsland Region Public Health Unit (GRPHU) to vaccinate the priority Phase 1 A Group which includes residents in public aged care facilities and front line health care workers.

The team of trained vaccinators from GRPHU travelled to Trafalgar to administer the Pfizer vaccine to Andrews House residents supported by nurse immunisers from West Gippsland Healthcare Group.

WGHG chief executive Dan Weeks said it was an important milestone in the fight against COVID-19.

"The response from residents

to the vaccination program is terrific," he said.

"At Andrews House, 98 per cent of residents have consented to their first vaccine dose. This is an important step to help keep residents safe and well."

WGHG director of clinical operations, Trish O'Kelly said it was a smooth process from start to finish at Andrews House.

"A clinic was set up in our Friendship Room where residents entered one area to receive their vaccination and then through to a sitting area for observation where they could enjoy a cup of tea and a sandwich," she said.

"Those who were less mobile received their vaccination in their room."

Trish O'Kelly praised the great teamwork between the Gippsland Region Public Health Unit, WGHG Infection Control Unit and Aged Care staff.

"WGHG nurse immunisers have received training under the direction of the GRPHU and will be assisting the roll out of a WGHG staff vaccination program," she said.

"This is an important step in keeping our people safe and well and enables them to continue to provide the best care for our community."

People can find out what phase of the roll out they fall under, by visiting the Australian government's Vaccine Eligibility

calculator at <https://covid-vaccine.health-direct.gov.au/eligibility>.

For more information about the vaccine roll out in Victoria visit the Victorian government's website at coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccine.



Pharmacist preps Covid-19 vaccine. Photo by Steven Cornfield on Unsplash

Changes at probus club

By Elly Fallon

The Trafalgar and District Probus Club has just marked its 28th year as a club with a March annual meeting and a change of committee. For the past 28 years Probus has fulfilled the need of a social meeting place for the seniors of our community, a place of

friendship and care that really came to the fore during our COVID year in 2020.

Our COVID president, Carol Achterdenbosch handed on the chain of office to our new president for 2021, John Attwell. The past 12 months has not been an easy time to keep members to-

gether, however under Carol's leadership our club has actually managed to keep growing with 105 members now on our books.

Already this year we have had five new members with another three to be inducted this month. The probus calendar actually has

quite a few events on it again with guest speakers, walks, dine-outs, fortnightly morning teas and a bus trip to Yarram to view the murals.

Our annual meeting had 71 members present plus three visitors, a great roll up so early in the year and many stayed to en-

joy the lunch provided after the meeting. This just goes to show how much people really missed the company of others, during a very long COVID year. A power-point photo display brought back memories of happier times.

If you are retired please come along to one of our meetings.

You will be made very welcome. We meet in the Trafalgar Park Bowling Club, Ashby St, Trafalgar on the first Thursday of each month at 10am. Our motto is 'fun, friendship and fellowship' and under our new president John, we aim to fill your year with happy memories.



George and Jean Howorth enjoying a probus dine out at the Downtowner.



A cuppa after walking the Yarragon trail. Pictured is Lyn Jones, Jackie Koppen, Tom and Pam Pinkerton, Neil and Tina Phipps and Barb Butterworth.



New committee members Carol Achterdenbosch, Elly Fallon, Anne Brennan, Peggy Fisher, John Attwell, Ross Pethybridge, Glenda Mynard, Wayne Butterworth, (front) Lyn Jones, Tina Phipps, Glenda Jones and Sharley Smith.



Enjoying a cafe morning tea with over 20 probus members are Helen Fell, Terry Tagliabue, Anne Brennan, Elly Fallon and Betty McCulloch.



The new probus committee for 2021, Carol Achterdenbosch passing the chain of office to incoming president John Attwell.



Probus members enjoying a light lunch in the hall after the annual meeting.

COVID-19 stamp duty relief



By Trafalgar solicitor Jade MacGregor

The Victorian state government has recently introduced new stamp duty concessions on the purchase of properties with a dutiable value of up to \$1 million. The concession equates to a 25 per cent reduction in the payment of stamp duty. To be eligible, contracts must be signed after November 1 2020 and before July 1 2021. The concession applies even if

you do not live in the property as your Principal Place of Residence (PPR) and therefore use it as an investment or holiday home. It also applies to established homes and vacant land.

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your stamp duty would be \$16,552.50, saving \$5517.50.

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New members for Trafalgar Lions

By Trevor Byrne

There has been an influx of new members to Trafalgar Lions recently, with Glenn Rodda, a former member for 10 years rejoining after a three year absence, and Lynne Byrne joining the club having been a former Lioness and volunteer with the club for many years.

They were inducted into the club by District Governor Elect Steve Boyce, a member of the Lions Club of Sale.

A fortnight later at the following meeting, president David Koschade had the privilege of inducting three new members: Sally Raven, Julia and Rob Connell.

On another note, it was great to have Vanessa Hornby participate in our Youth of the Year contest at our last meeting. She certainly is a worthy contestant and advanced to the district final.



New members are welcomed to Trafalgar Lions. Pictured are sponsor Pat Taterson with returning member Glenn Rodda, new member Lynne Byrne and sponsor Trevor Byrne, District Governor Elect Steve Boyce and president David Koschade.



Lions Youth of the Year contestant Vanessa Hornby, pictured with chairman Neil Grimsbaw, judge Sue Pye, president David Koschade and judge Mick Bourke.



Installing Officer president David Koschade, sponsor Pat Taterson and new members Sally Raven, Julia Connell and Rob Connell.

Lions clean up Australia

By Alan Smith

The Lions Club of Trafalgar resolved recently to participate in Clean Up Australia Day as the environment is one of the pillars we are encouraged to support.

On Sunday, March 7 the official Australia wide Clean up Day, saw approximately 20 Lions embark on a good clean-up of the Trafalgar township, which included the railway precinct, shopping centre, Princes Highway, school grounds, car parks and town recreation areas including McGregor Park.

General consensus seemed to be that we live in a pretty clean neck of the woods however this didn't stop us being able to pick up about 20 bags of assorted litter including cigarette butts, cans and bottles, chip and lolly wrappers, ring pulls, assorted paper and fast food wrappers. One Lion even discovered a large uncooked piece of beef all nicely wrapped! Despite all publicity, cigarette butts appear to be on the increase. These insidious little items take years to break

down in our eco-system. The Environmental Protection Agencies system of heavy fines doesn't appear to be reaching those who continue to thoughtlessly pollute our environment. Our thanks go to the tip contractors who allowed us to dispose of the litter after we had analysed it. Thank you!

Next year when we do this activity again we would appreciate more help from the wider community. Please consider helping us next year



Around half of the Clean up Australia Day crew with some of the collected rubbish.



Local Glenn Rodda celebrating St Patricks day

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Father Tom's rosary beads were often on hand when sport was concerned.

Bishop Greg Bennet of Sale paid tribute to Father Tom, saying his career stood as a shining example of service to the Catholic faith.

"Father Tom O'Connell's death marks the end of the extraordinary ministry of those pioneering Irish clergy who, for generations, served the people of the Diocese of Sale," he said.

"Father Tom will be fondly remembered for his priestly good-

ness and his generous pastoral heart. He was a respected brother priest who brought much joy, humour, song and friendship among the clergy of Sale.

"Father Tom's faith in God was central to his life. Through his ministry he brought joy, hope and God's love to others."

Father Tom died peacefully on Sunday, February 28 at Andrews House, Trafalgar.

He had 11 siblings, four of whom became nuns and another who followed in his brothers footsteps by entering the priesthood.



Legendary Trafalgar priest Father Tom O'Connell was farewelled from this life recently.



Father Tom as a young priest.



Visitors to Father Tom's house were greeted with this plaque written in his native Gaelic.

Help needed to repair St. John's

By Jean Huffer, on behalf of St. John's Parish Council.

There has been a Catholic church in Trafalgar on the present Waterloo Rd site since land was first donated by the Kenny and Walls families in 1889.

Generations of families have worshipped here, and sacrificed to provide for a church building. The first timber structures needed extensions in 1903, and after serious fundraising, was opened in 1906.

The Catholic parish of Trafalgar, covering Moe, Yarragon, Thorpdale and Willow Grove was declared in 1907. When the first Josephite nuns came in 1930, these buildings also served the Parish as a school. At the height of the Great Depression, Catholics and the community raised sufficient money to build a brick building to house the nuns.

Time moved on and needs changed, so a larger brick church was built as a War Memorial Church which opened in February 1955. Always the provision of the church buildings

relied on the financial generosity of the parishioners and the wider community. The church has served the community well since then. It has been the place for many joyful celebrations of weddings, baptisms, and gatherings for worship, and a place of support for the sadder occasions of funerals. The local branch of the St. Vincent de Paul Society operates from here, and many of the district's needy, as well as passers-through have sought and found friendly assistance here.

In recent years the building was attacked by very unwelcome visitors. White ants left a trail of destruction behind which now requires urgent, extensive repair. The building has to be brought back to current safety codes. It is a costly exercise, and once again, the Catholic and wider community are asked to help to restore this landmark Trafalgar building.

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Scouting and guiding nominated for Nobel Peace Prize for global contribution

By Wombat Lyons, state commissioner diversity and inclusion

On the uniform of every Scout and uniformed adult volunteer at first Trafalgar Scout Group you will find a purple badge, the world Scout badge. It reminds us that from our community based group in this town, we are part of a much larger organisation, an organisation that is world wide and has recently been nominated for the 2021 Nobel Peace Prize. The World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM), together with the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS), have been nominated for the 2021 Nobel Peace Prize, recognising the outstand-

ing contributions of Scouting and Guiding that have empowered hundreds of millions of young people to create a lasting culture of peace in their communities for more than a century.

The Nobel nomination was submitted by Norwegian Liberty Party MP, Solveig Schytz, former chief commissioner of The Guides and Scouts of Norway and a current volunteer for the Scout Movement, and all that was observed on a world wide level by Mrs Solveig Schytz can also be seen locally in our own first Trafalgar that has been part of the town for over 110 years and caters for youth aged five to 15

from its hall on Kitchener St.

"The Scout Movement is all about giving young people the tools they need to solve the challenges of the future, while building a strong civil society. This work is vital to world peace," said Mrs Schytz.

"At a time when our world is threatened by so many international challenges, be it climate, wars, or the pandemics, we need a counterweight to egotism and nationalism. We need to offer young people a chance to rally around a set of common values and the belief in service, not only to one's own community, but to international society."

Since its founding in 1907, the Scouting Movement, that was soon followed by the formation of the Guiding Movement, has centred around enabling young people with the leadership and life skills for them to promote peace and mutual understanding, and to be of service to their communities. Scouting helps to build a lasting culture of peace by incorporating the ideas of teamwork, unity and intercultural understanding into its Youth Programme and activities. Responding to news of the nomination Elston Hynd, deputy chief commissioner of Scouts Australia said "to have been nominated

is a huge acknowledgment for the work scouting does in creating a better world. To receive the award would be awesome."

Over the past decade alone, World Scouting's flagship Messengers of Peace initiative inspired Scouts around the world to take action in their communities by contributing to peace and sustainable development, contributing more than 16 million local projects and actions. In Trafalgar many young people have contributed more by creating and running a local environmental or community development project. Scouting's national, regional and world events are

organised around the pillars of cross-cultural collaboration and peace-building, including World Scout Jamborees and JOTA-JOTI (Jamboree on the air and Jamboree on the internet) that connects millions of young people to be active global citizens. By teaching young people about the values of respect and duty to others, Scouts are working to build a world that is more peaceful and inclusive for people of all ages.

Traf High camp in Licola

By Wombat Lyons

Between Monday, March 1 and Friday, March 5, the Year 7 form groups of Trafalgar High School travelled to Licola in East Gippsland to stay at the Lions Club Licola Wilderness Village, a youth adventure activities camp to enjoy a range of adventure and challenge activities including canoeing, high ropes, rock climbing, giant swing, and bush cooking. Each student had three days at camp with days full of activities and evenings including night walks, movies, and games.

The township of Licola is owned entirely by the Lions Clubs of Victoria and southern New South Wales. The greater part of the town is occupied by the Licola Wilderness Village, where Lions Clubs have for 50 years run camps for youth including the school camp program that Trafalgar High School accesses. The

camp is held early in the year to support connection among the year level as Year 7s at Trafalgar High School come from over 30 local primary schools of West Gippsland and the Latrobe Valley.

From the outdoor archery range to learning basic canoeing skills flat water section of the Macalister River, the Year 7 students had a lot of fun while enjoying the sunny weather of the Gippsland ranges, however the free time activity of the gaga Pit was one of the most popular activities. Gaga is a variation of dodgeball, played with one ball in a pit. The aim is to strike the other players with the ball below the knee to get them out. The last player standing wins.

"Teamwork, planning and critical decision making are essential skills to build upon in order to achieve success in Year 7 and the Licola camp program

assist students to have a practical environment to develop these skills," said principal Jane

Mersey.

"The transition between primary school and secondary edu-

cation can be a difficult one and camp supports students to get to know each other than being away

from the classroom in this caring environment of fun and development."



Sophie Vosper exploring challenge valley.



Colin Vosper gets airborne.



Asbwantbaarya Radba Lakshmi Palamikumar mixing his damper recipe.



Matthew Sexton enjoys his damper mixing.



Bart Putus on the giant swing at school camp.

Bishop visits St Joseph's

By Patricia Mulqueen

Recently, newly ordained Catholic Bishop of Sale, Most Reverend Greg Benet, visited St Joseph's Primary School Trafalgar. Bishop Greg shared morning tea with the staff

and then visited the classrooms.

He was especially impressed with the Foundation and Grade 1 artwork. The students had created their own little 'Bishops' and had them displayed on the

window into their classroom. The artwork brought a smile to Bishop Greg's face.

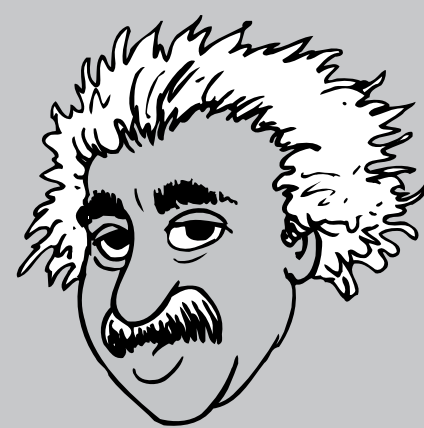


Bishop Greg with the Foundation and Grade 1 artwork display.



Bishop Greg with student leaders Amelia Tunks, Oscar Murto and Ruby Francis.

Alberts Corner



In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity.
— **Albert Einstein**

Local art teacher acknowledged

This year Zart Art established The National Teacher-Artist Prize 2021 (NTAP) to reward teachers by celebrating the value and quality of their individual art practice. They received an incredible 760 entries. NTAP aspires to be one of the most important events on the art and education calendar - the only dedicated art prize for educators in the world.

Fifty artworks have been shortlisted. Acknowledged as one of the 50 finalists is Ms Kathy Grass, art teacher at St Joseph's Primary School Trafalgar.

Kathy runs the art program at St Joseph's School and principal, Trish Mulqueen says "We are so very proud of Kathy and the work she does at our school. Our art program is second to none and the students love the opportunities that Kathy presents to creatively express themselves. Kathy is a fine artist herself and she truly loves teaching art to the students. It is fitting that Kathy's artwork has been recognised nationally."

Kathy's entry is entitled #Homeiswheretheheartis and is a 3D needle felted artwork.

"To be selected as a top 50 finalist out of 760 entries is a great honour for me as a teacher of art and a creator of artworks," Kathy said.

"I am passionate about art in general but especially needle felting. To have my felting art-

work selected and recognised in a mixed media art competition is very special as felting is often just thought of as a craft rather than an art.

"My artwork was based on a special photo that was sent to me by a friend in Belgium and it gives me great pleasure to think that the special connection between my friend and her tiny dog has led to this honour ... as it encompasses my love for my art and dogs."

The next phase of the competition is to have all the 50 artworks placed on display for

several weeks in a gallery in Melbourne. From these 50 artworks the Best in Show will be chosen as well as seven state 'Highly Commended' awards. A 'Peoples Choice winner' award will also be announced.

You can vote for our local artist, Ms Kathy Grass #Homeiswheretheheartis, by going to The National Teacher-Artist Prize 2021 website.

Congratulations Kathy and good luck in the final.



Trafalgar art teacher Kathy Grass has been short listed for a National Teacher-Artist Prize.



An example of Kathys needle felting artwork.



Kathy Grass' entry entitled #Homeiswheretheheartis.



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Memories of Trafalgar South school

By Lynne Young

I spent my primary school years at Trafalgar South Primary School from 1962 to 1968.

During my time the families attending this small country school were from the nearby farms.

The family names that I recall are Curwen, Hull, Winning, Peters, Fechner, Hobson, Buchanan, McCann, Pisa, McColl, Barrett, Bright, Kneebone and Thorson.

The first school was further up the road towards Thorpdale. It was burnt down sometime in the late 1800s. I do not know when the present school building was built. I do recall it was always well maintained.

There was a large triangle paddock called the 'pony pad-dock' on the intersection of Trafalgar South Rd and Haynes Track (known as Barrett's Rd or The Bush Track). No one rode horses to school during my time. This track led down to Trafalgar via the tip and past the abattoirs. The whole school would take nature walks along here, turning over logs and looking for lizards and other creatures. On the other side of the main Trafalgar South Rd there was a rundown tennis court. We played tennis here.

On Cracker Night or Guy Fawkes Night we would light the huge bonfire in the pony paddock, which the kids had built during the year from the green waste of the gardens and trees. It was a great family night with crackers and lots of food brought by the parents.

As children we played cricket on the cricket pitch, basketball, football below the cricket pitch, high jumps, tiggys, brandy, hop-

scotch, skipping, four square, twelves (ball game with skills getting harder as you progressed), hula hoop and pogo sticks. We also had monkey bars, log swing, maypole, rocker boat and a see-saw. All children played with each other. There was no such thing as games only for the boys or girls. Our recesses and lunch times were so busy with games.

The school had lovely maintained gardens with flowers, bushes and cypress hedges. The cypress hedges nearest the road were thick to the ground. They made excellent cubby houses and kept out the cold winds blowing over the schools hill. We often shared our lunches of Vegemite, jam, spaghetti, cheese, peanut butter or meat sandwiches. A hand push mower was used by the kids to mow the grass, particularly the path the toilets. Working bees were attended mainly by the fathers.

As you entered the school front gate there was a long gravel driveway leading to the concrete quadrangle in front of three concrete steps leading to the schools enclosed porch/coat room. Along this driveway was a neatly trimmed cypress hedge, which concealed the students vegetable garden and the teachers house. The vegetable garden had concrete paths dividing each plot and two students shared a plot each. Past the front porch to the right was another high cypress hedge. I remember being allowed to climb on top to trim the top. We stood on planks, using hedge clippers. There was a woodpile (mill ends) behind this hedge.

On wet days during recess we used the shelter shed behind the school building. It had rows of seats. We still managed to think up ways to entertain ourselves. I remember this was a very cold building. It offered shelter from the rain but the wind still blew into it.

A crate of milk was delivered daily. Yummy cream under the tin foil tops. The milk was only pasteurised. During winter the teachers wife or a mother would serve it hot with cocoa. It was such a treat.

There was no school uniform but most of the girls wore a grey pleated tunic. When you bought a new tunic there was swap cards in the pocket.

There was only one classroom and one teacher. It always seemed to be a very big room. The senior kids grades four to six sat on the right nearest the front door. I think there was only one exit door. The infants, prep to grade three sat on the left near the large windows. The older children always helped the younger ones with their reading and writing. With arithmetic we learnt addition and subtraction using Cuisenaire math rods. The wooden rods came in length representing one and 10 in length. The school desks sat two students, had separate lids to store our pencils and books in. Each one had inkwells. It was a special duty to be the nominated inkwell filler each morning. The ink, chalk and art supplies were kept in a large cupboard in the far right corner on the raised platform area. Once a week we were given iodine tablets to take.

This was because the Gippsland area was lacking in natural iodine and mostly we all drank tank water and ate our own produce. I can remember seeing adults with large goitres because of a lack of iodine. We rather liked the taste of the tablets and took an extra one if not seen. There was a front platform and the teachers desk was there. There was also two chalk boards for each section of juniors-seniors, maps on the wall of the world and of Australia. The young Queen Elizabeth sat proudly at the front, also a famous print by Albert Namatjira. The warm-Ray slow combustion fire with its cream enamel sat in the middle between the chalk boards. It did not warm the room that well. Often our wet shoes and socks lay next to it. A real treat was to take the enamel top off and toast our sandwiches on the steel plate.

Some of the teachers name I remember are: Mr Senior, Gibson, Wadsworth, visiting music teacher Mr Ecclestone, and a religious instruction teacher once a week. The school inspector Mr Carse arrived annually.

We travelled by private car to Trafalgar swimming pool for swimming lessons. We attended sports days at other small schools and the Narracan District State School Sports Carnival was held at the Thorpdale Recreation Reserve. Some of the other small schools attending were Childers, Narracan, Ten Mile Creek and Coalville.

The walk to school each way for my siblings and I was 2.5 miles (four kilometres). We walked in all types of weather including

snow.

Each year we put on a Christmas concert at night for the parents to attend. Parents bought a plate of supper, we sang Christmas carols and put on a play. A great night to look forward to, there would be a large pine tree decorated by the students handmade decorations. Santa would visit, distributing a small gift to all children attending the party. Oh the smell of the Christmas tree is such a beautiful memory.

My first reader was John and Betty. I can still recite the words. In grade three you gained a 'pen licence', this is when you had mastered writing with a lead pencil and progressed to a nib pen. This was constantly dipped into the inkwell. A piece of blotting paper was essential for tidy work. We wrote in exercise books. They had the times table printed on the back cover. On Monday's we had morning assembly at the bottom of the front door steps. We sang 'God Save The Queen', marched on the spot and had our fingernails checked for cleanliness. To gain entry to class we would answer a times table or spelling word correctly and jump onto the first step. Repeating this process we gained entry to the classroom. Once a week we would have show and tell.

The annual school picnic day was held at Cape Patterson. It took two and a half hours each way driving in the family car. We left after milking and arrived home to milk again. My mum would make egg sandwiches and homemade crunchy honey comb. We would get very sunburnt (no sunscreen

in those days). We proudly became members of the Gould League of Bird Lovers. We pledged to protect native birds and to not collect their eggs. We received a certificate and an enamel badge with a bird on it. There was an annual magazine that taught us about the birds. To this very day I still check out what birds are around. We listened to the ABC program 'Sing'. We received an annual singing book to join in.

When the school closed in 1972 I was in high school. My sister was still attending. Mr Borham picked up the primary school kids in his minibus and they attended Trafalgar Primary School. A special classroom was set up for the Trafalgar South students. The school had suffered from a fire caused by a broken window and the wind blowing some papers onto a radiator. Due to a lack of student numbers the school never reopened. During my time the number of students would have been up to 18.

I enjoyed attending Trafalgar South Primary School, having fond memories of those years.

Lynette Young is now living in Wingham, New South Wales.

RSL back in action

By Chris Johnson

Trafalgar/Thorpdale RSL is back up and running after what has been a very trying 12 months for everyone.

Our Friday night sippers has recommenced and anyone wishing to come down is more than welcome.

Sippers starts at 4:30pm every Friday. It is our hope that this year we can conduct ANZAC day services at all nine cenotaphs in our area of responsibility, and for our march to proceed as normal.

Last year we still conducted all our services at the cenotaphs and it was a very different affair to what we normally have, but they still went ahead, all be it without any onlookers.

Our service times this year are as follows: Narracan East: 9.30am, Thorpdale: 9.30, Willow Grove: 9.30, Hill End: 10.30, Erica: TBC, Trafalgar: form up outside Criterion Hotel at 10.45am and march steps off at 11am followed by service at the RSL hall.

AROUND THE HISTORICAL Society

By Di Ireland

The 2020 annual meeting of the Trafalgar and District Historical Society was held recently after being delayed due to COVID-19. Office bearers remain as:

President: John Weymouth
Vice President: vacant
Secretary: vacant
Treasurer: Glenys Ralls
Archivist: Jean Huffer
Publicity Officer: Jack McDon-

ald
Magazine Sales: Glenys Ralls
Around the Historical Society: Dianne Ireland.

Janet Cowden resigned her position as secretary and at this stage her duties will be a combined member effort until our next annual meeting which is scheduled for August this year. Janet had been with our society for a number of years, travelling from Neerim South to attend meetings and working bees. Her expertise has seen the vast majority of our collection entered into the catalogue and she will be sorely missed. We thank Janet for her contribution to our society.

A recent donation to our holdings was presented by Jim Growe from Narracan. This comprises Narracan Community newspapers dating back to the 1970s as well as a number of newspaper

articles relating to the area. This is a most valuable resource for anyone involved in the research of Narracan and district. Many thanks to Jim for his help in identifying some of the photos in the Apex photo album.

The photos published in March's issue of the Traf News produced only one name. With the help of Sharon Lowater, we think the young lady on the telephone could be Sue Boonstra, working at the regional office of the Education Department in Moe, circa 1980s. If anyone can verify this please phone Dianne on 0439 655 172. As for the Traf Girls Dancing display, they remain a mystery. Let's hope we have more success with this month's photo. It was from the Gazette/Trader August 12 and 14 1986 and is labelled 'Auction'. Dale Cook is the only name we have but it would be good to have a few more details. Again, phone Dianne if you can help.

Working bees are held on the first and third Fridays in the front rooms of the old kindergarten building in Contingent St. The next general meeting will be on April 15. Visitors are most welcome to view our rooms.

Do you recognise anyone in this photo? The Trafalgar and District Historical Society is seeking assistance for this photo dated August 12 and 14 1986, labelled 'Auction'.

A history of local cenotaphs

By Ray James

The following cenotaphs are located in the Trafalgar Thorpdale RSL area of responsibility.

Trafalgar Cenotaph at highway site and now at the RSL.

The Trafalgar War Memorial was situated in front of the former Narracan Shire offices facing the Princes highway. The memorial was unveiled by the Victorian Governor, Earl of Stradbroke, on December 7 1921.

Constructed of granite, this memorial comprises of a white marble soldier standing at 'reverse arms' on a small entablature, which is supported by four columns set on a square base.

At the front of the base is engraved the dedication of the memorial to those who gave the 'supreme sacrifice'.

Originally, this was for World War 1 only, but an 'S' has been added to the final sentence to refer to the 'Great Wars' and the dates of the Second World War added below those of the First World War.

The names of key conflicts in World War 1 are engraved into the cornice on each side of the entablature, while the names of 31 locals who gave the supreme sacrifice are carved in each side of the base.

The cenotaph was relocated to the Trafalgar RSL at 55 Kitchen St in October 2014. New foundations stones were laid and the original foundation stones were used for a donated Baw Baw Shire bench seat in memory

of Jack Cooper.

A time capsule was placed in the centre of the new foundation which now hold steady the memorial.

Thorpdale Cenotaph which also covers Childers and Trafalgar South.

The War Memorial was originally erected to commemorate those from Thorpdale and surrounding districts who died in service or were killed in action during World War 1.

The memorial lists the names of the fallen of that conflict and at the base of the memorial, the fallen of World War 2 are listed. Plaques commemorating those who served in later conflicts and individual service plaques are located on stone walls on either side of the memorial.

Willow Grove Cenotaph

The Hill End cenotaph was originally erected to commemorate those who died in service of were killed in action during World War 1.

Narracan Cenotaph Memorial

The Narracan cenotaph is located on Narracan Connection Road, Narracan.

Yarragon Cenotaph

Grey Granite Obelisk opened on July 17 1920.

It was erected by the residents of Yarragon in honour of

the men who served their country in the Great War from 1914 to 1919.

This memorial is located across from town and country gallery on the grassy area. It's very easy to access with street parking. There is a seat next to the memorial if you wish to sit for a moment to reflect. The War Memorial commemorates those who have served in the various conflicts in which Australia has been involved. The memorial was originally erected in memory of those from the district who served in World War 1 and lists the names of those who lost their lives. The names of the fallen of World War 2 were added to the memorial at a later date. A plaque has been added to the memorial to commemorate post World War 2 conflicts. The memorial also contains an Australia Remembers Plaque as well as plaques listing the names of those who fell in World War 1 who were not listed on the memorial. In 1920 a militant General Elliot unveiled this memorial with the locals cheering him on. The last post was played at the ceremony by Mr Moore, and 100 years later, the monument remains to remind us of those who served our country.

One of the most popular types of building was the memorial hall.

In some cases memorial halls were built instead of war memorials. Memorial halls typically house honour roll(s) which display the names of local servicemen and women.

After their construction memorial halls became important venues for local activity and many are still in use today.

Their story is a central part of these communities' histories.

Walhalla Cenotaph

This memorial was erected by the Walhalla Shire to honour those from the area that enlisted in World War 1. This memorial remained as a monument to those that went to war. It was not a cenotaph until Trafalgar Thorpdale RSL were encouraged to search for enlistees from Walhalla that did not return home from World War 1.

If you visit Walhalla you will now see two bronze plaques that has changed this memorial to a cenotaph, which is now their empty coffin to those that did not return home World War 1.

Aberfeldy Cenotaph

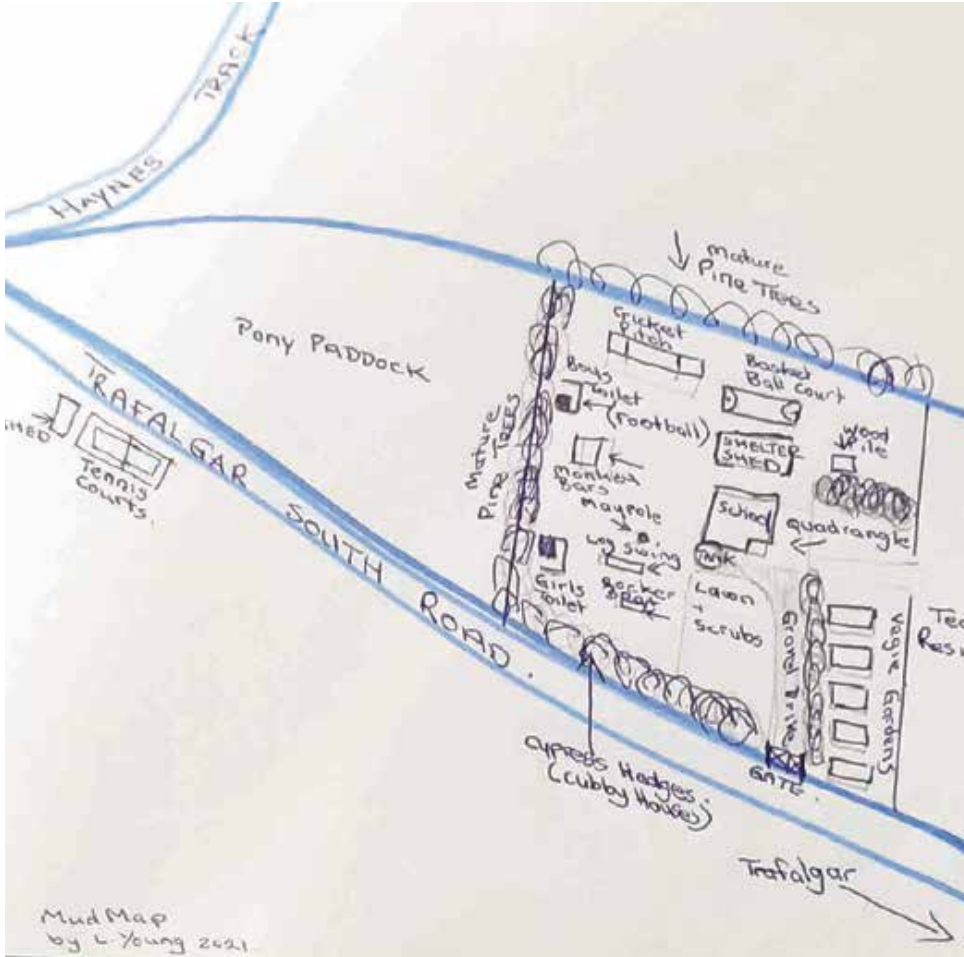
The Aberfeldy cenotaph was designed by Ralph Chesterfield from the Aberfeldy cemetery trust. It depicts conflicts from World War 1 and is located at Cemetery Rd.

Erica Cenotaph

The Erica Memorial Hall is located at 14 School Road. After World War 1 and 2, memorial buildings were erected in towns and suburbs across Australia in memory of those who fought and died.



Trafalgar South Primary School in the 1980s.



A mud map of Trafalgar South Primary School.



Healthy eating: back to the basics

By *Asleigh Thompson, Dietician*

Trafalgar Medical

Have you tried every fad diet under the sun? Keto, intermittent fasting, 5:2? Where you saw quick results at the start and then nothing? Those quick results you see have nothing to do with fat loss. What happens when we go on one of these 'health' kicks is that we generally consume fewer carbohydrates (which is the case in keto), but as carbohydrates are found in most takeaway foods, cakes and pastries; when we cut these out we will often see a quick loss of weight.

This is not fat loss, it is mostly just water weight. When we eat and store carbohydrates in the body as glycogen there are approximately two to three grams of water stored with it. So, when we cut out carbohydrates there is less glycogen stored in the body and therefore less water retention. Eating fewer carbohydrates may also naturally place you in a

calorie deficit, which is when we consume less than we burn and is how we achieve weight loss. This is how these fad diets work, they just naturally put the body into a calorie deficit but this can also be achieved by focusing on the basic macronutrients; protein, carbohydrates and fats.

Carbohydrates

I will often talk to my clients about consuming mainly low GI (glycaemic index) carbohydrates. The glycaemic index ranks foods according to their effect on blood sugar levels. It is recommended to choose low GI over high GI carbs as they are more slowly digested and absorbed, causing slower and smaller rises in blood sugar levels. When high GI carbohydrates are consumed there is a rapid rise and fall in blood sugar levels, which you may recognise as a 'sugar crash'.

Low GI carbs are also rich in

fibre and when consumed with lean protein and healthy fats, promote the feeling of being full and satisfied for longer by regulating and maintaining lower blood sugar levels. It is recommended that three quarters of your plate is filled with low GI carbohydrates. Some examples include: wholegrain bread and cereals, white or brown long grain rice, lentils and legumes, fruit, starchy vegetables such as potato, sweet potato and corn, milk, yoghurt and soy products.

Protein

You may already know that protein is essential for muscle mass, among other things it helps regulate our hormones resulting in a satisfying effect, keeping us fuller for longer and aiding weight loss. Many meat-based protein sources can be high in saturated fat, so making a few small changes to the leaner options may aid in weight loss. Some examples include: poultry, meat, fish, eggs, nuts and seeds.

Healthy fats

Working similarly to proteins, healthy unsaturated fats (mono-unsaturated or polyunsaturated omega-three or omega-six fats keep us fuller for longer as they have a positive effect on satiety and help to regulate your appetite by controlling the release of appetite hormones. Unsaturated fats also help to reduce the risk of heart disease and lower cholesterol levels when they replace saturated fats in the diet.

Fat provides the most energy (kilojoules/calories) than any other nutrient, however, it is important to eat unsaturated fats in small amounts as a part of a balanced diet due to the benefits mentioned above. Some healthy fat options include: oily fish (omega three polyunsaturated), safflower, soybean oil and Brazil nuts (omega six polyunsaturated), olive and canola oil, avocados, cashews and almonds (monounsaturated).

I recommend adding a tablespoon of oil to your cooking,

avocado to your salad or having a handful of nuts as a snack.

Vegetables and fibre

In combination with our three macronutrients (protein, carbohydrates and fats), I always recommend filling up half your plate with vegetables, whether your goals are weight loss or not. The guidelines state that it is recommended that adults over the age of 18 should be consuming five to six serves of vegetables per day. Vegetables are full of essential vitamins, minerals and dietary fibre which help minimise diet-related chronic disease risk.

Dietary fibre is another key player in weight management. Dietary fibre is a type of carbohydrate that can't be digested by the gut and is found in not only vegetables but also fruits, cereals, legumes, nuts, seeds and grains. Fibre not only helps us go to the toilet, but it also helps us keep fuller for longer and therefore aids in achieving and maintaining a healthy weight. Fibre also helps

to normalise bowel movements, helps maintain good bowel health, helps lower cholesterol levels and control blood sugar levels.

When it comes to achieving sustainable weight loss, going back to the basics is best! Focus on vegetables, low GI carbohydrates, lean proteins and healthy fats as these will not only keep you fuller for longer but create a more sustainable approach to weight loss and the development of healthy eating habits that will last a lifetime.

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Companion animal socialisation

By *Dr Kerrie Piper*



Many Australians welcomed a new pet to their homes over the last year and we're getting a lot of questions regarding socialisation of these new animals.

Everyone seems to know they

should socialise their pet, but most people actually don't really understand what it means to have a socialised pet or how to achieve it with their pets.

Socialisation is a process where we introduce our pets to the world around them, and to our lifestyle. Socialisation is not a place or event or even a thing we do to our pets - we don't do it 'to' our dogs and cats, we do it 'with' our dogs and cats.

Socialisation has already started by the time you pick up your puppy or kitten from the breeder. Selecting a knowledge-

able breeder can be an important factor in helping your new companion becomes well socialised.

For many dogs, some amount of socialisation is ongoing throughout their life, although for puppies it is critically important. Socialisation is the learning process which helps your dog feel comfortable and safe in the world they must live in. A socialised dog can be in a busy environment and let it pass by without becoming overly excited or fearful - picture a Guide Dog.

These are some of the most

well socialised dogs we encounter, but they pass people without acknowledging them, and they don't seek out interactions with other animals.

Typical dogs are designed to become used to everyday things until they reach a certain age (usually around 14 weeks of age). After this age, dogs become more suspicious of things they haven't yet experienced. This ensures that the developing juvenile dog has a healthy caution to new things, some of which may in fact pose a risk to them. For cats, the socialisation period ends earlier,

usually around eight weeks of age.

It helps to know not only what socialisation is, but also what it is not.

Socialisation is not making your dog or cat want to always go out with you, to go everywhere all the time. A socialised pet is not a pet who wants to meet or play with other animals all the time. Socialisation does not mean you make your pet love everything and everyone, only that they are content and comfortable amongst a variety of events.

The ultimate goal for so-

cialisation is to have a dog or cat who is comfortable and not unreasonably anxious, fearful or stressed in day to day life and easy to enjoy spending time with no matter where you go in life.

To find out more about socialisation, you can phone the clinic on 5633 1327.

We are now taking new enrolments for puppy school. Our Catch Up Socialisation Course for dogs who may seem boisterous or nervous is also still available for older puppies or dogs.



Council News.

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

Image: Walhalla

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

The next Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 14 April at 5.30pm in Fountain Room at the West Gippsland Arts Centre.

All community members are welcome to attend. Bookings are required due to COVID-19 restrictions and can be made via the Council website.

All meetings can be viewed via live stream on the Council website.

See what's on the agenda for the next meeting on Council's website.

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The Northern Mobile Library visits towns throughout Baw Baw Shire each week.

On board you'll discover books, DVDs, magazines and much more.

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Youth Mental Health First Aid Training Available

2020 was a tough year and it's important, now more than ever, to look after yourself and those around you.

Baw Baw Shire Council have partnered with Live4Life to deliver free youth mental health first aid training courses for Baw Baw residents.

The six courses will be available for parents, carers, school staff, sporting clubs and members of the community throughout the year and will give you the tools to identify when a young person is experiencing mental health issues and provide the tools to support them.

The courses are spaced out throughout year, so you can find one that best suits your schedule. To register visit: <https://bit.ly/3kUae4h>

Let's create a community vision for Baw Baw Shire

What are your priorities for Baw Baw Shire for the next thirty years?

Over coming months, there will be a range of opportunities for you to be directly involved in designing a new Community Vision for the Shire, including focus groups, open surveys and a community-led panel.

This Community Vision is a big deal - it will be led by you and will directly guide the development of the Council Plan 2021-2025 and Financial Plan 2021-31.

For more information visit bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/CommunityVision



What's coming up at West Gippsland Arts Centre

West Gippsland Arts Centre is back to live, bringing you a range of shows to enjoy in 2021.

Peter Rabbit
Warragul Youth Theatre
13 - 16 April

Family is Murder!
Saturday 17 April, 7.30pm

Jimeoin: Ramble On
Saturday 24 April, 8.00pm

Zevon: Accidentally Like A Martyr
Sunday 25 April, 7.00pm

Mental as Everything
Thursday 29 April, 8.00pm

The Very Hungry Caterpillar
Thursday 13 May, 10am and 12.30pm

The Merger
Thursday 13 May, 8.00pm

For bookings visit wgac.com.au



Pet registration reminder

A friendly reminder that pet registration renewals are due by 10 April.

Did you know registering your pets is necessary under the *Domestic Animals Act 1994 (Victoria)*, and greatly improves the chance of your pets being returned to you if they become lost?

It is a requirement for all dogs and cats aged three months and over to be registered. Microchip registration is not the same as pet registration.

You can register your pets online via the Council website via an easy to follow form.

Immunisation session times

Trafalgar
Trafalgar Community Centre,
Princes Highway, Trafalgar
Tuesday 27 April
5.00pm - 6.30pm

For more information, including what to bring to the session, please visit the Council website.

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Farming News

Landholder concerns largely ignored in licensed water frontage regulations

The Victorian Farmers Federation is disappointed the genuine concerns of landholders and the farming community have been largely ignored in proposed regulations to govern camping on licensed water frontage.

VFF president Emma Germano said it's unacceptable that the Victorian government continues to ignore the very real fears of those who will be impacted.

"There's no stopping campers from settling in for up to 28 days as little as 100 metres from your home on licensed water frontage. It's safe to say by then many would have overstayed their welcome," she said.

"It's a no-brainer that if camping is to be allowed on grazing licences, then dogs should not be allowed.

"Every livestock farmer knows the very presence of dogs will be smelt and seen by stock, causing disruption and limiting their access to water.

"We urgently need the Victorian government to take a step back and insert some common-sense into the equation."

The VFF is advocating that farmers should have the right to clearly mark the boundary between private and public land to manage their property.

"Clearly the regulation prohibiting the erection of signs needs to be clarified. It's entirely appropriate for licence holders to put up signs requesting gates be kept shut, to indicate the border between private and public land and

to identify biosecurity protocols," Ms Germano said.

The VFF would also like to see a system of registration to improve accountability and assist farmers with biosecurity compliance.

"The Victorian Fisheries Authority have said they are creating a purpose built app, we don't think it's unreasonable to ensure the app allows campers to register their stay."

"Given the level of concern from farmers on the matter, we need the option of a review process in 12 months' time to change any regulations that clearly aren't working."

After continued lobbying, the VFF has been advised and is looking forward to public forums on the matter so that all stakeholders can discuss the proposed regulations.

VF welcomes change of focus on water recovery

The VFF has welcomed steps announced by the federal government to put communities back at the heart of the Murray Darling Basin Plan and to stop on-farm water recovery.

Meeting with federal Water Minister Keith Pitt in Echuca recently, VFF Water Council chair Richard Anderson welcomed the federal government's commitment to invest in off-farm water saving infrastructure.

"The VFF is pleased to see this renewed effort to assist farming communities with the Minister's announcement for upgrades to off-farm infrastructure, including a \$177 million investment in the

Goulburn Murray Irrigation District," Mr Anderson said.

"The VFF has lead the discussion on the need to stop on-farm water projects that require farmers to give up water savings to the environment, thereby reducing the overall amount of water available to agriculture.

"The Productivity Commission only warned last week in its recent report, that climate change will have major impacts on irrigators. Farmers need to be keeping their water savings to ensure they have a buffer in dryer times ahead and not be forced to give them up to the environment.

"The government has listened to these concerns and has taken action to wind up its Water Efficiency Program which will help give farming communities greater confidence."

Mr Anderson however said the VFF was seeking further detail from the government on the \$60 million still being allocated to on-farm projects.

"Our understanding is that no-on farm project can pass the socioeconomic tests agreed to by the 2018 Ministerial Council as it ultimately reduces the total amount of water available to irrigators. We cannot afford to see these projects go ahead," he said.

"We have also sought clarification on how the \$150 million direct grants to farmers announced by the Minister will work."

Mr Anderson reported the VFF took the opportunity to advocate on a number of important issues on behalf of Northern Victorian irrigators when meeting with the Minister.

"We have made it clear to the Minister that we need legislative change to end water buybacks, greater flexibility in the Sustainable Diversion Limit (SDL) Projects, greater focus on deliverability issues and the need to measure environmental health in more ways than just through increased flows," he said.

"We made it clear to the Minister that if the government wants to continue to help rural communities, then they need to provide real certainty that buybacks cannot occur by enshrining it in legislation.

"The VFF will continue to work with the commonwealth to ensure a fair Basin Plan outcome is achieved."

VFF supports powerful Worksafe farm safety campaign

The VFF supports the launch of WorkSafe Victoria's advertising

campaign 'It's never you, until it is'.

The powerful advertisements are intended to influence the mindsets of the farming community.

VFF chief executive Jane Lovell said, "Although graphic and emotionally confronting, these ads are designed to challenge any complacency around safety."

"When watching these advertisements, we all need to think not just about our own safety, but also our employees and our families and the impacts on them if something goes wrong. Employers have an important role to lead by example."

"The headline 'It's never you, until it is' is the flip side of old fallacy 'It won't happen to me'," she said.

"We want farmers to consider whether poor safety practices are commonplace on their properties, and to take action."

For example, the advertisements also feature some common practices such as having seatbelts already buckled in behind the driver and passenger when using a side-by-side, which have been a feature in a number of serious farm related accidents.

"If the seatbelt is already buckled up before a worker even gets

on the side-by-side, that reflects a poor entrenched safety practice" Ms Lovell said.

The VFF encourages farmers to take the time to engage with their employees about the advertisements in the days and weeks following.

The VFF Safety Team stands ready to assist farmers with the free farm safety audits and OHS consultancies which are available to all Victorian farmers courtesy of the 'Making our Farms Safer' Project.

In addition to supporting the industry by highlighting commonplace farm safety hazards and educating employers on their OHS duties in the monthly 'Making our Farms Safer' newsletter, the Farm Safety Team will also in future write articles which will be targeted at influencing the safety culture and mindset of the industry.

The farming industry accounts for nearly one if five workplace deaths in Victoria over the last 12 months.

To arrange a free safety consultancy phone the VFF Safety Team on 1300 882 833 or visit the VFF website at vff.org.au/project/making-our-farms-safer/



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

Trafalgar, Yarragon & Yallourn News, April, 1931.

April 2 – Broadcasting Radio 3TR

Two huge Arial poles, one 85 feet (26m) in height have been erected at Trafalgar and now all is in readiness for full broadcasting programs by 3TR Trafalgar. The public undoubtedly has Mr F. D. Berkery to thank for the station being in this part of Gippsland – he is undoubtedly a "live wire" citizen.

which festooned the streets. Never before have so many old and new residents gathered at Yarragon, and the "Back To" celebrations have been beyond all expectations. Former residents returned from near and far, and the happy care-free nature of renewing old friendships and acquaintances provided all with much fun and frivolity, and the occasion will live long in the memory of one and all.

Rotary Club News

At last Tuesday night's meeting of the Trafalgar Rotary Club, forthcoming club projects were discussed. It was agreed to have in the near future a "Hobbies Night" which would be open to all children and adults who reside in the Trafalgar, Yarragon and Thorpdale districts. Other projects discussed were the forthcoming Old People's Night, and a portable stall for use by charitable organisations.

April 13 – "Back To" Over

Well the bunting is being stored away, and all the Yarragon folk who toiled so hard for the "Back To" celebrations, can look back on a wonderful organised job. The Football, Tennis and Bowling clubs organised the celebrations. About 1000 pounds (\$29,400) was raised – a truly magnificent result.

April 20 – Cowboys And Cowgirls

The practice of children riding horses on footpaths and down the centre of nature strips is still one that is still prevalent in our town. A word from the parents of the many would-be cowboys and cowgirls in our midst would probably do away with any action which the shire council will soon be forced to take in another direction if the practice is not stopped very soon.

Anzac Tokens

Anzac tokens will once again be on sale in Trafalgar this weekend to swell the funds available to aid distressed soldiers and nurses throughout the State, and an appeal is made to citizens to show their appreciation for the sacrifices made by the many young servicemen and women by making sure they have a token displayed on

By Reverend Moira Dodsworth

Reflection

I arrived in Thorpdale, Gippsland, Victoria having only visited Melbourne twice before, from sunny Queensland, at the beginning of January. I can hear you laughing as I tell you that I was immediately digging through boxes and suitcases (ports?) to find my doona, ugg boots and warm pyjamas. I admit that I did not expect it to be that cold in January! But as I did this, wonderful people from my

church unpacked dishes and found the jug, connected the internet, put the bed together, set food on the table and shared it with me. I can only contrast this to my arrival in Ayr, Queensland 40 years ago when we moved into a house empty of furniture with a few mismatched plates, slept on a blow-up mattress for six months, walked everywhere and felt very lost. Thank you Gippslanders! I look forward to

a long stay here, already feeling at home.

What a difference it can make to our attitude and approach to life when people are kind, generous and welcoming. I know, that in these COVID times people have looked after their neighbours, checked up on elders and supported those who needed it. But I would have said that I didn't need help, I am capable and self-sufficient,

in Trafalgar.

Balfour Park Oak Tree

The large Oak tree in Balfour Park was planted when the State School opened on the site on 1st October, 1876, making it almost 124 years old. Arthur Erbs, who remembers the tree being 3-4 metres high when he was young, said there were planted gum trees down one side of the park and pine trees on the other. Note: This historic Oak tree is now huge and still growing strong today.

Youth Resource Centre

The Trafalgar Youth Resource Centre held a meeting on Monday, 17th March, to discuss the future of the Centre. Due to the current funding drawing to a close the meeting was called to look at strategies for gaining further funding and to gather support from the community. The 'Lighthouse' and FREEZA programs have been very successful with young people given the responsibility of organising the events. The skills involved in this process include working to a budget, negotiating, delegating and organisational skills.

Trafalgar Lions In Clean-Up

Five members of the Trafalgar Lions Club participated in 'Clean-Up Australia Day' recently by picking up rubbish along both sides of the railway line for a considerable distance east and west of the Trafalgar Railway Station. Altogether they picked up sixteen bags of rubbish deposited by thoughtless people. Congratulations Lions on a job well done.

Trafalgar Freemasons

Victorian Freemasons are once again joining with the Roman Catholic 'Knights of the Southern Cross'. The project this time is the collection of old unwanted 'Hand Tools' for distribution in East Timor. Following the very successful bicycle appeal Trafalgar Freemasons respectfully request your assistance in gathering tools for East Timor. Charity begins with each of us first looking into our heart, then looking in our garage, workshop or garden shed and asking: "do I really need all these tools?"

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A record that's hard to beat

MAFFRA Football-Netball Club legend Wayne Butcher has a coaching record few, if any, could beat.

Butcher has won five senior premierships in 10 seasons and made the grand final in all but two seasons he has been in charge.

From 2002 until 2005 and from 2014 to present, he has coached the Eagles in 200 senior games with a winning rate of more than 80 per cent.

In fact, Butcher has won more premierships than every current Gippsland League coach combined, and has even won more flags individually than half of the current teams have managed in their entire existence.

On the eve of the 2021 season, Wayne Butcher was good enough to provide a few anecdotes from his extraordinary coaching career.

(Questions by Liam Durkin).

It's hard for modern day followers of local footy to fathom but before you became coach Maffra was actually the easy beats. What turned it all around?

The history of the footy club was they wanted to win one grand final. What was never talked about was building a culture or keeping the club strong for a long time.

I went through the era when I played we were buying in players from Melbourne straight out of league footy, paying them a lot of money and us locals were the ones selling raffle tickets and raising the money to give it to these guys who'd play a year and then off they'd go and we were very unsuccessful.

So I learnt from that, I didn't want Maffra to be like that when I came back as coach, I wanted to look after the locals.

That's why when we came back as a group, Graham Robbins, Garry Pleming, Terry McConnell and myself, our main thing was to build a strong club rather than worry about winning a grand final.

It was just about recruiting good people. We changed a lot of things. There was a guy that played the year before, he wouldn't train or respect what we were doing, I gave him a clearance after round two which shocked everybody — he was runner up in the best and fairest the year before.

It wasn't about one person, it was always about the club and I think that's why we've been successful, because we've kept that all the way through. It's been a constant theme all the way through to try and keep the club strong and not just try and win a premiership.

Are you able to put a finger on how a club in a dairy farming community of just 4000 people, competing against towns four times its size, can be such a powerhouse?

There's no great secret at all. Coaching wise we would probably be the most relaxed coaching group that you've ever seen if you played with us.

I learnt over the years the players don't want to sit down after a game and write out about their own performance, they want someone to talk to them about it.

I bring an esky of cans in, give the boys a can, the ladies bring the left over pies and sandwiches, they sit around and have a yak to each other, if one blokes had a bit of a bad game, they do it themselves, have a beer and a pie - it's country footy.

There is an element of the All Blacks and sweeping the sheds with Maffra. How did that come about?

When I was playing we use to just throw our jumpers down and someone would pick them up, in 2002 we brought a thing in where we fold them up, respect it (the jumper) and then the team manager can come and pick them up. It sounds strange but it all helps, they're all doing it for the club, not just for themselves. If I think there's a troublemaker, he's not there very long, even if he's the best player in the side.

That's our culture. Everyone is brought up with it.

In my experience Maffra is easily the best at ruthlessly destroying an opponent once they get on top. Does that stem from anything?

That competitiveness is probably driven from the years we got hammered.

We got hammered for a lot of years.

We use to go to Traralgon and kick two goals and get beaten by 150 points when I was playing.

Leongatha use to do the same to us — they'd just laugh at us.

We don't want to see those days again. We want to be tough and strong, that's what we want to be.

Something that has always amazed me is there doesn't appear to be anything overly spectacular about the way Maffra play. It just seems like a surge mentality, numbers at the ball, repeat efforts, really simple?

It's a very simple game plan. We're not a negative side. We don't play extras down back,

we've always been attacking. If you can kick 15 or 16 goals you're going to win most games. If you can keep the opposition to under 10 you're going to be in most games you play.

So that's all we try and do. You look at the old Hawthorn system when they were strong, Dipper played 100 games in the seconds.

The secret is to keep them there and get them through that period knowing that they are going to play senior footy. It gives them good experience and they play the same game plan in the twos.

We treat the twos the same way we treat the seniors, everyone is equal, we don't class them as seconds or seniors, we try to keep them there and they're good club people.

All our reserves players are probably our best club people, they're all locals and they're the guys that keep the club going.

There must be added satisfaction when you look at the last premiership team and see the whole 22 are one-point local players?

We really pride ourselves on that.

The kids have got to play somewhere and if they're good

At three quarter time of the 2019 grand final you had a 15 point lead over Leongatha. In that situation most people would have expected to see half a dozen white boards held aloft and for you to weave some tactical magic, but you hardly said anything. Why such little instruction?

All the players had to be told was if they won the last quarter we were going to win the game.

When they're playing they don't want to be read the whole bible on footy because they are only going to remember two things that you say for your whole speech.

You can talk as much as you like but they knew they had to play one big last quarter to win the grand final. They knew what they had to do. All the work is done during the week.

I think Maffra has been a good example of how to use the reserves properly. A player like Dylan

Alexander comes to mind, played in a senior premiership but played a lot of reserve grade games before that?

We have a lot of guys like that. You look at the old Hawthorn system when they were strong, Dipper played 100 games in the seconds.

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Maffra has won more than 80 per cent of its matches under coach Wayne Butcher.

Tennis club life membership awarded to Carolyn Eden

Carolyn moved to Trafalgar from Melton and joined the Trafalgar Tennis club in 1990 and joined as a committee member at the 1990 annual meeting. Carolyn has been on the committee for more than 30 years.

She has served as president twice, in 1994-95 and 1995-96. She has also served as vice president countless times.

While playing she teamed

up in the Trafalgar premierships teams playing the Warragul and District Tennis Association in 1994-95 section three and 1996-97 section two (c).

Carolyn has done a vast amount of fundraising, working bees for the club over the years, and has been involved with organising the Midweek Ladies competition since she joined the club. In particular there was work behind the scenes with

council and fundraising Carolyn undertook in the late 1990s to assist with the construction of the new clubrooms and new courts that stand at the club today.

Carolyn has been an unsung hero of the club for many years and it's the behind the scenes work she does that keeps it running so smoothly. Carolyn has committed many hours of cleaning the clubrooms before and after tennis games, tennis events

and other community activities at the clubrooms.

Carolyn has carried out many hands-on tasks for many years at the club and has been a very passionate and dedicated ambassador of the club. The life membership awarded to Carolyn is in recognition of her outstanding contribution as a committee member and player of the club for over 30 years.



Newly inducted Trafalgar Tennis Club life member Carolyn Eden (left), with fellow life members Julianne Kiely, Mark Young and Luke Bryant.

Tennis club holds championships

Trafalgar Tennis Club's championships ran on Sunday, February 21 and delivered a day of entertaining tennis across the age groups. There was a great turn out with eight juniors and 10 senior players entering.

Junior players started early and played a round robin competition within their usual sections, then a knock out competition to decide the overall boys and girls champions. Caitlin Seddon (section five) and Sarah Seddon (section three) took the honour of winning the section medals. Sarah also won the girls championship with a win over Sienna Jonas in the final. David Brand won the boys championship against Baxter Hankinson.

In the mens championship, there was seven competitors on the day and Luke Bryant took the honours beating Brett Tonkin in the final. The ladies championship was won by Amy Chaplain

beating Crystal Tang in the final.

Players at both junior and senior levels demonstrated a high standard of skill, stamina,

friendly rivalry and good sportsmanship. Thanks go to committee members and parents for assisting on the day and supporting

all the competitors.



David Brand (junior boys champion), Sarab Seddon (section three and girls champion) and Caitlin Seddon (section five winner).



Luke Bryant (mens champion) and Amy Chaplain (ladies champion).



Spring night tennis competition winners Mark Buch, Sue Klemke, Corrine Vickery, Natban van der Koogh and Brendan Dawson (absent).

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Cricket milestone for Jackson

By Liam Durkin

Trafalgar Cricket Club senior playing coach Jackson Noonan played his 100th first grade game recently.

The opening bowler and born-again batsman brought up the milestone against Latrobe at Peter Siddle Oval.

Noonan also reached another landmark in the game, taking his 150th first grade wicket on day two, which now sees him sit sixth on the clubs all time aggregate.

Noonan made his first grade debut in 2009-10, and since then has achieved multiple accolades

including two first grade premierships in 2014-15 and 2019-20, the latter as playing coach, and a first grade best and fairest in 2012-13.

Outside of Trafalgar he has also been a key figure in representative cricket, and has made numerous trips to country week representing the league. Arguably his biggest individual highlight came in 2015-16 when he made the All Gippsland XI.

Amazingly, he has only won one Trafalgar Cricket Club bowling aggregate, but those who

have played alongside him will attest to the number of play and misses he gets on a weekly basis. The cry “another one for the tally Noons” is generally heard after yet another opposing bat has been squared up, only for the delivery to be genuinely too good to edge. It is no exaggeration to say Noonan would have at least four play and misses every game. Despite this misfortune, he has collected two five wicket hauls, with a best bowling of 6-60.

He is no slouch with the bat either, and does have a first grade half century to his name and also hit the winning runs under the most extraordinary amount of pressure in last seasons semi final.

Ever the team player, Noonan has batted in virtually every po-

sition, and has been involved in five partnerships over 60 runs during his time, with a best effort of 96 for the ninth wicket.

As an 18 year old Noonan was also captain of the famous ‘Miracle on Grass’ match, where a genuine ragtag Trafalgar team defied 1000-to-1 odds to roll a star-studded Moe who were coming off the back of seven consecutive premierships.

The match has gone down in Trafalgar Cricket Club folklore and could well be the greatest upset in Gippsland cricket history.



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Cricket award winners crowned

By Liam Durkin

A number of players were rewarded for strong seasons at the Trafalgar Cricket Club recently.

The thirds featured in finals, needing to win the last game of the home and away season to qualify, but were defeated in fairly anticlimactic fashion in the semi, where heavy rain put a downer on things.

Heading into the semi Brent Claridge made scores of 71 not out and 68.

Anthony Faltum also made scores of 54 not out and 75.

Others to make runs were Darren Brown (30 verses CATS and 31 verses Centrals) and Kingsley Rajasingham (38 verses CATS).

Claridge took 3-22 against Yallourn North. Wickets in the game against CATS were taken by James Pace (2-45) and Brown (2-65)

Rhys Holdsworth won the first grade best and fairest, while Damien Mann and Brent Claridge won the seconds and thirds respectively.

The Ships first grade team showed glimpses in the last few games of the home and away

season, but were unable to come away with points. A one day match against Mirboo North saw Holdsworth make an attractive half century, while wickets went to Jackson Noonan (3-38), Liam Durkin (2-19), Holdsworth (2-21) and Ryan Bishop (2-23).

The two day match against Morwell Tigers Yinnar Raiders went down to the wire, with the Ships very nearly taking a reverse outright win. A mighty 162 from Holdsworth highlighting the second innings. Brodie Burgess (29) also made some runs. Wickets in this match were taken by Holdsworth (5-31 and 3-60), Daniel Heathcote (2-24), Noonan (2-45) and Riley White

(2-12).

Mann scored an unbeaten 97 against Yallourn North to see out the season on a high. Mann and Christian Burgess (63) combined for a 140 run partnership for the sixth wicket after things were looking dire at 5-18. Fred Dyke celebrated his birthday in this match by taking 4-27 while Owen McLeod-Agland grabbed 3-16.

Jarryd Kilday took 4-23 against Centrals, and received good support from Mann (2-24) and Zack Brown (2-13).

Bill Pace made 28 against MTY Raiders, in the same game Brown took 3-19.



Rhys Holdsworth raises the bat after making 150 against Morwell Tigers Yinnar Raiders.



Zack Brown and Billy Claridge enjoy another Saturday afternoon playing cricket.

Protest sparks chaos

By Liam Durkin

THE finals series of the Latrobe Valley and District Cricket League Premier A Grade competition was thrown into disarray last month following a protest from Morwell Cricket Club.

After Morwell Tigers Yinnar Raiders outright victory over Trafalgar catapulted Raiders from fifth to second, Morwell found itself outside the top four on percentage.

However, Morwell protested the legitimacy of Raiders outright win, calling into question why more overs were completed on day two compared to day one.

Under league by-laws the same number of overs need to be completed on both days for a two day match.

Raiders completed their outright victory over Trafalgar with two balls to spare, while Churchill won on first innings against Morwell.

Ultimately, had Raiders not won outright and gained 10 points in doing so, Morwell would have made finals as Raiders would have only secured six points for a first innings win.

In email correspondence, Morwell laid out the rationale for their protest, which received support from the Churchill Cricket Club.

“The nature of our protest is that we believe that the MTY

Raiders second innings should have concluded at the end of the 34th over, at which time only a first innings result in the match had been achieved,” the email said.

“We are of the belief that this innings should have concluded at the conclusion of the 34th over based on the facts that on day one of the game there had been 89 overs bowled (or parts thereof) made up of 27.5 (28) overs of Trafalgar’s first innings, 42.2 (43) overs of MTY Raiders first innings and 18 overs of Trafalgar’s second innings which were played on day one of the game making up a total of 89 overs for the day’s play.

“Then on day two there was a further 54.1 (55) overs of Trafalgar’s second innings and then 34.5 (35) overs of MTY Raiders second innings making a total of 90 overs for the day.”

Morwell also raised the issue of consistency given an earlier season incident involving Churchill and Jeeralang-Boolarra, where the Cobras lost on appeal for playing a designated non-batter and non-bowler.

“Included in this protest is the precedent as set by the IVDCL board from the round two A Premier/A Grade match of Jeeralang-Boolarra versus Churchill on October 23, 2020 where Churchill were advised by the

umpire prior to the match that they could play 12 players with a non-batsman/non bowler,” the email said further.

“Subsequently the result of this match was overturned by the IVDCL board on the basis of incorrect playing condition interpretation by the appointed umpire(s), and we, the Morwell Cricket Club thus request that a similar adjustment of the match result for the MTY Raiders versus Trafalgar game occur on the basis of incorrect playing conditions interpretation by the appointed umpire(s) of the game.”

In response to the protest, IVDCL board member Brad Howlett was nominated to deal with the matter and appointed a subcommittee of former IVDCL board member Dean Burrridge and Centrals president Ben Doble to review the protest.

The subcommittee determined while there was an error in calculation from the umpires and scorers, neither team disagreed with the match conditions set out by the umpires, and so the match was played to the conditions.

The first basis for this decision was that MCC laws of cricket states ‘once the umpires have agreed with the scorers the correctness of the scores at the conclusion of the match the result cannot thereafter be changed’.

The second notion was that Raiders based their innings around having 35 overs to bat and the laws of cricket do not allow an over to be removed from the scores after a match has been completed.

On the point of the match between Churchill and Jeeralang-Boolarra being overturned, the IVDCL board agreed that the original result of this match should stand, but this was overturned by an independent tribunal. Following the verdict, which was handed down the day after the Raiders verses Trafalgar game, Morwell submitted an appeal.

The appeal was heard by a three-person tribunal at Peter Siddle Oval

The Trafalgar Cricket Club submitted correspondence to the tribunal, stating captain Rhys Holdsworth agreed to play the number of overs stipulated by the umpires in Raiders second innings on the basis he was happy to accept their calculation and respect their position as the controlling officials.

If Morwell was successful in its appeal, it would have finished fourth and Churchill would have secured a home final while Raiders would miss out.

It is believed Morwell did not

have overly high hopes their appeal would be upheld, and did not even train on the Tuesday before the semi final.

That being said, it looks as though Morwell undertook their appeal on the matter of principle which is sure to win them plaudits in local cricket circles.

As it turned out, Morwell’s appeal was not upheld, so the finals series went ahead as scheduled.

The saga has renewed calls to play the last round of the regular season as a one-day game to avoid any possible manipulation of rules and playing conditions.



Trafalgar and Morwell Cricket Club, pictured playing in season 2017-18, found themselves embroiled in a protest along with Morwell Tigers Yinnar Raiders and Churchill last month.

Trafalgar Holden Museum car of the month

Bob Moss

On show now at the Museum is this Holden built in Australia but never sold in Australia.

The Holden Commodore (VS11) Royale was a version of the Holden Commodore (VS) sedan built in Australia and sold exclusively in New Zealand.

While in similar specifications to the Calais, also sold in New Zealand, the Royal featured the front end of the Holden Caprice (VS), the alloy wheels of the Holden Berlina and 2.6 litre X25xe V6 engine manufactured by Opel. The transmission was a four speed automatic.

Due to the 1997 Asian financial crisis the Singapore order was cancelled, and as they could not be sold in Australia, due to not meeting Australian Design Rules (ADR) standards they were compliant for sale in New Zealand.

Orders were cancelled towards the end of 1997, leaving Holden with a bunch of unwanted VS Commodores with tiny power plants. The solution came with New Zealand’s less stringent design rules, which

facilitated them being sold as the Holden Royale, alongside the Calais.

These cars sold in very small numbers through the New Zealand dealership of Ebbert Waiwato in 1998. Earlier versions of the car were sold in Malaysia and Singapore as the Opel Calais in both the VR and VS series although the VR model featured the 2.6 Litre Opel straight six motor in lieu of the 2.5 litre.

The Royale was a special between the Berlina and Calais in New Zealand, and was typically available with the smaller engine option in addition to the larger one.

This car is one of the very few survivors and was imported in March 2019 and is one of two in Australia.

Other things that people are probably not aware is that in October 1929 the Wall Street financial crash caused Holden to close down due to lack of further orders. To utilise the slack capacity at Holden some piecework was taken on making golf clubs.

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Bloods to begin new life in Ellinbank

The Trafalgar Football-Netball Club will finally step foot onto the field and court of the Ellinbank and District competition in a few days time, putting behind months of toing and froing to begin a new chapter in the clubs history.

Fittingly, the Bloods will take on Yarragon in the opening round, in what is sure to be a match with plenty of feeling as the Waterloo Cup is reinstated following a short hiatus.

The Panthers have one season under the belt in the EDFNL, having made the move from Mid Gippsland at the end of 2018.

Trafalgar signalled their intent to breakaway from the MGFNL last July, referencing a lingering sense of “significant uncertainty” with regard to the state of play under a touted merger of the Mid Gippsland and the now defunct Alberton league, which has since come to fruition.

The move was stopped in its tracks as their application to leave the competition was rejected by members clubs, but a subsequent appeal saw Trafalgar granted permission to defect from the MGFNL.

Since then, preseason training has been undertaken in the lead up to the new season.

Kyriacou said all were eager to get into the new season.

“This years preparations began in early November 2020,” he said.

“We have maintained the squad we recruited for season 2020 prior to COVID striking us down.

“In season 2021 we have set our sights on making a big impact in the new EDFL competition.

“As senior coach, I am looking forward to the challenge that lies ahead.

“I’m excited to have the support of the community and welcome all down to support us during our round one clash against arch rivals Yarragon on April 10.”

Trafalgar has added Jacob Nash (Mirboo North), Dom Pin-

neri (Mirboo North), Dylan Farrell (Moe), John James (Moe), Chris McIntosh (Moe), Karl Mutke (Moe) to its list, while Hayden Brock returns from Noosa. Other teams in the Traf News readership will also commence their seasons on April 10. MGFNL clubs Thorpdale and Hill End will play Yinnar and Foster respectively, while Moe takes on Morwell in the Gippsland League.



County football and netball returns in a few days time following a 12 month absence.

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