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REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE ATTENDED BY MANY

Chris Johnson

On the 11th day of the 11th month on the 11th hour, the fire sirens sounded over Trafalgar to mark the start to our Remembrance Day ceremony.

About 70 to 80 people turned out to the cenotaph in front of the RSL hall to pay respects and remember all those that have paid the supreme sacrifice in defending our country.

Following the fire siren there was a minute's silence followed by the fire siren again which was the cue for Trafalgar Thorpdale RSL president Jim Crowe to begin the Remembrance Day service.

Jim thanked all the selfless men and women who have died in all wars and conflicts in defending our country.

Wreaths were laid by the RSL, shire councillor Darren Wallace, Kathy Geisler for the fire brigade, Trafalgar secondary and primary schools as well as St Joseph's Primary School.

Tom Pye laid a wreath on behalf of Trafalgar Lions Club. A wreath was also laid for Gippsland Legacy.

People were then asked to come forward to lay a wreath of their own or to lay a poppy on the cenotaph.

After the wreath laying, secretary Chris Johnson read out all the names that are inscribed on our cenotaph of those locals that paid the supreme sacrifice, with some people laying personal poppies at the same time.

The service finished up with president Jim Crowe thanking all those that attended to remember the sacrifice of service personnel also for our poppy sellers and all

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Flag attendees, Bill Kilday (left) and Paul Altamore



Trafalgar Primary School captains Matilda Cane, Eli Smith, Jake Franke and Baxter Hankinson hold a wreath to lay at the cenotaph on Remembrance Day.

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Editors say thanks

At the start of this year, things appeared to be as normal as possible, but over the next 12 months, the COVID roller coaster saw the landscape continually go up and down.

Thankfully, we now appear right at the end, and hopefully as 2022 approaches, the worst is behind us.

In many ways 2021 was harder than 2020. In the greatest respect, last year had a sense of novelty about it, but 2021 has well and truly pushed most to their limit.

It would be pointless to list all the industries and individuals who have been affected because virtually everyone has, so to all who continued have fought the good fight - bravo.

A particular mention however to our heroes in the medical world and aged care. True champions one and all.

Despite the restrictions and setbacks, we still saw some new businesses established in town, sporting team success and individuals achieving highly in their fields.

To the many Traf News contributors, we say thank you.

Traf News is dependent on community contributions, and your input helps us fill the pages to be enjoyed by our readership.

We trust we will see you all back in 2022, and hope to see some new contributors in the next 12 months as well.

On a professional note, many thanks to Sarah Mangion.

As our graphic designer, Sarah has worked extremely diligently under pressure in not only layout but in making sure we meet printing deadlines.

We feel we have a good system in place that allows us to produce a quality paper each month. Long may this continue.

To the Traf News committee of management for their support - thank you. Your faith and trust in us to deliver a quality product without feeling the need to over-see every aspect of production is greatly appreciated.

And finally to Mick Bourke OAM. Although we are sure he would like to take a step back, Mick has been a constant point of call for us in seeking council on a number of issues. Mick is pretty much the Godfather of Traf News and it wouldn't be anywhere near the paper it is without the work he has done over the years.

Given our next issue won't be distributed until February, we would like to wish our readers a very merry Christmas and prosperous New Year.

Mark Walshe and Liam Durkin, Traf News Editors.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

By Shona Vines

A big thank you from Traf News

Dear Editor,

After another strange year that has seemed to go nowhere, I can't believe we are in our December issue already. For me it has been a wonderful year getting to know our advertisers and help them with their requirements. Unfortunately it is also my last whole year, I will be around for the February issue and then it is time for me to move to QLD to find some sunshine.

I would like to thank the whole team I have had the pleasure working with. To put the paper together takes a lot of work and dedication, from the editors who volunteer their time, our graphic designer who puts it all together and finance. We also have our secretary, president and distributors. I will miss them all and thank them for all their help and allowing me to be a part of the Traf News team. To the community and all who place articles we thank you because without them we would have nothing to read.

And lastly, a massive Thank you to all our advertisers throughout the year, without your continued support we would not have a local paper for our community it is appreciated more than you know. From the Traf News team we would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy Safe New Year and hope you get to enjoy your time with family and friends.



Baw Baw Arts Alliance Summer Arts Market, Saturday, December 21, 2021, 8.30am to 1.00pm Civic Park, Warragool.

'Station Gallery', Yarragon, is open from 10.30 am to 4.00pm, Wednesday to Sunday.

'Artspace' at Trafalgar Railway Station, open from 10.30am to 3.00pm, Tuesday to Friday, closes 12.30pm on Wednesday.

December exhibitions. 'Station Gallery', Yarragon, are 'Birds of a Feather-Artists Flock Together', a group exhibition by Bbaa members.

More details of these exhibitions can be viewed on <https://www.bawbawartsalliance.org.au>

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The great wind whips through Trafalgar

By Liam Durkin

Wild weather lashed Trafalgar recently.

A huge storm swept through the area on Friday, October 29, causing havoc on the roads and cutting power to many local businesses.

Police had to direct traffic at the town's main set of lights at the intersection of Ashby Street and the Princes Highway after they stopped working.

Local retailer Sport2Street was forced to close due to a

power outage, while a large tree branch came down within close proximity to the Criterion Hotel.

The weather was in keeping with what Trafalgar residents have become somewhat accustomed to this year, following an

even bigger storm in June.

The Bureau of Meteorology issued a severe weather warning for damaging winds across much of Victoria the day before the storm hit.

A low pressure system inten-

sified over southwestern Victoria on the Thursday, resulting in a vigorous northwest to westerly flow across the state before contracting to the southeast during Friday.

Strong gale force winds up to

90 kilometres an hour were recorded in and around Trafalgar.

Such cold weather has led many to compare this time of year to the last particularly wet spring of 2010-11 a decade ago.



A tree branch came down outside the Criterion Hotel during the recent storm.



Contingent Street was littered with debris.

Traf businesses finalists for Gippsland Business Awards

Trafalgar's own True Value Hardware and the Trafalgar Holden Museum were finalists for the Gippsland Business awards.

A virtual gala was held in Oc-

tober, which commended all the finalists and awarded the winners.

Unfortunately neither took out the final award, but their achievements as a local business

is nothing short of commendable, for the economy and tourism of Trafalgar.

Baw Baw Mayor Cr Danny Goss said "The effort, innova-

tion, and resilience shown by all the finalists and winners is outstanding. The Baw Baw business community continues to show just how adaptable and determined they are to getting back

to business stronger than ever. I extend my congratulations to all the businesses across Gippsland who have been recognised at the Gippsland Business Awards".

Congratulations to our finalists, and remember Try Traf First



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Council endorses full support for new hospital

Council has endorsed its full support for a new hospital in West Gippsland and has pledged commitment to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with West Gippsland Healthcare Group (WGHG) to jointly progress advocacy and planning.

The decision to enter an MoU with WGHG was made at the Council Meeting held in La-bertouche. The motion passed with a unanimous vote in favour by all Councillors, moved by Cr Wallace and seconded by Cr McCabe.

Once formally signed, the agreement will formalise Council's and WGHG's commitment to work together to secure a new \$500 million hospital at the already-acquired 23.6-hectare greenfield site on Lardners Track in Drouin East.

The MoU will be formally signed by representatives from both parties at the next WGHG board meeting scheduled for Thursday, 25 November 2021.

It is well understood and acknowledged by Council, WGHG and our community that the existing West Gippsland Hospital is a vital asset struggling to keep up with demand and regional population growth.

Cr Darren Wallace said "We've seen hundreds of millions in healthcare dollars sail over our heads to the Latrobe Valley, while here in Baw Baw Shire we are the fastest growing municipality in regional Victoria. We can no longer be ignored because of party politics at Spring Street in Melbourne.

Social services must follow population growth, and this recommendation shows Baw Baw Shire's commitment to the West Gippsland Healthcare Group that we'll do whatever we can to get the long-talked-about replacement of the Warragul hospital.

The land is secured, we just need the commitment from the State Government to build this facility."

Historically, West Gippsland

has continually missed out on significant State Government funding due to proximity to existing hospitals in Casey, Latrobe and Bass Coast. However, with a well-positioned greenfield site, rapid population growth and strain on existing medical services in the area, there is a strong case for significant investment in a new hospital.

Through the MoU, Council and WGHG will agree to not only advocate for funding, but to also progress and resolve planning, zoning and urban design matters such as integration with the existing road and public transport networks, provision of public open space and pedestrian/bike links.

Although not legally binding, the MoU will be entered into in the spirit of achieving the best outcomes for the growing community of West Gippsland.

Council adopts Domestic Animal Management Plan

Baw Baw Shire Council recently adopted a new Domestic Animal Management Plan that outlines programs and policies to assist with managing domestic animal matters within the shire.

The adopted Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-25 seeks to promote and encourage responsible pet ownership among the community and ensure the natural environment and the welfare of dogs and cats remain protected.

Some of the key topics covered in the Plan include: Promoting and encouraging responsible pet ownership, minimising the risk of dog attacks in the community, addressing overpopulation and euthanasia rates for dogs and cats, encouraging the registration and identification of dogs and cats, effectively identifying and managing all declared dangerous, and menacing and restricted breed dogs kept within

the municipality.

The Plan was prepared in line with Animal Welfare Victoria guidelines along with key stakeholder input and clearly outlines the needs and expectations of pet owners and the broader community to ensure people and pets can live safely and happily together within the shire.

Prior to its adoption, the Plan was presented for public feedback from September 9 to October 8 2021. Throughout the consultation period, council received 16 individual submissions relating to several matters including off leash parks, wandering cats, animal registration and more.

Based on the feedback received, council was pleased to note all key themes identified by the community had been considered and addressed by the plan.

The Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-25 will com-

mence on Saturday, December 4 2021.

The adopted Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-25 can be found in the A-Z Policies and Documents section of council's website.

Baw Baw Shire councillor Tricia Jones welcomed the news.

"Firstly, I thank all the people who took the time to submit a response on the Domestic Animal Management Plan. Not only does our shire require a clear management plan for domestic pets but it is also important that our community clearly understands the Plan and how it may affect them," she said.

"For many of us, responsible pet management is a matter that we can all take ownership of, for the benefit of our wider community and other pet owners".

Trafalgar Lions out of lockdown again

By Trevor Byrne

Once again the Lions Club of Trafalgar are holding their Christmas raffle with VISA gift cards as prizes.

The main advantage of the cards is that they can be used virtually anywhere. Tickets are being sold at the Trafalgar IGA.

First prize is a \$600 gift card,

second prize is a \$300 gift card and third prize is a \$150 gift card.

Tickets are \$2 each and the raffle is being drawn on Thursday, December 16.

Recently Trafalgar Lions were able to secure a 30 metre bulk load of pine offcuts to turn into

kindling.

Some of those Lions will be busy cutting and splitting for next year's supply.

On a regular basis firewood has also been split and stacked ready for next year's demand.



Trafalgar Lions Club past president David Koscbade writing out tickets to this years Christmas raffle. The tickets you buy could win!

Bushwalking club set to tackle Mt Baw Baw

By Jo Leviston

Sirzelecki Bushwalking Club has enjoyed a busy and productive year despite lockdowns and restrictions.

With the warmer spring weather extended walks have increased with activities occurring throughout Victoria.

In September Chris and Elaine introduced the club to Wyperfeld National Park in

north western Victoria for the first time and hosted a five-day base camp of walks from Wonga campground.

The desert environment provided a stark contrast to our local area and along with the excellent facilities at the campground was very much appreciated by the 10 members attending.

The end of year club break-

up will take place at the Yarra-gon Hotel on December 8.

New Years Eve is earmarked for an unfamiliar luxury theme with a chalet at Mt Baw Baw being booked and optional day walks taking place from there.

Further information is available on the website at sbwc.org.au, on our Facebook page or by emailing publicity@sbwc.org.au

John Aldrich inducted as life member of Trafalgar Men's Shed

By Ron Fletcher

In the September 2021 issue of Traf News, we said in part "some members are woven into the fabric that is the Trafalgar Men's Shed, they have been there since the beginning in 2007".

Well one of the blokes who has been there since the beginning is John Aldrich, and on Wednesday, November 10, John was made a life member for his services to the shed.

John was the treasurer from the beginning and presented his last financial report at our last annual meeting in October this year. John was much more than a treasurer, he maintained machines such as the band saw and the thicknesser/planner and on occasion would get on his soap box and read the riot act over the inappropriate use and care of these machines. But one of his best attributes is his sense of humour, especially when dealing with a member who takes a 'dig' at him over some issue. John replied with a measured state and a response tinged with humour which leaves the recipient with little room for a retort.

John was the treasurer for four organisations including the shed at the same time and one of them was the Trafalgar Uniting Church. Yes, that is right, the Trafalgar Men's Shed is built on

Uniting Church land so you understand the significance of the role John played in establishing the new shed. Our first premises was the former girls guides hall next to the swimming pool at McGregor Park and with good leadership and planning we enjoy the new facilities we have today.

In a Traf News article from December 2015 some members were asked why they joined the men's shed and this was John's reply: "I was attending a meeting in Sale some years ago next door to the original men's shed in the town. I ventured in and had the usual mandatory chat finding out what they got up to. The comradeship, meeting people and

helping others appealed to me. I am a qualified tradesman with a teaching background so assisting others in their endeavours was a good fit and that is why I am at the shed today". We have used this sentence many times when applying for grants: "whilst being inclusive of all and welcoming individuals who are not seeking to be supported but are keen to support those in need".

Well done John and we look forward to many more laughs at the shed.

The members of the Trafalgar Men's Shed wish all readers of the Traf News a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.



John Aldrich (left) is presented his life membership certificate to Trafalgar Men's Shed by president Bruce Heywood.



The lucky group of Martin, Jo, Chris, Michael, Rhonda, John, Wayne, Chris and Elaine.

Blackwood to step down from politics

By Michelle Slater

Member for Narracan Gary Blackwood has announced he will not be contesting next year's state election after holding the seat since 2006.

The long serving Liberal Member of the Legislative Assembly said he had quietly made his mind up at the previous election in 2018 that this would be his last term.

"It's been a fantastic journey to go into parliament to represent the area, but given it's time to reinvigorate new blood into the region it was time for me to pull the pin," Mr Blackwood said.

"I'm 70 now, there comes a time for someone else with fresh ideas and fresh mojo to represent the region."

Mr Blackwood said the state Liberals were in the midst of pre-selecting a candidate to contest Narracan in next year's Victorian election to be held in November.

He said the new candidate was likely to be announced in late December.

The fourth generation timber worker was a harvest haulage contractor for 30 years before becoming a Baw Baw Shire councillor in 2003.

He said his great, great grandfather had hauled logs out of Narbethong with a bullock

team, and now his son was carrying on the family tradition in the industry.

Mr Blackwood said he joined the Liberal Party for its small business values and its support for the timber industry.

He cited some career highlights such as helping to secure Warragul train station upgrades, the Sand Road overpass in Longwarry and stage one of the Moe activity centre project.

But he said it was helping local constituents navigate their way around government departments that gave him the most pleasure from politics.

"It could have been something like a young family with a son or daughter needing an aide in the classroom but couldn't get one," he said.

"These things give you a big lift, being able to make things better for them."

Mr Blackwood said challenges included dealing with closure of Hazelwood in 2017, the 2009 bushfires, and the pandemic in the past two years.

He said he would be aiming to finish off the next 12 months of his term and help shepherd the new incoming Liberal candidate around the electorate.

"The aim will be to work with them and lift their profile in the

community and help steer them on the right path," he said.

"For Narracan, I'd like to see a new West Gippsland hospital, and a dedicated Gippsland rail

line. It needs to be fixed to support the growing population in the area."



Liberal Member for Narracan Gary Blackwood has decided not to recontest next year's state election.


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Thank you to our Teachers

Patricia Mulqueen

World Teachers' Day is a chance to recognise and celebrate the incredible contributions teachers

have made in Victorian communities. This year, Victorian teachers have continued to show their

resilience, leadership and adaptability throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Teachers have adapted their learning environments,

supported their students and school communities, and continue to share their knowledge with students across the state.

World Teachers' Day 2021 is an opportunity to celebrate the teachers who are making, or have made, an impact on our

lives. St Joseph's Catholic Primary School acknowledged their teaching staff with a certificate and an apple, to say thank you.



Class teacher Michele Midgley pictured with Learning Support Officer Carmen Farrell celebrating World Teachers Day.



Learning Support Staff pictured from left, Lucy Martiniano, Emma Poore, Jenny Gavin and famous art teacher Kathy Grass, displaying their certificates and apples.

Go Girl Hike raises \$12,000 advocating for local women

Twenty Gippsland female hikers who have spent two years training and advocating for local "at risk" women by raising awareness of the unique Go Girls Foundation program are about to put practice into action when they reach the iconic Wilsons Prom lighthouse on Friday 26th November.

Despite the challenges they have all faced during the last couple of years, including the hike being postponed last year, Team Leader and Hike Coordinator Jess Johnson says she is extremely proud of what they have all achieved together as an empowered group of women.

"We are on track to hit a fundraising target of \$12,000, which means that we can sponsor four Gippsland women so that they can have access to the Go Girls Foundation Program. I'm very proud that as a group we have taken part in practice hikes, fundraising and organisational tasks together, forming a close bond and working towards a common goal that I am sure will mean we

have become friends for life," says Jess.

Jess says the group of 20 women hail from all across Gippsland, from Phillip Island and Leongatha to Walkerville, Sandy Point, Toora and Yanakie, but also from Trafalgar, Thorpdale and even as far as Sale.

"We are all dedicated and passionate about advocating for local women, and that passion has clearly come through for us now that we are about to embark on the hike and spend three days together. This hike has also been about creating a positive impact in our own lives, while connecting with like minded people," Jess continued.

The Go Girls Foundation unique five month program is run by fully qualified psychologists and facilitators. The women who take part receive employment skills development combined with specialised positive psychology approaches while empowering women to gain a stronger sense of self and take more control of their lives. The

women the program supports could be unemployed, have experienced domestic violence, are migrant women with language barriers, women who experience trauma or homelessness, or women who are recovering from cancer.

Many local and national businesses have come on board during this time to help sponsor the hike, and the ladies have been overwhelmed with the response and interest in the Go Girls Program and the hike.

"We would like to thank Bura foods, who donated \$2,000 and to the staff of the local Bendigo Community Banks in South Gippsland and Bass Coast who have raised quite a lot through selling Go Girl tote bags on our behalf. It's been so pleasing to see the interest from organisations in having local women access this special program," says Jess.

Off the back of this interest the Go Girls Foundation is actually intending to run it's Work Ready Program in the Gippsland

region, and funding has been allocated by the foundation for this to commence in 2022.

"I'd say this is local leadership in action. By raising awareness, it's highlighted the desperate need for our local women to have access to this program, and we are delighted to hear that the Go Girls Foundation will be coming to Gippsland," said Jess.

The Go Girls Foundation is

also planning a further fundraiser for the program with a "Big Night Out" at Meeniyan Hall on February 12th 2022. The night will be headlined by comedian Dave O'Neill, followed by a DJ, and will be a chance for locals to find out more about the foundation while having a well deserved night out. Tickets can be booked at <https://www.trybooking.com/BVFUR>.

Donations for the Go Girls Hike can be made at <https://www.justgiving.com/team/gogirlshiketotheight>, and more information about the Go Girls Program can be found at www.gogirls.org.au. You can follow updates about the hike on the team's Facebook page titled "Go Girls Hike to the Light 2021".



The Go Girls Hike to the Light team meet to prepare for their upcoming bike to the Wilson's Prom Lighthouse. Pictured Back (L-R): Tara Sansom, Anneke Berkbout, Carly Jones, Mia Scanlon, Emma Hughes, Eimear McNelis, Kate Russell, Janine Taylor Front (L-R): Sarah Marino, Kerry Sibson, Steph Thornborrow, Jess Johnson, Bridget Wilson and Amy Cowan

Baw Baw grants over \$140,000 to community groups

Council is set to deliver more than \$143,836 in Community Development Grants to 34 non-profit organisations and associations to support the delivery of projects that make a positive impact for the Baw Baw community.

The 2021/22 Grants were awarded by Council, across three categories: Environment Grants, Equipment Grants and Minor Capital Grants. Each eligible application was assessed against set criteria to determine the funding allocation.

The successful applications are as follows:

Environment

- Buln Buln East Community Association - \$4,493.50 to go towards weed control on Buln Buln East school block.

Equipment

- Aberfeldy and District Association Inc - \$5,000 to go towards ground maintenance equipment for Aberfeldy.
- Athlone Hall - \$4,646.40 to go towards new chairs for the hall.
- Drouin Men's Shed Inc - \$5,000 to go towards replacing metal lathe and milling machine.
- Gippsland Umpires Association Inc - \$2,895 to go towards footballs and iPad equipment.
- Hill End Community Incorporated - \$5,000 to go towards ground maintenance mower.
- Hill End Junior Football Club - \$4,959.70 to go towards long sleeve jumpers and footballs.
- Jindivick Progress Association Inc - \$3,185 to go towards community newsletter

publishing equipment and a lawn mower.

- Lardner Hall - \$4,379.10 to go towards chair upgrades.
- Longwarry Cricket Club - \$4,961 to go towards new appliances: fridge and freezer.
- Longwarry Recreation Reserve - \$4,491.90 to go towards indoor furniture replacement.
- Mid Gippsland Badminton Association - \$1,780 to go towards the Flying Back to Badminton project- 50 dozen RSL Classic Shuttles.
- Mid Gippsland Junior Badminton Association - \$1,130 to go towards the Mid Gippsland children making birdies fly project.
- Neerim Cemetery Trust - \$744 to go towards the Beautiful cemetery project: Brush Cutter.
- Neerim District Junior Basketball Club - \$3,299.98 to

go towards canteen upgrades.

- Neerim and District Soldiers Memorial Hospital - \$4,180 to go towards outdoor furniture.
- The Scout Association of Australia, Warragul Branch - \$4,932 to go towards tents, hiking tents and trestle table replacement.
- Trafalgar Bowls Club - \$2,795 to go towards Know the Score: Scoreboards.
- Walhalla Goldfields Railway - \$3,774.36 to go towards office computing refresh.
- Warragul & District Kennel & Obedience Club Inc - \$3,247 to go towards Automated External Defibrillator (AED).
- Warragul Business Group Inc - \$5,000 to go towards fencing for events and community activities.
- Warragul Harness Racing Club Inc - \$3,319 to go towards hi pressure washer

cleaner and hand lawnmower.

- Warragul Little Athletics Club - \$3,637.40 to go towards high jump mat-scissor mat.
- Warragul Municipal Band Inc - \$4,890.70 to go towards Yamaha NEO custom Bb Cornet, snare drum harness and percussion accessories.
- Warragul Playgroup Inc - \$5,000 to go towards revitalising the Warragul Playgroup with indoor & outdoor play equipment.
- Warragul Youth Theatre - \$2,480 to go towards Warragul Youth Theatre workshop: theatre masks.
- West Gippsland Bush Walkers Inc - \$1,400 to go towards active community and healthy environment.
- Western Park Cricket Club - \$5,000 to go towards improvements to Western Park Cricket Club.

Minor Capital Works

- BawBaw Radiomodellers Association Gippsland Inc - \$10,000 to go towards the Baw Baw RC Club shelter.
- Neerim District Bowling Club Inc - \$3,189.98 to go towards outdoor seating and tables.
- Neerim Neerim South Football Netball Club - \$3,790 to go towards cool room upgrade in Phoenix rooms.
- Neerim South Recreation Reserve Committee of Management - \$10,000 to go towards timekeeper's box, seats and stairs.
- Rokeby Public Hall and Recreation Reserve - \$10,000 to go towards Rokeby Reserve day visitor facility landscaping.
- Seaview Public Hall Reserve Committee - \$1,635 to go towards the refurbishment of the toilet block.

Gippsland Water aims for net zero by 2030

Gippsland Water recently announced it will aim to reach net zero carbon emissions by 2030.

The announcement comes as the organisation joins 13 other Australian and New Zealand water corporations in sharing their climate goals in response to a global push for greater action against climate change.

Managing director Sarah Cumming explained the organisation would work towards achieving net zero carbon emissions 20 years earlier than its previous target year of 2050.

"We're taking strong action now, to help preserve our pre-

cious environment for current and future generations," Ms Cumming said.

"We'll achieve this by moving to 100 per cent renewable energy by 2025 and driving net greenhouse emissions down to zero by 2030."

Under Victoria's water plan Water for Victoria, the Victorian water sector committed to leading on climate change and setting ambitious reduction targets on the path to net zero.

"We're already well on our way to reaching our first goal of reducing our carbon emissions by 24 per cent by 2025, thanks to a large scale native planting

project, solar panel installations and other renewable energy projects," Ms Cumming said.

"We found that with ambition, effort and careful planning, we could go further and reach our targets sooner."

Six of Gippsland Water's highest energy-consuming sites are already solar powered, with more to come, including at the Gippsland Water Factory.

The Gippsland Water Factory site is already powered in part by a biogas cogeneration engine and a hydroelectric generator.

Gippsland Water is one of 14 Australian and New Zealand water corporations who have added

their voice to a global message that the water industry is tackling climate change, as part of the United Nations-backed Race to Zero campaign.

These corporations, supported by Water Services Association of Australia (WSAA), have partnered with UK Water in the Race to Zero campaign, which brings together the initiatives of the climate action community.

The initiatives represent 733 cities, 3067 businesses and 120 countries in the largest ever alliance of its kind, covering nearly 25 per cent of global CO2 emissions.

Members commit to trans-

parent action plans and robust near-term targets.

WSAA executive director Adam Lovell congratulated the water corporations involved for their commitment to mitigating the impacts of climate change.

"Climate change is already causing irreversible harm. But it also creates unique opportunities. The urban water industry is at the cutting edge of many innovations to reduce its carbon footprint like producing renewable energy from food waste, harvesting the valuable resources that can be recovered through wastewater treatment, producing green hydrogen and

ammonia which can be used as green fuels, using significant land corridors and reservoirs for solar panels and transitioning to electric vehicles," Mr Lovell said.

The Australian and New Zealand water corporation's goals, including Gippsland Water's, was shared at the United Nations COP26 Climate Change Conference in Glasgow from November 3 to 12.

To find out more about Gippsland Water's climate change goals and progress at www.gippswater.con.au/climate-change.



Gippsland Water has set a goal to achieve net zero carbon emissions by the end of the decade.

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the people who bought or donated for this very worthy cause.

Trafalgar Thorpdale RSL officials then moved on up the hill for a midday service at the Thorpdale cenotaph.

The Thorpdale Primary school students attended, laying a wreath, with about a dozen or so other people in attendance.

Some personal wreaths were laid along with the RSL wreath laid by Jon Marsh, and also wreaths laid behalf of Thorpdale

bowls and football clubs.

The RSL would like to express our gratitude for the people who turned out for these ceremonies.

The numbers were a lot greater than they have been on previous years and it is enlightening to witness.

Also, again a huge thank you to all who bought a poppy or donated.

The Trafalgar/Thorpdale RSL is open every Friday at 4:30 for sippers. Everyone is welcome



Trafalgar Thorpdale RSL president Jim Crowe presiding over Trafalgar's Remembrance Day service with secretary, Chris Johnson



Some of the almost 80 people who attended Trafalgar's Remembrance Day service



The laid wreaths at the foot of Trafalgar's cenotaph, which displays the names of all Trafalgar servicemen who have died in Australia's conflicts

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Council calls for more storm relief support

Baw Baw Shire council has called on the state and federal governments to fulfil their promises and provide more support in the aftermath of the June storm events.

Noojee and Walhalla in Baw Baw Shire's north were both badly impacted by the severe storms and floods that swept Victoria in June.

Now, half a year on and with local tourism demand swinging back into gear post-lockdown, the North Gardens Campground at Walhalla and the playground and carpark at Noojee remain unusable despite repeated council attempts to secure the \$200,000 in relief funding needed for rectification works.

With repeated applications refused, the sole option remaining to council was to seek Category C funding. However, this final option brings no guarantee of success, no indication of timelines on the funding and no option to seek retroactive funding for works already carried out.

To meet eligibility, council would have to delay any works to rectify storm impacted assets even further until the funds are received - and there is no indication of when that might be, even if they are successful.

On Tuesday, November 9, Minister for Emergency Services Jaclyn Symes announced a \$25.7 million package to support the ongoing recovery and rebuilding

process across the state.

The funding included \$21 million to repair the arterial road network that was damaged in the floods and \$320,000 to manage continued hazards, recover timber and ensure access for the timber harvest in state forests and adjoining land. However, there was no funding to rectify the \$200,000 in damage to council's assets at the North Gardens Campground at Walhalla and the playground and carpark at Noojee.

In both Noojee and Walhalla there is already community concern over the delays and lack of progress at both sites. With strong community expectation that the damaged areas be reopened for the summer tourism season to aid recovery - not only from the storm but from COVID-related economic downturns - time is running out.

The lack of support from the state and federal government has been cause for growing disappointment and frustration in the region.

Baw Baw Shire Council is now calling on the state and federal governments to step up their efforts, fulfil their promises, and help get the embattled region back open for business in time for the summer season.

Baw Baw Shire mayor Cr Danny Goss urged the state and federal government to swing into action.

"If you recall all the publicity that happened at the time of the storms, they all turned up. The politicians were here. The recovery agencies were here. There were promises everywhere. But now they're gone," he said.

"The campground at Walhalla is still closed and the playground and the carpark in Noojee are unusable. The playground was underwater and the carpark - which was brand new, paid for by Baw Baw Shire council - is ruined. Can't be repaired. It has to be completely rebuilt.

"But we can't get any money out of the state or federal governments.

"We've got Christmas coming up, we've got tourism. We need to fix these assets.

"I want to put this on the record: I don't think it's fair at all for council or the ratepayers of this shire to cop \$200,000 to fix this stuff that was caused by flooding of rivers and streams under the management of government authorities. It's not fair because that's \$200,000 that could be used by council on another project somewhere else.

"The state and federal governments have gone missing and we want them to turn up. We want them to keep their promises. We want them to fix the assets that were damaged, and we want them to fix them as soon as possible."

Independent voices sought

By Michelle Slater

A local community group is looking for independent non-party aligned candidates to potentially topple Member for Monash Russell Broadbent in next year's federal election.

Voices for Monash is one of many community Independents groups springing up around the country as part of a backlash against party politics.

The movement Voices for Indi helped to usher-in federal Independents Cathy McGowan and later Helen Haines, while Voices of Warrighah back Independent Zali Steggall to unseat Tony Abbott.

V4M member Tony Wolfe said the group had formed out of frustration that federal members were forging allegiances "first

and foremost to their parties, rather than their electorates".

Sitting member Russell Broadbent is one of the longest-serving in federal parliament.

Mr Wolfe said he believed it was "achievable" to run against Mr Broadbent, as the electorate had an appetite for change.

He said an Independent in Monash would have more clout as they could help sway the balance of power in Canberra.

"The two-party system is failing democracy in Australia," Mr Wolfe said.

"An informed and growing crossbench could see more legislation being passed that is for the good of the nation and democracy, rather than party political self-interest."

Mr Wolfe said the group had

formed a couple of months ago to provide a forum to source a local candidate, but stressed V4M was not a campaigning team.

The Loy Yang unit controller said they were looking for someone from a diverse background who could bring cultural, age and gender equality, and recognition of First Nations to Canberra.

"We want less talk and more genuine action for this community," he said.

"V4M believes that someone who is more accountable to the Monash electorate and who shares our values can make a difference in our parliament."

For more, visit voicesformonash.org.



Voices4Monash is seeking an independent candidate for next year's federal election.

Strengthening community safety in Moe

Community and businesses have welcomed the recent installation of 35 new CCTV cameras in the Moe CBD precinct.

Latrobe City Council received a \$156,335 Public Safety Infrastructure grant from the Depart-

ment of Justice and Community Safety to deliver the project.

The cameras are located across the town centre and are supported by an upgraded system that feeds live footage back to the Moe Police Station.

The areas covered by footage include: Moe Service Centre, George St, Moore St, Albert St and Moe Town Hall.

Latrobe City mayor, Cr Sharon Gibson said the new CCTV system would help to improve safety and

security within the CBD.

"Our community deserves to feel safe when shopping, socialising, working or accessing important services in our towns," she said.

"This system will act as a po-

tential crime deterrent while also helping to detect crime in action and any potential anti-social behaviour.

"This system has already helped police in their duties and has led to a change in behav-

our."

Council worked in consultation with Victoria Police and local business and the community to determine the most suitable placement of the camera system.

VOX-POP

What does Remembrance Day mean to you?



By Kyen Jenkins



Wombat Lyons

Remembrance Day reminds our community who lost their lives so we could have a better one.



Billy Nisbet

It means a day of reflection of remembering for the people who gave their everything just so we could have something.



Sandra Nisbet

It gives us a chance to remember the people who gave us a better life.

Trafalgar Holden Museum

Car of the month

Bob Moss

1923 GMC K Series Truck

This rare truck was imported by Holden Body Builders from the USA to be used in their new Woodville Plant in 1923 when they started producing car bodies for General Motors.

It was used by them in the plant to move items around the factory up to the late 1950s.

The GMC K Series truck has a large Northway four cylinder side valve L head cylinder engine, a dual range seven speed transmission, and dual rear

wheels with solid rubber tyres. The 1923 GMC K Series is a very rare truck, and is a fine example of a vehicle that has played a significant part in Australian history.

This model was very popular in the late 1910s and early 1920s in the USA.

The engine was a four cylinder L head engines ratings from 33 to 51 horsepower featuring removable cylinder sleeves.

Note, the Trafalgar Holden Museum is attempting to locate this vehicle as we think that it will still be somewhere in Australia on loan, or purchased,

and we would be very interested in the chance to possibly borrow it for a time to display in our museum.

The early history of General Motors: 1908: GM is founded, and soon after, both the Rapid Motor Vehicle Company and the Reliance Motor Company are purchased by GM and combined.

1912: The first vehicle with the title of 'GMC Truck' is showcased at the New York International Auto Show, a combination of the merged companies' names.

1916: GMC captures the public's attention when a GMC truck crosses the country in just 30 days.

1923: The first GMC heavy duty trucks are released, with the ability to haul between five and 10 tons.

1933: GMC creates and builds six-cylinder valve-in-head engines for many of its models.

1941: More than 500,000 trucks are produced by GMC for use during World War II.

In 1923, GMC trucks were exported to Japan to help recovery

and reconstruction as a result of the Great Kant earthquake. The company continued to provide vehicles as the transportation infrastructure was rebuilt. Before the earthquake struck,

most of Japan's transportation of commerce and people was by wooden carts and government owned railroads, which was severely damaged when the train tracks were twisted beyond use.

Autonomous trucks were much more effective at traveling to heavily damaged areas.



The 1923 GMC K Series truck.



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By Liam Durkin

Hairdressing icon calls time

One of the areas most famous hairdressers eased into retirement recently.

There is a good chance many Traf News readers have had their hair cut by Steve Mayes at least once.

And even if they haven't there is a good chance they know who he is, as his shop in Shaw's Arcade has become an institution in the Moe community.

Mr Mayes has been welcoming walk-in haircuts for close to 50 years, building up a great rapport with customers over that time.

In classical understatement, the 70-year-old was typically modest when reflecting on his career and standing in the community with scissor, comb and clippers in hand.

"I never really thought about it much, I guess I've never really got carried away with my own publicity," Mr Mayes said.

"We just do what we do.

"I think if you are fairly honest about what you do in business the rest just follows."

Long before his famous shop was decked out in sporting memorabilia, Mr Mayes spent years learning and honing his craft.

Remarkably, he can still recall the exact date he started his hairdressing career.

"I started my apprenticeship on February 4 1967 and completed it in 1971," he said.

"Truth of the matter is when I was 15 I didn't want to go back to school.

"My dad said to me 'at least have a job to go to', there was a hairdressing apprenticeship advertised in Morwell so I applied for it, got it, and actually liked it."

His apprenticeship was completed under the eye of Ray Morgan in Commercial Road, Morwell, during which time he acquired a number of skills which were to serve him well for decades to come.

"When I went to trade school there was a men's department. Back in those days apprenticeships were ladies and men's separate apprenticeships," Mr Mayes said.

"In my last year of my apprenticeship I went back and did night school and got my ladies certificate."

From there, Mr Mayes moved to Yallourn in 1971, working for a man by the name of Jock MacIntosh.

After some time there, the opportunity arose for Mr Mayes to purchase the business, and thus the Steve Mayes Hairdressing journey was established.

Originally operating out of Yallourn, the business relocated to Moe in 1973 when the Yallourn township closed.

Although most closely associated with Moe, Mr Mayes remembers his time in Yallourn fondly.

"It was a good business, a lot of workers there. We used to get as many through the back door as we did through the front door," he said.

"Yallourn was a beautiful town, lovely gardens. We lived in Yallourn when we first got married, lived there for four years and it was a great place, great people, great little town."

While countless shops and even a nightclub have come and gone from Shaw's Arcade over the years, Steve Mayes Hairdressing has been there since 1973.

Maintaining that sense of recall, Mr Mayes pinpointed the various premises the business has operated out of in that time.

"We first traded in Shaw's Arcade down on the end of the arcade from 1973 to 1979 and then we relocated to the centre on the opposite side to the current shop in 1979," he said.

"Then we relocated over here in 1997 and have remained on this side since.

"We've had quite a few employees, at one stage we did have a ladies salon that was further up along the arcade and employed about nine there at one stage."

As far as haircuts go, Mr Mayes has seen trends come and go as the decades roll on.

"Fashion is a big circle, it just goes around," he said.

"From long hair back in the middle 60s to when the Vietnam War was on a lot of people went the shorter hair, the crew cuts and flat tops.

"Mullets are back in fashion at the moment, we do a heap of mullets, kids love them.

"Combos, undercuts - they just do a big circle."

The stock standard 'short

back and sides' has become a Steve Mayes trademark, although the man himself insists the modern day look is simply a take on an old style.

"We used to call it tapering, they now call it fading but it's the same thing," he said.

"Someone will ring up and say 'do you know how to do a fade?' I say 'mate I was brought up on them!'"

Sticking with tradition of maintaining an old-school barber shop, Steve Mayes Hairdressing has offered the full complement, with shaving also on offer.

"We do a lot of shaving ... it is huge," Mr Mayes said.

"We've continued on with it and had a lot of success with it.

"They have made a hell of a comeback (barber shops).

"It's funny, we used to get reps come through and say 'barber shops are all the go in Melbourne', and I'd say 'they're doing what we've been doing for the last 40 years'. There has been a huge resurgence in barber shop techniques.

"I think it's a trend, it's a fashion thing, it's come back again."

As someone who has been in the game for so long, Mr Mayes has also developed an encyclopaedic knowledge of the indus-

try.

"There is actually no such thing as a barber. A barber is a hotel thief if you look in a lot of old dictionaries," he said.

"We are actually trained hairdressers. It's a men's hairdresser, but traditionally it is called a barber shop. If you see barber poles out the front, we've got some out the front here. The red and the white, the red signifies the blood and the white signifies the bandages. Apparently barbers back then were quite adept at doing some forms of surgery hence the red and the white."

Away from the business side, Mr Mayes has endeared himself to a loyal clientele thanks his genial nature and generosity of spirit.

Countless community groups and clubs have benefited from sponsorship by Steve Mayes Hairdressing, while one can only imagine how many youngsters playing football, cricket or soccer have come through the doors with their 'Steve Mayes Free Haircut Award'.

For children who have had their haircut, a free packet of chewy or lollypop has often been provided, all of which Mr Mayes said made up the fabric of the business.

"One thing I've always believed in business if you win the kids over you'll win everyone over and that is probably one of the reasons (we have been successful) - we get along well with kids," he said.

"The chewy thing we've done that over the years. The lollypop stand in the cupboard, most of the little kids that come in just know where it is, after their haircut they just go straight to the cupboard.

"We've had a very loyal clientele, we've probably got to the stage now where for some families we're in the third generation - that is fairly humbling.

"I know one fella rang me up from Perth and said 'we're coming over for a holiday and the young bloke wants a haircut and we want your shop to give him his first haircut', so things like that (are a privilege).

"With families you get close to them, hear all their stories, sometimes we're psychologist without a diploma.

"I've always abided by the line you treat people as they treat you."

Moving into retirement, Mr Mayes hopes to go caravanning with his wife Sue and quietly "sail off into the sunset somewhere".

The service to community will continue however, with Mr Mayes president of the Moe RSL.

"These days I'm heavily involved in the RSL and Legacy, they are great community organisations and I enjoy doing it," he said.

"Since I've retired I've become more busy in the RSL."

The Mayes name in hairdressing will live on in Moe, with Mr Mayes son Anthony 'Berty' Mayes trading under Mayes Barbers.

"A lot of people don't realise we actually sold the business to Berty and his wife Rachael back in 2006, but we still continued to trade under Steve Mayes Hairdressing in that time," he said.

"After I officially retired on June 26, 2021 they changed the name to Mayes Barbers - they had my blessing with that."

Mr Mayes won't be totally lost to his famous business in retirement, and lucky customers getting their hair cut in Shaw's Arcade might still bump into him from time to time.

"I have officially retired, but if Berty wants me to come back in if needed I'll certainly put my hand up," he said.



Steve Mayes was famous for handing out free packs of chewy to customers.



Moe legend Steve Mayes has hung up his scissors and comb.



Steve Mayes on the job.



A young Steve Mayes hard at work in 1967.

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TRAF'S CITIZENS OF THE YEAR

Trafalgar's 2021 citizens of the year are a group of people who have made a difference in the community during the year. The group is made up of five people who have been nominated by the community and chosen by the citizens of the year committee.

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From left: Trafalgar's 2021 citizens of the year.

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When veterinarian Dr. David Smith took over the Trafalgar Veterinary Centre in 2019, he found a well-established practice with a strong reputation in the community. Since then, he has been working to improve the facility and the services offered to the community.

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Dr. David Smith and his staff at the Trafalgar Veterinary Centre.

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STAMPS HELPING CHILDREN WALK

The Trafalgar Stamp Club is a group of people who collect and sell stamps to help fund the purchase of walking shoes for children in need. The club has been successful in raising a significant amount of money for this cause.

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Children holding up their stamps, which are being sold to help fund the purchase of walking shoes.

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ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATION CEREMONY

The Anzac Day Commemoration Ceremony was held in Trafalgar on Monday, April 26, 2021. The ceremony was attended by a large number of people, including members of the community and the armed forces.

The ceremony was attended by a large number of people, including members of the community and the armed forces. It was a solemn and respectful occasion.



People attending the Anzac Day Commemoration Ceremony in Trafalgar.

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TRAFALGAR SET TO EXPLODE

Trafalgar is set to experience a significant increase in population over the next few years. This is due to a combination of factors, including the arrival of new residents and the expansion of existing businesses.

The increase in population is expected to bring with it a number of challenges, including increased traffic and the need for more infrastructure. However, it also offers the potential for economic growth and the creation of new jobs.

A map showing the proposed expansion of Trafalgar, highlighting the areas set to experience significant growth.

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COMMUNITY DIGS DEEP TO HELP REPAIR CHURCH

The Trafalgar Cricket Club has been successful in raising a significant amount of money to help fund the repair of the church. The club has been successful in raising a significant amount of money for this cause.

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People participating in the 'Save Our Church' fundraising event, holding up signs to raise money for the church repair.

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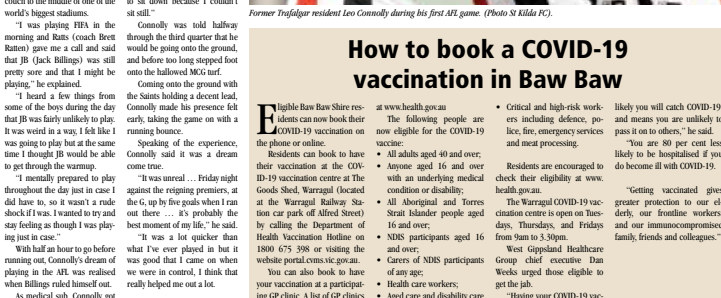
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SAINT LEO MAKES AFL DEBUT

The Saint Leo Football Club has made its AFL debut, marking a significant milestone for the club. The club has been successful in raising a significant amount of money for this cause.

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People participating in the Saint Leo AFL debut, holding up signs to show their support for the club.

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The new dental clinic in Trafalgar is officially open, providing a convenient location for residents to receive dental care. The clinic has been successful in raising a significant amount of money for this cause.

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People participating in the new dental clinic opening, holding up signs to announce the new facility.

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The Breakfast Club has been successful in raising a significant amount of money to help fund the purchase of walking shoes for children in need. The club has been successful in raising a significant amount of money for this cause.

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People participating in the Breakfast Club fundraising event, holding up signs to raise money for the purchase of walking shoes.

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COUNCIL ENDORSES NAMING OF TURRA PAVILION

The Turra Pavilion has been named in honor of the community's contribution to the development of the area. The pavilion has been successful in raising a significant amount of money for this cause.

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People participating in the Turra Pavilion naming ceremony, holding up signs to announce the new pavilion.

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Farming News

VFF calls for food rep on Pandemic Committee

The Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF) last month called on the state government to ensure there is a representative of the food production supply chain on the Independent Pandemic Management Advisory Committee.

VFF president Emma Germano said that the COVID-19 pandemic displayed the vulnerability of the food production supply chain to health orders and pandemic-induced market failure.

"We saw the hysteria that was created when people wrongly thought toilet paper was going to run out, imagine if fresh fruit and vegetables disappeared off shelves," she said.

Ms Germano said people in the agricultural industry experienced restrictions to meat processing facilities and severe shortages of inputs and supplies such as labour, pallets and machinery parts.

"We escaped without significant food shortages this time round but our vulnerabilities were exposed," she said.

"The food production supply chain needs a seat at the table, recognising that without food, the health, wellbeing and security of Victorians is put at risk.

"What we are saying may seem unlikely, but we are talking about legislation designed for operation in the most unlikely of circumstances.

Ms Germano said that if food

production was left out of the conversation, the consequences could be disastrous.

"We are talking crops not being planted or harvested, abattoirs and distribution centres shutting down and fresh food disappearing from supermarket shelves," she said.

"For the past two years food production has not been taken seriously by the Health Department and the highest levels of government. We need that to change."

VFF call for urgent action on telehandler license reform

The Victorian Farmers Federation says WorkSafe is prioritising compliance over safety by not providing adequate and fit-for-purpose telehandler training for farmers after the proposed reforms were shelved.

VFF president Emma Germano says after nearly three years of patiently working with WorkSafe on the reforms, the decision to place it on the back-burner and wait for national reforms is not good enough and puts farmers' safety at risk.

"I'm bitterly disappointed WorkSafe have reneged on an undertaking to reform telehandler licensing," she said.

"We have worked patiently with WorkSafe, participating in countless meetings, industry roundtables, reports and industry surveys, so for WorkSafe to suddenly turn around after three years and say it is too hard, is a complete slap in the face.

"Safety isn't something that should be put on hold and it's alarming WorkSafe have decided to wait for national reforms, because it was too difficult."

Ms Germano added the current costly, time consuming and largely irrelevant training is doing little to equip farmers with the skills and knowledge they need.

"Victoria is one of only two states that require both a crane and a dogmans license to operate a telehandler over three tonnes with forks," she said.

"Attaining a crane licence can cost several thousand dollars to complete and requires a number of days off-farm, yet it does little to specifically improve the capability and safety of telehandler operators.

"WorkSafe know this after their own reports found that the current licensing system is fundamentally flawed, but have chosen to do nothing.

"We are calling on Minister Stitt and WorkSafe to urgently reform Victorian telehandler licensing requirements to help allow farmers to come home safely after work."

Help shape the future of biosecurity in Victoria

Victorians are being called on to take the lead in strengthening their state's biosecurity system by nominating to join Victoria's Biosecurity Reference Group.

The Biosecurity Reference Group is being established as part of a state government \$28

million change program to strengthen Victoria's biosecurity system and better protect Victoria's economy, environment and people from biosecurity threats such as exotic pests and diseases.

Reference group members will play an important role, providing feedback to Agriculture Victoria on proposed investments and activities to help ensure they are practical and relevant to industry and community.

Agriculture Victoria's Biosecurity Services executive director Katherine Clift encouraged representatives from industries and communities to submit an expression of interest to become a member of the Biosecurity Reference Group.

"A stronger biosecurity system delivers better outcomes for all Victorians," she said.

"Biosecurity is key to not only protecting our agriculture sector, but also our environment, biodiversity, cultural heritage, economy and way of life."

Dr Clift said while Victoria is lucky to be free from many of the world's most significant pest and disease threats, as the movement of people and goods from around the globe increased, pressure on Victoria's existing biosecurity system was increasing.

"The system needs to continue to evolve to ensure we can prevent, respond to, and manage increasing biosecurity risks," she said.

"And we need to work with community, industry and our government partners to achieve this."

As part of Victoria's Agriculture Strategy, the state government is committed to ensuring Victorian agriculture is well-placed to respond to pests, weeds and disease, protecting and enhancing the future of the sector.

Agriculture Victoria is encouraging industry and community representatives with experience and skills in biosecurity operations, strategy, agricultural policy, engagement and communications to apply to become a Biosecurity Reference Group member.

To get involved, submit an expression of interest in becoming a reference group member. For information, or to apply, visit the Agriculture Victoria website by Friday, December 3.

Lower your risk of introducing ovine brucellosis

For many sheep flocks, the purchase of rams is a time when diseases may be introduced, one of which is ovine brucellosis (OB).

OB is a bacterial disease characterised by infertility in rams. Unlike brucellosis in cattle, of which Australia is now officially free, OB is not considered a human health concern.

In some cases, the presence of OB in a flock may go unrecognised due to other causes of a poor lamb marking percentage. However, once a significant portion of rams in a flock are infected, OB can lead to a substantial loss in production.

OB causes inflammation of the epididymis, which is the tube in which sperm are transported from the testis. This inflammation leads to a complete or partial blockage of the epididymis leaving the ram sterile or with low fertility.

One way of diagnosing OB is to palpate or feel the testis of a ram for swellings. OB can also be diagnosed by a blood test.

OB is typically introduced into a flock by an infected ram. The disease subsequently spreads ram to ram or via ewes during joining.

Once introduced the only solution is to eradicate the disease. This is achieved with veterinary assistance by palpating and blood testing rams and culling infected rams, because once a ram is infected with OB it will not recover.

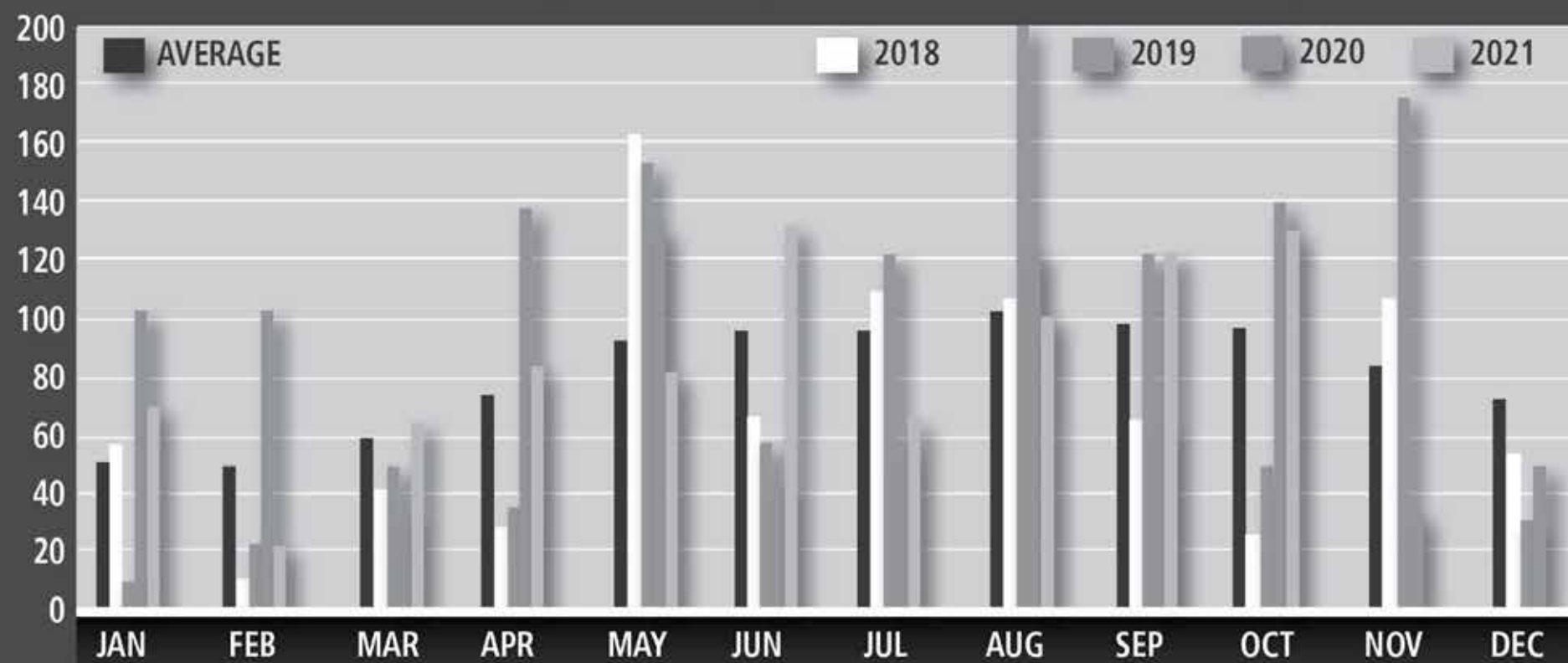
As always prevention is better than cure - to assist in identifying low risk flocks a voluntary accreditation scheme is in place.

Your property can become OB accredited in consultation with your private veterinary practitioner by successively testing all rams over six months of age with clear results and demonstrating secure boundary fencing.

When purchasing replacement rams, OB accredited flocks provide the safest choice. All boundary fencing should be secure to prevent straying to or from neighbouring properties.

For further information please contact your local veterinarian or Agriculture Victoria Veterinary or Animal Health Officer.

TRAFALGAR MONTHLY RAINFALL



This graph compares the monthly rainfall received in Trafalgar in 2021 with, 2018, 2019, 2020 and average monthly rainfall since records began. The monthly rainfall for October 2021 is 132ml.

RUNNY NOSE OR COVID?

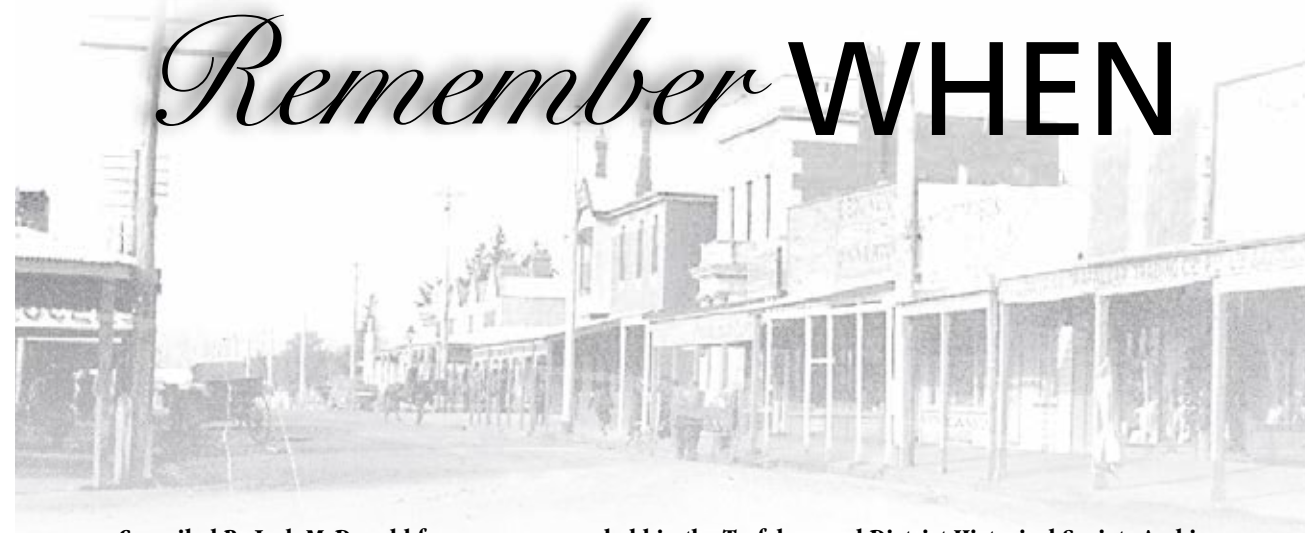
The only way to be sure is with a test at the first sign of any symptom.

ONLY A TEST CAN TELL

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

Trafalgar, Yarragon & Yallourn News, December, 1931

December 3 – Military Ball

The Officers, N.C.O.'s and men of the Trafalgar Troop of the 13th Light Horse Regiment held their annual ball last Friday evening. The "Sundowners" orchestra was in good form and the supper was specially catered for. Everything had been done to assure success, with the large crowd having an enjoyable time.

Child Badly Burnt

Betty, the young daughter of Mr Hudson, was badly burnt last week, writes our Thorpdale correspondent. She was standing with her back to a fire when her clothing caught alight, and before the other members of the family were attracted by the terrified child's screaming, the cloths had been burnt from her back. She was conveyed to the surgery of Dr. Swain in Trafalgar and was under his attention all night. Her condition is still serious.

December 17 – Picnic For Convent Pupils

The first of what is hoped to be the forerunner of a number of picnics was held on Sunday last, ostensibly for the purpose of giving the Trafalgar Convent pupils a good time. This was the first opportunity that the Sisters have had to accompany the pupils on such an outing, and no doubt it would be beneficial to them too.

With The Rifle

The Narracan Rifle Club members visited the Trafalgar range last Saturday, and fired a match with the locals. Conditions were 8 men aside to count with 10 shots at the 600 (548 metres) distance. After some good shooting the home side won by 14 points.

Gippsland News, December, 1961

December 7 – Local Cricket

A destructive spell of accurate spin bowling by Trafalgar Green's captain Vic Jean broke the back of the W.D.C.A. Northern Division batting line-up in the clash with

a Town Section team at Trafalgar on Sunday. In five overs, Jean rattled out six batsmen for 42 runs. At one stage Jean's figures were 4 for 12. Alan Rankin's glorious 51 highlighted the town section innings.

Trafalgar Kindergarten

The sale of waste paper provides a large proportion of the 10 pounds (\$295 today) per week that the Trafalgar Infant Welfare and Kindergarten Committee have to raise to maintain the Centre. The Apex Club assists the committee by collecting bales from the numerous homes and loading them on to the railway trucks for transport to the A.M.P. at Morwell.

Enjoyable Dances

Over the past three months the Trafalgar Guiders have been holding fortnightly teenage dances to raise money to buy new equipment for the Brownie Pack and Guide Company. These dances have been successful from the viewpoint of the teenagers as well as the financial side. Thanks go to Mrs Trezise and Mr Ern Asmussen who provide the music.

December 14 – Brilliant Trafalgar Student

Elizabeth Anne Shanahan, a former Trafalgar girl, whose university career was studded with ten first-class and second-class honours awards in medicine, has now won three final year prizes in obstetrics and gynaecology, and she was the only woman of a class of 129 men and 24 women to win final year medical prizes. She has three degrees – Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery and Bachelor of Science. Former school mates and acquaintances here in Trafalgar have been thrilled with Anne's success.

Ex-Residents Christmas Party

What was probably one of the most successful social events ever conducted by the Trafalgar and District Ex-Residents Association was held in the city on Friday evening last when the annual Christmas party was conducted. All agreed that this was one of the

most happy evenings conducted by the Association.

December 21 – Liquor Licence For Bowling Club

Friday, December 15 at 8 p.m. marked another milestone in the history of the Trafalgar Bowling Club when the premises were opened for the disposal of liquor as prescribed by the Licensing Laws. This terminated negotiations which have been carried out over the last couple of years.

Trafalgar Students Success

A highly successful year was experienced by Trafalgar students attending the Moe High School in 1961, and the following results are announced: Leaving Certificate:

Bruce Bilston, Graham Blacker, Edward Allchin, Irene Carne, Betty Chulow, Penny Donaldson, Helen Grant, Maureen O'Connor and Elizabeth Powell.

Traf News, December, 2003

December – Community Bank Opens

After three years and a huge amount of work by the committee, and other community minded people from the district, the Trafalgar Community Bank has opened. The Bank opened on 24 November, 2003, in its temporary premises at 93 Princes Highway, beside the Post Office.

Locals will recognise the manager Bryan Leaf, and staff member Lorraine Morland, both locals with wide banking experience. They are joined by Jacquie McGill and Rebecca Trkulia in customer service roles.

Chairman of the Board, Frank Hernadi said: "The public will be indebted to a group of local people and a hard working Board, as without them, this great community venture would never have eventuated".

Norma Wins Victory Medal

Trafalgar resident Norma Ballantine received Diabetes Australia's Kellion Victory Medal, when

it was presented to her by Mrs Terry Bracks, wife of Victoria's Premier, at Parliament House on 14 November. The medal is awarded to people who have struggled with diabetes for at least 50 years. Norma, who is 78 years of age, was first diagnosed in 1953 after having two children.

Op Shop Gives Funds

The Trafalgar and District Community Opportunity Shop distributed \$8,000 (\$11,665 today) to local Trafalgar groups in November. The Shop opened in March 1997 by West Gippsland Healthcare Group to support local organisations.

Lighthouse Program Success

Trafalgar Youth Resource Centre operates a very successful program for students in grades five and six. Three teenage leaders: Chontelle Baker, Jarrod Irvine and Mark Hurst operate the program with the support of volunteers Dorothy and Bob Hoare, Michael Fozard and Judy Davey. The program offers the children activities, peer support and an adult support network. The program is popular with the children, with up to 45 young people attending the Lighthouse Program.

Haka At St. Joseph's

As part of our Arts Program at St. Joseph's we endeavour to invite guests to the school who can inspire the children in their artistic endeavours. In early November, Mr Bernard Mangahakia visited our school and performed his one-man show 'Mana – The Spirit of Polynesia'. Our wonderful Parents and Friends Group at the school has helped to fund our Arts visits and it is wonderful to see the responses of the children as their cultural horizons are broadened.

Christmas Wishes

Everyone at Traf News wishes you and your family a wonderful and Merry Christmas, and a happy and prosperous New Year.

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St Mary's Church, Trafalgar

Wednesdays: 10.00am Quiet Service of Holy Communion by Extension 10.45: Cuppa n conversation
3.30 - 5.00pm JAFFAS
Fridays: Youth Group is in recess.
Sundays: 9.30am Holy Communion & Sunday School on 1st, 2nd & 4th Sundays Family Service on 3rd Sunday of month.
9.30am Combined Parish Service on 5th Sunday

St Mark's Church, Thorpdale

Mondays: 3.30 - 5pm JAFFAS
Sundays: 11.00am Holy Communion - 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month

St Mark's Church, Yarragon

Sundays: 8.30 Holy Communion, 1st, 2nd, & 4th Sundays
Prayer, Praise & Proclamation on 3rd Sunday
JAFFAS is in recess

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Rev Frank Lees,
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Every Sunday: 10am
Sunday School: (During service)
Bible studies: Thursday evenings

The show must go on

Sonia Lombardo

It's show time at St Joseph's Trafalgar, with no great production complete without an awesome backdrop!

Our senior students, who are progressively getting back to full-time, on-site learning, are eagerly painting scenes for our biannual school play!

Mrs Mulqueen, School Principal, stated that the Show will go on! (With COVID safe measures in place) and the school is abuzz with excitement.

Written and directed by students, with the assistance of our talented Music Teacher Raelee Hill, 'The Adventure' is a show not to be missed and provides a fantastic opportunity for students to develop in the Arts.



Kaitlyn Pedemont & Rubi Myrteza



Ava barrey



Ayla Farrell



Erin Kondo

Cows For Careers Project

Patricia Mulqueen

St Joseph's School in Trafalgar have been a part of the Cows For Careers program with the Education Department. First the students had to build a safe enclosure for the calves and make a plan to look after the calves.

The school contacted local dairy farmers Graeme and Louise Paul and asked if they could help to provide the calves. Melissa Payne, local share farmer, delivered the calves to the school.

The students had lots of fun trying to get the calves from the trailer to the pen. Each morning and afternoon the students bottle feed the calves. The students are learning about respecting and caring for animals and they are thinking about the different careers that can come about from working with calves.

The calves were named Johnny and Jimmy, by the students.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed being significantly involved in the lives of the two calves. Caring for and monitoring the calves is central to learning about the dairy industry and what it entails.



Zara and Evie 'milking' the days sunshine



Ben Oldman with the calf group



"Hay" calf, have some feed" says Lucas



Miranda finds this calf 'amoozing'



Chloe tends to this 'udderly' hungry calf

Dogs and snakes



SMALL ENOUGH TO CARE,
EXPERIENCED ENOUGH TO TRUST

Just seeing the word snake is enough to strike fear into the hearts of all dog owners. None of us want to watch our dog fall ill or die from snake envenomation.

Snake behaviour is an important consideration in snake bite prevention of dogs.

Snakes are free-living native animals, we share the environment with many types of crea-

tures. Snakes are like other wild animals - they seek shelter, food, mates and will defend themselves if threatened. Snake behaviour makes sense, and we can use this to our advantage.

Snakes are generally more active during spring time. This is when they start to increase their activity after a long winter and they are hungry. Spring time is also the time of year where snakes search for a mate, so they travel looking for company.

Snakes are ectotherms, which people generally refer to as 'cold blooded'. This means that their environment determines their body temperature and the rate of their body functions. Considering this, it makes sense that

snakes don't like to be too hot.

During summer months, snakes are most likely to be out between 7am and 10am and then again between 4pm until 9pm.

In the heat of midday, snakes will seek shade and shelter away from the sun.

Some species of snakes will hunt insects and frogs which means they may be active into the night time, and more likely to leave the safety of shelter and leaf litter and venture out onto moist lawns.

In order to avoid snakes coming near your dog yard you can use the information about snake behaviour to create an environment which is hostile towards snakes.

Some tips:

- Keep your grass short;
- Gardens around the yard should ideally have stemmed plants, remove creepers and ground cover plants such as ivy;

Stone walls should have all holes and deep grooves filled;

- Any water sources should be placed furthest from your boundary and surrounded by wide open spaces;
- Pick up leaf litter and avoid having scrap material around the yard;
- Busy areas will deter most wild animals from entering the space. Try to spend time out in the yard where possible;
- Keep large aviaries

away from the house, and;

- Implement rodent control programs.

You can encourage snakes to want to stay outside your fence line by ensuring that:

- All ponds and dams are away from the house;
- There are shelter areas provided for snakes away from your yard, such as some leaf litter or mulch, and;
- You may consider deliberately placing a water source away from your yard, so that thirsty snakes don't need to enter the yard to find water.

To help your dog avoid encountering snakes, education can start early. Spending time teaching a fast recall is lifesaving.

Not only will you remove your dog from the direct contact with the snake, but you will open up options for the snake to escape away from the area.

When you walk your dog during spring and summer, keep to the open parks and tracks, consider using a long line and avoid shrubby creeks and rivers.

Remember if you encounter a snake, treat it with the respect all wild animals deserve.

Observe it from a distance and leave it undisturbed.

Reflection

By *Moira Dodsworth*

Christmas already?

I walked into the supermarket on the first day of November and saw that Halloween had disappeared and Christmas was with us.

Sometimes we seem to wish our lives away, preparing for the next big event. We have been warned that there are issues with transport and deliveries so we must be even earlier than usual in posting early for Christmas, so what happens to the time in between, is it lost time?

In the church, before Advent, the season preparing for Christmas, we have a season called Ordinary Time.

I do like that title and what it conveys, just ordinary, nothing unusual doing common

place things and living day to day.

I remember as a teacher looking forward to term three because that was the term when you could get work done as there weren't the interruptions of other terms, it was ordinary time.

Do you remember as a child the beginning of the long summer holidays and looking forward to days of doing nothing, days when nothing was planned, when you just took things as they happened, ordinary things?

In our lives now, there always seems to be something happening, something to prepare for, big business and advertisers see to this, they keep finding new things for us to spend our money on and fill

our days with. Halloween is over so it must be Christmas. I know there are few empty days in my diary.

I am so grateful for my garden, there is always something to do, weeds to pull, grass to mow, shrubs to prune ... but sometimes I can just sit and enjoy the activity of other things, breathe and listen and relax, just be alive in the moment. I keep seeing the weeds or the job to do but there is time for that.

I wonder if we took November as ordinary time, let Christmas wait till December and enjoy the beginning of summer, long days and some days, not preparing or looking ahead just being alive.

"The Waterloo Express"

Jack McDonald

"Gippsland News", July 27, 1944.

In July 1944 Mr J. Ward of Trafalgar, whilst inspecting some old wall-paper at his home noticed some wording that interested him.

Peeling off the paper, he was surprised to read that it was part of a copy of a newspaper called "The Waterloo Express" - the date being 1882.

Mr Ward, though born many years later knew that the town of Yarragon was originally named "Waterloo" so made some enquiries at the Trafalgar "News" office as to whether this old paper was printed at Trafalgar.

He was assured that this was

not so, as at that time Trafalgar was hardly a spot on the map, and although there was certainly a settlement at Yarragon (or Waterloo) at that time they had no knowledge of a printing establishment there. It was thought that the old publication may have originated at Warragul.

"Gippsland News", August 3, 1944.

In the next issue of the Trafalgar paper Mr M. O'Brien, an old resident of Yarragon, who was then living at Moe West,

wrote in a very interesting manner as follows:-

Your item in last week's "News" re Mr Wards find of the remains of a "Waterloo Express" paper of over 60 years ago recalls old memories of the days when Trafalgar was an outer suburb of "Waterloo".

We had our own weekly paper, "The Waterloo Express". The office was between the Bank of Australasia and the Post Office. The floor was about 5 feet off the ground and when going to school, between 1879-82 other school boys and I used to get under the floor and pick up type that had fallen through the spaces in the floor-boards.

I suppose the floor was composed of green timber from one of the many sawmills in the district. The paper was run by J. B. Witton and Sons but I am not too sure about the printer's name.

It was a common sight then to see a few hundred men in the town on a Saturday night - mill hands, piling splitters and carters - also quite a number of pedlars who did a roaring trade in watches and jewellery. Spectacles were also sold for 10 shillings and 6 pence (\$1.06) - "guaranteed to let you see around the

corner".

In January 1884 the name of the township was changed to Yarragon due to confusion with mail going to another town also called "Waterloo" near Beaufort. Yarragon was the name of the parish to the north of the railway.

When the name of "Waterloo" was changed to "Yarragon" there was a sailor who had quite a lot of land in Trafalgar and Yarragon by the name of Harrigan. He tried hard to get the town called "Harrigan", but Yarragon prevailed.

PS. - It is interesting to note that when the small settlement of Trafalgar began to grow the town had two local weekly papers. The first was the "Times" published in 1902 by Christopher Johnstone and the second, the "News" by Richard John Rolls in 1904. Both were printed and published in Trafalgar. The "Times" had a life of over 50 years and the "News" over 80 years. Does anyone have any additional information on "The Waterloo Express" newspaper?

Contributed by Trafalgar & District Historical Society

Duty on Spousal, Family and Trust Transfers of Property

By *Trafalgar solicitor Jade MacGregor*

If you are thinking about transferring a property to your spouse, family member, trust or self-managed superfund there are a few considerations to take into account before completing these transfers.

We provide you with a summary of what you should consider.

Spousal transfer

Asset Protection: are you or your spouse a director of a company or run a business? For those looking to transfer their property to a spouse you should first consider protecting your home from being used as an asset if you are sued.

Estate Planning: do you intend for the property to pass to your spouse when you die or to someone else? You should consider who is to benefit from your ownership of the property and how to best ensure that person receives it.

Stamp Duty: due to recent changes, now only the transfer of your main residence for no consideration (money) will be eligible for duty exemption. All other transfers will result in duty being payable on the market value of the property.

Transfer between family

Many families want to transfer their property to their son or

daughter as an early inheritance or for less than market value.

Stamp Duty: stamp duty will be due and payable on each of these transfers at the full market value of the property (not on the price paid). There is also no duty concession or exemption available for the purchaser if the purchase price is less than market value.

Estate Planning: have you previously gifted the property to another family member in your Will or if you gift the property to someone who is already benefiting under your estate and are they now receiving a greater share of your estate?

Gifting money or assets: If you are receiving the Age Pension or other benefits from Centrelink, there is a limit to the amount you can gift your children. Also known as the \$10k and \$30k rule. Any amount that exceeds the gifting limit is then recorded as a 'deprived asset', which can result in you losing or a decrease the benefit you are currently receiving.

Transfer to trust or self-managed superfund

Stamp Duty: for duty to be exempt on the transfer the trust or superfund must be complying, there must be no change in beneficial ownership and the transfer be for no consideration

(money).

Contribution limits: for a superfund you must be careful you do not exceed the contribution limit. We recommend speaking with a financial advisor.

Capital Gains Tax (CGT): if the property is an investment you should consider the CGT implications of transferring the property to the trust if the only reason is for asset protection and there are alternative options (such as a spousal transfer).

Want to know more?

Reach out to one of our friendly solicitors on (03) 5644 0000 or jade@jmacgregorlegal.com or katherine@jmacgregorlegal.com

Christmas Break

Jade, Katherine and Karen of J MacGregor Legal want to thank the Trafalgar and wider community for their support throughout the firm's first year of operation. The office will be closed from 5pm Thursday, December 23 2021 until 9am Wednesday, January 5 2022. Wishing you all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Speak to the team at Jade MacGregor Legal for any questions relating to transfers of property

AROUND THE HISTORICAL Society

By *Dianne Ireland*

Despite the disruptions, the Trafalgar and District Historical Society is pleased to be able to say we have had a productive year.

Working bees have been held when possible and much has been achieved on the cataloguing and recording of our collection.

It was mentioned last month that we hold quite an assortment of family histories and adding to those already cited are stories of the Boyles and Erbs families.

Hopefully by the time you read this the 100th edition of

the Society's Gazette will be available for sale at the Post Office, Newsagency and EdComp.

Just a taste of our local history for \$4.

This has been a big undertaking for a small group of dedicated workers so please show your support for the Society whose purpose is to 'Preserve our Past for our Future'.

It was with pleasure that the society was able to support John Hanley in a small way with his publication this year of The Moe Swamp Yulungah & Trafalgar East: About the People, Postal and Telephone Services.

Rumour has it that John has more to come!

The T&DHS will be in recess from mid-December to early February, with the first general meeting to be held on February 17 at 7.30pm.

Should you wish to reach the society in the interim, our email address is historicalsocietytraf@gmail.com.

Until then, thank you for your support. Have a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

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Council elects Mayor and Deputy Mayor for 2022 term.

We are pleased to announce Cr Michael Leaney has been elected as Mayor and Cr Annemarie McCabe has been elected as Deputy Mayor following the statutory meeting held on Wednesday 17 November.

Cr Leaney was nominated by Cr Tricia Jones with the motion seconded by Cr Keith Cook.

Cr McCabe was nominated by Cr Jazmin Tauru with the motion seconded by Cr Keith Cook.

All nominations were unanimously supported by Councillors in the chamber through a vote by a show of hands.

The Mayor and Deputy Mayor will serve a 1-year term until November 2022.

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We need your help to create the **Yarragon Township Plan and Urban Design Framework.**

This important plan will cover topics such as **land use and development, landscaping, public spaces and street design** that will shape the overall look and feel of the town.

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Council has endorsed its 2021/22 advocacy priorities.

Council's advocacy plan identifies major projects in order of priority, project readiness and community impact.

It will guide Council's advocacy efforts to State and Federal Governments for investment.

Some of Council's 2021/22 priorities include:

- Baw Baw Civic Precinct
- Warragul and Drouin Bypass
- Rokeby to Neerim Trail Extension
- Logan Park Cycling Centre of Excellence

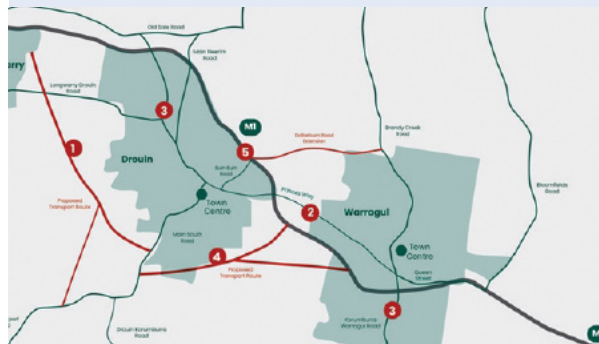


Image: Proposed concept for Warragul and Drouin Bypass.

For more information visit
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Council adopts Domestic Animal Management Plan.



Council has adopted a new Domestic Animal Management Plan to encourage responsible pet ownership amongst the community and ensure that our natural environment and the welfare of dogs and cats remain protected.

Some of the key topics covered in the Plan include:

- Promoting and encouraging responsible pet ownership.
- Minimising the risk of dog attacks in the community.
- Addressing overpopulation and euthanasia rates for dogs and cats.
- Encouraging the registration and identification of dogs and cats.
- Effectively identifying and managing all declared dangerous, menacing and restricted breed dogs kept within the municipality.

For more information visit
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One punch from fighting Ali

By Liam Durkin

Gippsland boxing legend Dennis Booth never forgot the people who helped him in his career - so much so that he was still proud to call the East Gippsland town of Stratford home until his death.

Booth died earlier this year following a battle with Parkinson's Disease, the very same disease that beset the man he came within one punch to fighting: Mohammad Ali.

Speaking before his death, Booth said the Stratford community got him to the 1966 Commonwealth Games in Jamaica, raising the money to send him over.

"I'm eternally grateful to Stratford," he said.

"The townspeople got behind me to send me over to the games, sent me over to Perth for the championships, I won over in Perth and then went to the games."

Booth moved to Stratford in the mid-1950s.

Around this time he took up boxing, originally training in old horse stables near the Avon River, and found instant success in local tournaments.

"We used to average one tournament every second month boxing from Orbost to Dandenong," he explained.

In 1957 Booth made it to the finals of the Victorian light-heavyweight amateur championships, with a knockout in the first round of the semi final held in Sale, before being crowned Australian light-heavyweight

champion a couple of years later in 1959.

The 1960s proved to be a productive decade for Booth, as he held the Victorian light-heavyweight title for many years and was also selected as squad captain for the 1966 Commonwealth Games.

It was there he won a bronze medal, in what was the first time he had travelled overseas.

Booth fought in three Olympic trials for the games in Rome (1960), Tokyo (1964) and Mexico (1968).

In one of the great 'what ifs', Booth found himself needing to defeat Tony Madigan from New South Wales to book a ticket to Rome in 1960.

In the fight off for the Olympic spot, Booth was well in front heading into the last round, but was eventually knocked down. He quickly got up, but under rules the fight went to Madigan.

Madigan went on to fight Mohammad Ali (then Cassius Clay) in the semi-final of the Olympics.

Booth said he was unsure exactly how he would have gone against the greatest boxer of all time.

"I get asked a few times and I say 'I don't really know because it never happened'," he said.

"It's something I'll never know."

A couple of years after his Commonwealth Games triumph, Booth decided to retire from boxing as he figured he would be too old by the time the next Olympic trial came around.

During his career he turned

down a significant offer to turn professional to be able to spend more time with family.

Booth had a remarkable career as an amateur, losing only 16 of his 94 fights from 1956 to 1968, and knocking out approximately 30 opponents in the process.

He combined football training with Stratford as part of his boxing training, and would spend 20 minutes skipping before getting into floor exercises and bag work in the gym.

When asked what his advice was to young boxers, Booth had some succinct words: "Don't drink and train hard," he advised.

Booth stayed involved in the sport post-retirement by providing training facilities and support to many aspiring local boxers.

Stratford has become a boxing factory of sorts in recent years, with fellow Commonwealth games medalist Jason Whateley and professional fighter Max Reeves both having strong connections to the town.

Whateley's uncle Colin Beechey boxed in tournaments at the Stratford Mechanics Hall and also trained alongside Booth in his early years.

Amazingly, his daughter Bronwyn, working as an air hostess, once met Ali and told him about her father, who later sent a 'signed Cassius Clay' portrait to Booth. It is believed there are only a very select few Mohammad Ali portraits signed as Cassius Clay in existence.



Dennis Booth, pictured in October 2020 wearing his 1966 Commonwealth Games bronze medal and blazer.

A cricket season without cricket

By Liam Durkin

Amazingly, and equally bizarrely, there was still yet to be a ball bowled in the Trafalgar Cricket Club's 2021-22 season by the middle of November. The Ships campaign was scheduled to begin on Saturday, November 13, but wet weather put a stop to that.

At time of writing, (November 16) Trafalgar has not yet got on the park. A 16 round season has been fixtured, but given the incredibly tight time frame, no matches will be made-up at a later date.

Ordinarily, the season would have seen at least six rounds completed by now, if cricket began at its usual start date of the first or second week of October.

Wet weather has been a staple of the cricket season so far, so much so that probably only two games would have been com-

pleted from October to mid-November regardless.

Comparatively, this is certainly the wettest October-November cricket season this writer can recall in recent memory. The 2010-11 season was especially wet, with four games in October all abandoned. That season, rounds one, three, four and five were all called off.

All this said, players have been working hard at training, with healthy numbers across the board. Junior cricket is also back in full swing, and players are showing plenty of eagerness to give it their all. The junior barbecues have return after a COVID-induced break. Thanks to the generosity of long time club supporters Kylie and Shane from Norm Olivers Butchers and to Melanie White for seeing this great initiative return.

Plenty of local businesses have also sponsored awards for junior cricket this season, and we thank Albertos Pizza, Fish Bits and BK's Takeaway for helping us out.

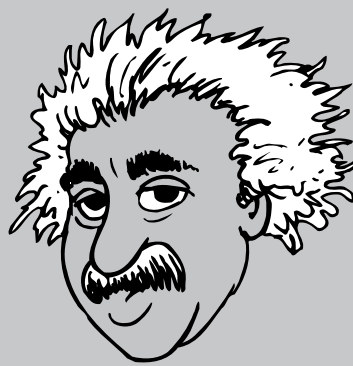
Off the field the ever popular Thursday night meals have returned, offering what is arguably the best meal of the week for some people at the club. Tania Claridge has done a mountain of work arranging these and we thank her greatly. All are welcome to come down to the club rooms after training on a Thursday to share a meal and discuss important world issues.

As December rolls around, it will be fingers crossed for better weather as the Ships seek to get onto the field as soon as possible in their quest for further glory.



Dinner is available at the Trafalgar Cricket Club every Thursday. All welcome.

Alberts Corner



If you want your children to be intelligent, read them fairy tales. If you want them to be more intelligent, read them more fairy tales.
— Albert Einstein

By *Liam Durkin*

Racegoers enjoy the day

It is not often the highlight of a race meeting is what happens off the track, but that was precisely the case at Moe Racing Club on Monday, November 8 as spectators returned once again. Having not been permitted inside the venue since late June, eager racegoers wasted no time getting to Moe as soon as gates opened at 12.30pm.

Trafalgar jockey Jason Maskiell was in action, and had plenty of support with wife Candice and son Colt cheering from the sidelines.

While ordinarily a Monday meeting might only attract a handful of people, a healthy enough crowd of members, owners and general public came to see the nine races in action. For the most part, the meeting felt like a normal day at the races, with the only major difference being the wearing of masks inside and a temporary fence erected between the grandstand and the mounting yard to keep jockeys and trainers separated from owners and the general public.

Despite this, no one seemed to mind, as the thud of hooves along the strait, the call of the race over the PA system, and the sense of optimism under the roof of the betting ring cried out 'racing is back'. Although not all trainers, jockeys and punters

were winners in a literal sense, ultimately the sport of racing was the real winner. A glass of sparkling was the ideal way for some to commemorate the return, while for young families, picnic rugs were again seen on the lawn in front of the grandstand.

Moe Racing Club chief executive officer Shane Berry was beaming from ear to ear, and said it was fantastic to have spectators return. "I didn't expect to see this many people for a Monday but we have a good mix of people, kids and everyone," he said. "It is good to see members and owners get back, happy to be back on course."

Away from all the positives happening off the track, there was actually racing that went on. Moe trainer Darryl Blackshaw flew the local flag prominently with three runners on a track that was rated a Soft 5 for the entirety of the meeting. Tesser started proceedings with a win in the Ladbrokes Bet Ticker 3YO Maiden Plate over 1217 metres for Cranbourne trainer Greg Eurell. The three-year-old colt jumped well and settled down to be half a length outside the leader before going on to win by a comfortable 1.25 length margin. Boogie

Wonderland easily won the S&S Equipment 4YO Maiden Plate (1217m), getting home

by more than two lengths for fellow Cranbourne trainer Louise Bonella. Moe Cup-winning jockey Patrick Moloney rode Our Tigersun to victory in the MBSS Security 4YO Maiden Plate (1217m), while the SVW Electrical Maiden Plate (1628m) saw another Cranbourne runner in Master Fontana lead from the 800m mark all the way to the post.

The Ladbrokes Maiden Plate (2088m) became a two-horse race, with State Squad and Raid The Bar crossing the line more than five lengths before the next arrival. State Squad made its move mid-race and took over to be too good for Raid The Bar, ridden by Maskiell. A close finish in the Kiss Print Solutions BM58 Handicap (2088m) was won by \$3.50 favourite Glamdam, who got in by 0.4L from six-year-old gelding Saving. It was an even closer finish in the next race, the Able On Site Services BM58 Handicap (1017m), with Iknewshewasmine piped Doctor Coto by a neck on the outside. Five-year-old mare Mnemba broke away to win the Ladbrokes Cash In BM58 Handicap (1217m) for Cranbourne trainer Michael Kent.

Bundalagwah trainer Sharyn Trolove had a win to round out the day, with Starspangled Baby proving too strong in

the Ian Grant's Caravans Xmas Party Raceday BM58 Handicap (1628m). Ridden by jockey Jake Noonan, Starspangled Baby settled towards the rear of the field in the early stages, but produced a strong run to gain the lead heading into the straight and raced away to score by 1.25L. Trolove was full of praise for Noonan post-race. "I think the ride won the race —

obviously the horse went good too, but it was a great ride," Trolove told Racing.com. "I wasn't overly confident today, I thought the track was a tad soft for her and she's better suited over 2000m." The addition of the blinkers, suggested by jockey Brian Park after Starspangled Baby ran fourth at her previous outing, proved an astute move by Trolove.

The naming of the final race acted as a link to the next meeting at Moe, which Berry said the club was busily preparing for. "Ticket sales for the December meeting have gone through the roof," he said. "That is the big one ... Christmas party ... twilight ... one-stop-shop for your staff (end of year) party." The Christmas meeting will be held on Friday, December 17.



Spectators returned to racing last month. Trafalgar's Candice Maskiell (right) was at Moe recently to cheer on husband Jason Maskiell, alongside one-year-old son Colt and Bairnsdale's Kirby Trinder.



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Gippsland League welcomes new major sponsor

Alinta Energy and Loy Yang B Power Station has signed on as the major partners of the Gippsland League for the next three football/netball seasons.

Alinta Energy will be the naming rights sponsor of the 'Alinta Energy Gippsland League' for seasons 2022, 2023 and 2024, while Loy Yang B's support will allow member clubs to offer some fantastic community and club support initiatives.

Having opened its Customer Experience Centre in Morwell earlier this year, which will provide more than 200 local jobs, Alinta Energy general manager customer operations, David McNeil, said the partnership was another way Alinta Energy was connecting with the Gippsland community.

"We are delighted to be partnering with the Gippsland

League, and look forward to supporting the clubs, their members and participants, and the local community by providing value and affordable energy options," he said.

Loy Yang B general manager Tony Hicks said the partnership would allow clubs to deliver education and awareness of important social initiatives such as mental health, domestic violence, addiction and road safety to their players and members.

"Sporting clubs don't only benefit physical wellbeing, they also promote social inclusion and community connectedness for people from all walks of life. These are places where people feel safe and comfortable so we think it's a great opportunity to help deliver important messages with lasting effects to a large group of people," he said.

Loy Yang B will also support

the annual mental health awareness round.

Gippsland League general manager and Trafalgar resident Daniel Heathcote welcomed the partnership.

"It's an exciting time for the Gippsland League and securing a long term partnership with Alinta Energy and Loy Yang B will allow the league to continue to invest in the development of the competition and member clubs," he said.

"Alinta Energy and Loy Yang B's commitment to the Gippsland League and the local community is a fantastic show of support for the region and we are excited to work in partnership to deliver some innovative community and club support initiatives".

The announcement means that the Alinta Energy logo will be seen on match day balls for the next three seasons.



Alinta Energy and Loy Yang B Power Station will be major partners of the Gippsland League for the next three seasons. Pictured at the launch of the partnership at the Alinta Energy Customer Experience Centre in Morwell are Loy Yang B general manager Tony Hicks, Gippsland League general manager Daniel Heathcote and Alinta Energy general manager customer operations David McNeil.

Farrell named league best and fairest

Trafalgar ruckman Dylan Farrell won the Ellinbank and District Football League senior best-and-fairest recently.

Farrell won by a single vote, after being awarded best-on-ground five times in the truncated 2021 season.

Runners up went to Buln Buln's Matt Gray and Neerim South's Kody Wilson, who polled 17 votes over 10 games.

It was the first year of an online vote count in the EDFL, with the league originally hoping for an in-person presentation. But after a bumpy start with technical issues, the count finally aired last Thursday on the League's Facebook page.

Farrell watched the presentation on the couch with his fiancé and eight-week-old son. As it was a pre-recorded video, he made sure to avoid skipping to the very end which would reveal his name as winner.

"I received a few messages but I didn't look at them, so I wanted to watch the whole thing because I thought it'd be reason-

ably close at the top," he said.

Farrell said he was surprised by the end result, and plans to celebrate with his fellow players when Trafalgar hold its club presentation night.

"I didn't really think I was going to win, I thought I might have been top five or something but not a win though.

"It was a bit of a weird feeling because we didn't get the whole season in, it would've been nice to get the whole season in because we were tracking pretty well at the time," Farrell said.

It was the 27-year-old's first season back at his home club, after playing for Moe for three years and Buln for one year.

And without playing pre-season due to a broken thumb, it was an impressive start for the now Alf Walton medallist who dominated in his first game back against Yarragon, which scored him best on ground.

He continued to lead the mid-field throughout the year, collecting three votes in his games against Neerim South in Round 2, Nyora in Round 4, Lang Lang

in Round 7, and Catani in Round 14.

Farrell last won a premiership with Trafalgar in 2012, and missed a strong chance at a flag this year because of the season's abandonment. The Bloods lost two games this year by a combined 11 points and were optimistic ahead of finals.

"We thought we had a pretty good list and we're building on it so hopefully we'll have a fair nudge at it next year," he said.

The minor premiership went to Ellinbank who were undefeated.

The Reserves Gerald Heenan Medal went to Nick Fairbank of Nyora, who finished the year with 12 votes.

Poowong U18s Alex Henshall took out the Bill Cumming Medal and collected 22 votes overall.

Ellinbank U16s Jack Champion won the Ian Cooper Medal with 17 votes for the year.

Club Championship went to Ellinbank and the Most Disciplined Club went to Buln Buln.

Source: Warragul Gazette



Trafalgar ruckman Dylan Farrell won this years Ellinbank and District Football League senior best-and-fairest.

Bloods announce award winners for season 2021

The Trafalgar Football-Netball Club recently held its presentation for the 2021 season.

A number of awards were handed out, recognising players and officials efforts in what was a difficult season again ruined by COVID.

Outgoing president Ray Wall was honoured by winning the Bags Lincoln Award, while Wayne Farrell was named Club Person Of The Year.

Although only 10 games were completed, best-and-fairests were still awarded.

Award winners for each grade were:

Seniors

Best and Fairest: Dylan Farrell Runner up: Jake Nash Most

Valuable Forward: Damian Mann Most Valuable Midfield: Klay Butler Most Valuable Back-line: Conner Noonan Rising Star: Joshua Moore

Reserves

Best and Fairest: Tristan Marslen Runner up: Harrison Malady Most Consistent: Jackson Noonan Coaches Award: Mitchell Smart Most Improved: Brett Cameron

Under 18

Best and Fairest: Hardy Kenny Runner up: Ryan Dyke Best Team Player: Jake Matthews Most Improved: Ethan Street Most Consistent: Drew O'Brien Coaches Award: Ethan Street Most Determined: Matt Devon

TFNC Youth Development: Dylan Gauci

A Grade

Best and Fairest: Dani Davies Runner up: Tara Potts Coaches Award: Ellie Farmer

B Grade

Best and Fairest: Samira Heffernan Runner up: Alesha Hallinan Most Potential: Lucy Findlay

C Grade

Best and Fairest: Cass Fry Runner up: Charlotte Farrell Coaches Award: Maddie Worth

Under 17

Best and Fairest: Tara R, Lexi

F and Kate H Runner up: Matilda M Coaches Award: Paris T

Under 15

Best and Fairest: Immy S Runner up: Hannah D Coaches Award: Keeley L

Under 13

Best and Fairest: Steph B Runner up: Mackenzie R Coaches Award: Charlise E



Outgoing Trafalgar Football-Netball Club president Ray Wall was named this years recipient of the Bags Lincoln Award for his dedication and service to the club.

Trafalgar bowls, bowling on new green

By Ian MILES

Thanks to a Sporting Grant aimed at improving participation rates and a funding partnership reached between the Trafalgar Bowls Club, the Baw Baw Shire and the Victorian State Government, a new 'state of the art' Berry's Bowls System Ultra Cool Plus synthetic green has been installed at the Trafalgar Bowls club in time for the 2021/22 season. The Ultra Cool plus green is a new development manufactured by Victorian

Company Berry's Bowls Systems and is the first of it is kind to be installed in the West Gippsland Bowls area.

The green build commenced in September and was completed in late October with Steve BERRY and his team very pleased with the end result. Trafalgar Bowls Club greens director Ken CAPPER, Baw Baw Shire's Recreation Officer Shane PAYNTER and Baw Baw Shire Project Manager David McMAHON worked together

to oversee the development to produce a first-class bowls facility. The Trafalgar Bowls Club members were quick to commence bowling on it and reports are they could not be happier to have a surface of this quality to bowl on.

The new synthetic green will allow Trafalgar bowlers and visitors to bowl all year round regardless of the weather. With the grass surface greens, bowling is generally only possible the

warmer dryer seasons of Spring and Summer. The benefits to the club and bowling community will be enormous and the club is confident that this development will attract more bowlers and new members. Club Chairman Ian MILES said that he hoped and anticipated that neighbouring bowling club members at Thorpdale and Yarragon will make use of the new synthetic green when their grass greens are out of action. It will help us all to stay

active and keep participating all year round from now on.

Trafalgar Bowls Section Vice President Peter Rosenboom said "anyone interested in giving bowls a try is most welcome to come to the club and have a 'roll up'. Our youngest member is a teenager and our oldest member refuses to disclose their age but everyone is welcome to come along and have a go."

There is plenty of social bowls and barefoot bowls to play

as well as many non-bowling activities including the Friday night raffles and happy hour to enjoy and the recent upgrades to the club-house and surrounds have included access entry and toilets for the disabled.

You can follow the Trafalgar Bowls Club on their facebook page to keep up to date with bowls news and social events.



Club chairman Ian Miles and Greens Director Ken Capper



The new greens at Trafalgar Bowls Club

A dramatic advertisement for bushfire safety. It features a person in a full-body red and yellow protective suit standing in a field of dry grass. In the background, a massive fire with bright orange and yellow flames is raging, consuming trees and structures. The scene is set at night or dusk, with the fire providing the main light source.

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