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TRAFALGAR SET TO EXPLODE

Mick Bourke

Trafalgar's population is set to increase by 50 per cent with applications for planning permits advertised on Baw Baw Shire Council's website for two new residential developments totalling 645 houses.

The developments, on Johnson's and Parise's farms immediately to the west of the township, are to be staged, presumably over a number of years, depending on the rate of sales.

The planning permits say that Eric and Sandra Johnson's former farm will be transformed into 328 lots, while Jim Parise's farm will have 317 lots.

Trafalgar has seen a dramatic increase in its population over the past twenty years.

The 2001 census showed that Trafalgar had a population of 2279 in 904 households (average of 2.52 people in each household).

By 2006, the population had increased to 2686 in 1216 households (average of 2.19 people in each home). This was a 15 per cent population growth and a 26 per cent increase in residential premises in the five-year period.

The 2011 census saw the Trafalgar township with 3044 people, increasing to a population of 3466 according to the 2016 census.

Using the average of 2.4 people per household as at 2016, the two new developments have the potential to increase Trafalgar township's population by 1550 people, a 45 per cent climb. This means that Trafalgar is heading towards a total population of more than 5000 in the foreseeable future.

This is a population increase of 120 per cent on the 2001 census figures.

Back in 2011, Traf News fairly accurately estimated Trafalgar's population could increase to 4600-4820 over the next few years.

The potential for this was recognised in 2004/5 when the community, through Trafalgar Community Development Association, led council in the development of the '2030 Land Use Strategy'; the purpose of which was to provide a review of the provisions of the Baw Baw Planning Scheme as it applies to Trafalgar. It also reviewed the local recreational needs.

The community, as part of that strategy, identified three possible population growth rates (low, projection, medium and high/ambitious) during the 25-year period from the strategy's publication until the year 2030.

The 2004/5 strategy projected that Trafalgar's population in 2030 could be one of the following:

- 3125 (net population increase 810) with annual average population growth of 1.1 per cent
- 4340 (net population increase 2025) with annual average population growth of 2.3 per cent
- 7377 (net population increase 5062) with annual average population growth of 4.4 per cent

At the time, the low population projection rate was based on a 1.1 per cent average population growth rate that had been experienced throughout the Baw Baw shire over the five-year period 1996 – 2001. The study identified that "population growth is likely to be considerably higher over the next two years given the spike in subdivision approvals experienced in Trafalgar during

2004 and 2005".

It is clear that Trafalgar's population growth has been significantly higher than the low projection rate of 1.1 per cent, indeed it is closer to the mid-range estimation of 2.3 per cent annual population increase.

On current growth patterns, Trafalgar's population could be greater than the high/ambitious projected population of approximately 7400 during the decade 2030-40.

The two new developments, and those in the future which are sure to come, will have a significant impact on our community, which this article does not attempt to go to in any detail, on local traffic, schools, medical, retail business, the aged, law enforcement, etcetera.

There is a drastic need for another land use strategy to assist planners and the community in preparing Trafalgar for the next thirty years.

The current, and future, population growth does not only significantly impact on available land for future residential growth; it also impacts on land available for commercial and industrial growth in the town.

Parking, both on the highway service lane and the two car parks to the south of the highway, will become an even greater premium than it is currently. Parking for train users at the railway station, now limited, will become a bigger issue.

Demand will simply be greater than supply.

Getting from one side of the highway to the other, especially at the Contingent Street intersection will become even more dangerous. The current pedestrian crossing lights system is inadequate and quite dangerous.

The need for a traffic management lights system that incorporates Contingent Street, east and west bound highway traffic and the railway station carpark is urgently required before a fatality occurs.

The 'service road' on the southern side of the highway is

also a dangerous area, with vehicles moving in and out of the Princes Highway on a regular basis without any buffer zone. This will become even more dangerous as the population increases.

Contrast all this to the industrial land on the north side of the highway, which appears to have

parcels of land available for low-impact industries. Trafalgar is ideally suited for industry, being on the highway and the railway line, and within two hours of Melbourne.

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Development plan showing 328 lots on the former Echo Glen farm of Eric and Sandra. Johnson

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local people join as financial members of Traf News and to expand the membership of the committee." said John Freyne, Committee President. "At present we are considering how better to use technology to enhance the paper's future."

Anyone interested in being involved in the paper as a financial member at \$5 per annum or becoming a member of the committee can contact Tina Hambleton, Secretary at tinahambleton@hotmail.com

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articles, of relevance to the town of Trafalgar, email articles@traf-news.com

Draft Infrastructure Asset Management Strategy available for feedback

Baw Baw Shire Council is seeking community feedback on a new strategy for managing and planning for infrastructure assets across the Shire.

The draft strategy aims to improve how Council manages its portfolio of infrastructure assets – from roads, drains and footpaths to buildings and public open space. These infrastructure assets have a combined replacement value of \$836 million, with ongoing management and replacement being a key challenge for Council as the Shire.

The draft strategy combines Council's objectives, desired service delivery outcomes and future challenges into a set of actions to improve how assets are managed by the organisation to ensure they provide value for money.

"The Draft Infrastructure Asset Management Strategy is a key document for Council, addressing how Council will work to maintain our existing assets – from roads to community buildings - while delivering new infrastructure to keep up with the pace of growth. I encourage all interested residents to review the strategy and learn more about how we plan to look after the community's assets." said Mayor

Councillor Danny Goss.

Responding to the impact of rapid residential growth and increased usage of assets are key themes throughout the draft strategy, with both placing pressure on existing assets while increasing the demand for new assets.

Council noted the Draft In-

rastructure Asset Management Strategy at its meeting on May 12 and will place it on public exhibition until June 6.

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Dear Editor,

Having welcomed a Baw Baw Shire Council nominee to Childers to meet locals and hear their 'story', and having voted for them as promised at that time, it was particularly disappointing today to read in the local press 'Traf News' March edition, that Fischers Road sealing project was excluded from 16 future sub-

contractor works.

Having contacted Baw Baw Shire regarding sealing the dangerous 1km of Fischers Road over a number of years and having attended Council meeting and receiving written notification that this project was number 17 on the list at that time, it is galling in the extreme to experience the shallow promises and verbal rubbish put forward to voters and rate payers over time. Lift

your game!

Currently the build up of severe corrugations along the narrow Fischers Road is damaging to vehicles whereby every annoying bump reminds the driver of the long term shallowness of Baw Baw Shire Council responsibilities in this case.

We wish the 16 successful candidates every happiness in future safe driving.
Ian – Childers resident

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Traf former shire offices to close?

By Yvette Brand

The former Narracan shire offices is one of three properties in Trafalgar which is among a list of properties identified for potential sale by Baw Baw Shire that could net \$5.4 million.

A list of surplus and under-utilised council owned properties was presented to councillors in April for consideration.

The 15 properties have been separated into expected simple and complex sales as well as under-utilised land opportunities.

Some of the well-known sites include the Trafalgar Business Centre (former shire offices), the former pound in Howitt St, Warragul and the Logan Park

caretaker's house in Warragul.

The report presented by officers said local government property sales were traditionally an emotive topic and attracted submissions for and against.

At a community briefing session, governance manager Peter Harris said property sales were a topic of much interest to councillors and the community.

Mr Harris said the properties identified in the report were for discussion only and no decisions had been made.

He said it was typical for councils to undertake reviews of their property portfolios.

A 2013 consultant's report reviewed council's property

portfolio, which suggested council should identify surplus and underutilised properties.

Council owned properties including recreation spaces and passive open space such as linear trails, waterway reserves, parks and playgrounds.

The report said council could begin the process of selling the following properties soon and raise potentially \$1.7 million revenue - former pound site in Howitt Street; 1 Saleyards Road, Trafalgar; the formed shire offices in Trafalgar; vacant land at the back of Depot lane, Trafalgar; 65 Old Fumina Road, Neerim North; and 2905 Main Neerim Road, Neerim Junction.

More complex property sales, with an estimated value of \$2.5 million, include the former Christmas tree property in Landsborough St, Warragul; a reserve on the corner of Sutton Street and North Road, reserve in Lovell Drive, Warragul; former Logan Park caretaker's house Howitt Street, Warragul; and, 2 Montague Avenue, Drouin.

The list of underutilised properties, potentially valued at \$1.2 million, includes: potential creation of residential lots in Charles Street, Bowen Street and Stoffers Street in Warragul and Toronga Court, Willow Grove.

Mr Harris guaranteed no council owned property would

be sold without going through an extensive process including an independent valuation and compulsory community engagement.

He said council could not sell a property without a resolution of council.

Mr Harris said it was timely to consider some of the underutilised properties owned by council.

He said these properties would have minimum impact on loss of open space but would deliver additional funds to council.

Councillors were told any sales had to meet legislative requirements relating to the sale process and how the proceeds of sale can be used.

When selling land which is public open space, council is bound by the Subdivision Act to provide additional open space or improve existing public open space.

Mr Harris said council's policy stated the funds from council property sales could not be tied to projects in the same town because there were such wide ranging property values across the shire.

"We have to ensure we get maximum value for our community when selling council land," he said.

Source: Warragul Gazette

Traf fireys quick response to truck fire

Trafalgar firefighters were first on-scene to a truck fire, just east of Davey Drive, heading towards Moe.

A quick response meant the fire was contained to the engine bay and drivers cabin, saving the contents of the trailer and the trailer itself.

The driver of the truck man-

aged to escape, before unloading a fire extinguisher on the fire, with another truck driver stopping to assist.

Having arrived within a four minute response time, Trafalgar firefighters rapidly donned their breathing apparatus, attacking the fire as it engulfed the drivers cabin.

Crews from FRV Latrobe West arrived to assist Trafalgar. Captain of Trafalgar CFA Danny Myrard said "All firefighting crews worked well together on scene"

The cause of the fire is believed to have been a mechanical fault.



Trafalgar fire trucks on the highway next to the truck that was on fire



A quick response time contained the fire predominantly to the engine bay and the drivers cabin

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There is a need for a comprehensive review of Trafalgar's infrastructure needs. Some radical decision-making needs to be made by council and the com-

munity as to Trafalgar's future direction. This should be everyone's highest priority.

As a community we have two choices – have change imposed upon us or we can lead the

change. In the recent past, we have taken the lead.

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Development plan showing 317 lots of Jim Parise's farm

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New LED streetlights in towns throughout Baw Baw Shire will reduce Council's power bills for years to come and save approximately 365 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions per annum.

Council secured \$575,027 in funding for the project through the Australian Government's \$500 million Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program, which supports Councils and communities to bounce back from the COVID-19 pandemic.

This project is the second stage of LED lighting upgrades in Baw Baw Shire and has replaced 1,100 existing high-pressure sodium vapour, compact fluorescent, Twin T5 and high wattage mercury vapour

lights on Council owned streets and roads.

The new LED lights perform better, last longer and are between 38 per cent and 78 per cent more efficient than the old lights, depending on their wattage.

"Upgrading all of Council's streetlights to LEDs was originally initiated by former Councillor Tony Wolfe a number of years ago." Said Environment Voice Advisory Committee Representative Cr Peter Kostos, "It's fantastic to see the results of his vision delivered in towns throughout the Shire, offering significant environmental and economic benefits to our community."

This project is expected to drastically reduce street light-

ing energy use and costs - with approximately \$1.9 million in energy and capital costs expected to be saved by Council over the 20-year lifetime of the asset.

The project will reduce street lighting greenhouse gas emissions by around 5,679 tonnes over a span of 20 years. This is equivalent to removing almost 1,321 cars from the road over one year.

Residents will notice that the new lights are similar in brightness to the old lights, with a more even spread of light. Visibility will be improved, and colours will look more natural with less glare.

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Repair bill mounts for church

White ants have been eating the foundations of a Trafalgar church, leaving parishioners to launch a \$100,000 community appeal to undertake urgent repairs.

Parishioners at St John's Catholic Church, Trafalgar have been pushed to the back pews as a makeshift altar in the centre of the building is used for worshippers.

In a short time, the appeal has already raised almost \$60,000 but the hefty repair bill to make the church safe is only the beginning of works.

While parishioners had noticed 'soft spots' in the floor for some time, the damage was not apparent until March.

When sections of carpet were lifted to investigate, they realised it was only the carpet holding things together.

Large sections of the floor in front of the altar had been eaten by white ants. It was only a matter of time before parishioners would have fallen through the cracks.

Now, between the church altar and makeshift altar there is a whopping big hole where a section of flooring has been ripped out awaiting replacement.

St John's Parish council member Geoff Fallon said the repair bill was about \$100,000.

But this is only stage one, which he said included a new concrete floor between the altar and confessional boxes, the installation of safety doors, old heating replaced and electrical works.

Parish council members acted quickly to launch a community appeal, which was immediately boosted by a \$20,000 anonymous donation just before Easter.

Donations, small change collections and St Joseph's Primary School fundraisers have all continued to boost the appeal to just under \$60,000 last week.

A Go-Fund-Me page also has been launched to assist their

plight.

Parish council member Jean Huffer said they had been overwhelmed by the generosity of parishioners and the wider community.

With congregation numbers dropping rapidly in recent years, the ability to raise money from weekly offerings for the running of the church had significantly decreased.

There are only about 50 regular worshippers attending weekly masses, not enough to fund the day to day running.

Mrs Huffer said there was a lot of emotional attachment to the 1950s built church, and they hoped those who had held weddings, funerals and baptisms in the church may support the appeal.

"We are relying on the disconnected" - with one woman who hadn't been to mass in years donating \$1000 because she appreciated the importance to retain the church.

Mr Fallon said whether it was \$50 or \$1000, it all helped.

Elly Fallon said the generosity of people had been overwhelming.

"People care about the church. We went into it wondering if we would get a response but there is a real energy and people want to help," she said.

The Diocese of Sale is aware of the church's need but Mrs Huffer said with five other churches in the diocese needing repairs, there were limited funds.

The Trafalgar parish includes the church, presbytery and parish centre in Trafalgar, as well as the St Jarlath's Church building and hall in Yarragon.

Maintenance costs on all buildings are increasing and the next project on the St John's building will be roof repairs.

"To continue using it we have to look after it, there hasn't been the money to do that for quite a long time and we need to do something now.

"The more we get the more repairs we can do. The other buildings on the site, the presbytery and the parish centre, they also need repair work done," Mrs Huffer said.

COVID restrictions forced the temporary recess of Yarragon masses last year but Mrs Huffer said there were no plans by the diocese to sell the Yarragon assets to raise funds.

Donations can be made via the Go-Fund Me page (Save Our Church) or at NAB, BSB: 083879, account: 48885 1246.

Source: Warragul Gazette



St John's Catholic Church parish council members, Judith Campbell, Jean Huffer, Elly Fallon and Geoff Fallon

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Our monthly support group has continued at 'The Hub' and the number of participants has continued to grow. The hub has also been used by other training organisations and community groups for training and meetings.

Bettermentall Together is totally self-funded, recently we have been fortunate enough to secure some sponsorship from businesses and that is helping us keep the doors open to continue to help others find a better way. A supported person is more likely to seek help. It's been great to have other local businesses reach out and offer support in a variety of ways.

Drop in to find out what's coming up at The Hub, follow our Facebook page and join our online group to keep up to date with what's on.

Better Together

Asked by Nyah Hicks 6yo Joey Scout

VOX-POP

"What's the best/worst thing about Traf?"



Alison Bailey from Trafalgar

"The best things are the people and the autumn leaves. The worst thing is it's growing too fast"



Ann Newman from Trafalgar

"The absolute best thing is the sense of community, the people and how easy it is to get to know people"



Liz Giles from Willow Grove

"Driving into Traf from Willow Grove and seeing the picturesque hills"

Probus hears about sailing adventures

Elly Fallon

Terry Barrage was an exciting guest speaker at our General Probus Meeting this month. Terry teaches safety at the Ocean Racing Club of Victoria and has been sailing since he was 10 years old. He has had many deep-water adventures as a crew member, some well over 5,000 nautical miles and some in seas of over 15m. He spoke on the specific safety precautions that needed to be taken when deep-water sailing and brought along examples of his own equipment, which he demonstrated. Terry told tales of his many adventures crewing on yachts, keeping members entertained and wanting to know more.

Natural Gardens Chinese Restaurant in Trafalgar hosted

31 Probus Club members for a dine-out lunch recently. Probus certainly enjoy a catch up that includes a meal. It means a holiday from cooking and that's always a plus. Even left overs to take home for tea!

The trip for the month was by car to the Da Vinci Machines exhibit at the Latrobe Regional Gallery. We think of Leonardo da Vinci as an artist but he was the master of so much more. The replica of his drawings and inventions between 1452-1519 showed just how creative and visionary this extraordinary man was.

He had envisaged air flight, water transport, movable bridges, bicycles, tools, pulleys and so much more. If only Da Vinci

could see now how far we have moved on from his models and drawings made so long ago. Probus will keep an eye on the exhibits offered at the Regional Gallery. They are free and well worth visiting.

Our walking group ventured up to Thorpdale this month. Nothing like a walk on an over-cast, chilly day to blow away the cobwebs. The walk took in the local hall with its historical photo display of bygone days and then continued on to the football oval. The views of the surrounding countryside are so beautiful. How lucky are we to live in the most picturesque part of Gippsland.

Probus welcomed two new members this month, Jan Smith

and Beryl Copley. We do love new members and always have room for more. There are quite a few things to look forward to in the coming months with a bus trip to Marysville, a visit to the local Holden Museum that includes lunch, Christmas in July at the Trafalgar Golf Club, a walk to the old mill site in Boolarra, a dine-out in Moe and morning teas in our local cafes to keep us busy.

Not busy enough it seems, as May 17 at 10.30am we begin a new venture within Probus, our own garden club. We hope to gain ideas to improve our gardening skills, share cuttings and seeds and generally green up our Probus minds.



John Attwell with new member Beryl Copley



John Attwell with new member Jan Smith

Trafalgar Lions Celebrates 51 years of community service

Trafalgar Lions are extremely grateful to the Trafalgar-Thorpdale RSL for allowing us to have our charter anniversary celebration at their branch.



President David Koschade, charter member Graham McKenzie and Dorothy Hoare cut the anniversary cake.



Guest speaker Terry Barrage

Men's Shed welcomes guests Victoria Valley Meats

Frank Gridley

The Men's Shed monthly meeting held on May 5, featured a Jack Vos meat loaf and vegetable luncheon. Most of the 20 members present lined up for second helpings. Thanks Jack.

Guest speakers recently were Mr Hakun Koyu of Victoria Valley Meats and Victoria Valley Meats manager Mr Colin Redy.

Victoria Valley Meats have spent over two million dollars renovating the former Giles slaughterhouse as 90 per cent of product goes to export.

Halal meat is the main export but there are some local

buyers. Bullocks come from North West Australia and transported to Trafalgar. Approximately 25 cattle are processed each day. The shed members had an excellent question and answer session and the shed wish to thank Hakun and Colin for a very interesting meeting.

Normal Men's Shed projects continue with several completed and some in progress.

We have welcomed some more new members. Anyone is welcome on any Monday and Wednesday for an inspection of our shed and have a cuppa and chat at Wellington St Trafalgar.



Leisurely walk through Thorpdale

Marianne Tyler

Lions Club of Trafalgar members and partners celebrated the clubs 51st anniversary with dinner at the local RSL in Trafalgar recently.

Two of the clubs original charter members, Max Erbs and Graham McKenzie, are still actively involved with the club today. Unfortunately Max was unable to attend the dinner, so Graham gave a presentation about the clubs history as well as the history of the Lionesses Club.

During the evening, Trafalgar Scout Vanessa Hornsby, who recently won the district final of the Lions Youth of the Year, gave a presentation of her prepared speech she was to give at the

State Finals in Mornington during April.

There was a lot of reminiscing about past activities and club members. President David Koschade, charter member Graham McKenzie and Dorothy Hoare cut the anniversary cake. The Lions Club currently has 42 members, after a recent surge in membership. Any local people interested in joining a club which enjoys community service and fellowship can contact the clubs membership chairman Alan Smith on 0410 089 430.

You are most welcome to come along to a dinner meeting and see who we are and what we do.

Anzac Day attended by many across the region

Chris Johnson

It's been a busy couple months for the Trafalgar/Thorpdale RSL preparing for Anzac Day and our traditional Diggers Day. Thorpdale Football club did a short commemoration service where the Last Post, a minutes silence and Rouse was conducted with the lowering and raising of the Australian and New Zealand flags and finishing with our National Anthem.

Jim Crowe attended along with the support of RSL member David Ferguson and the full cooperation of the Thorpdale Football and Netball club. The diggers day which was played at

the Trafalgar bowling greens was very well attended. The committee and ladies served up a fantastic meal and everybody enjoyed the day.

Secretary Chris Johnson attended on behalf of the RSL, and being teamed up with Russ Lavell and Paul Dawson was probably not the best idea the day before Anzac Day, but they managed to behave and enjoy the day and come home with some fantastic prizes. Anzac Day services were well attended throughout all our services.

It was estimated that around 200 people braved the cold for

the Dawn service at Trafalgar and all enjoyed a hearty meal and a special coffee afterwards, which was cooked by the Trafalgar Lions club, and we are very grateful to them for providing this service. President Jim Crowe opened the service to a lone piper and it was a very sombre moment. We thank David Koschade for playing the bagpipes for us. The day service began with a march from the Trafalgar hotel up to the Cenotaph.

It was a good attendance for the march and the Latrobe Valley community concert band played as everyone marched up

the street and we thank them for their time and service, they also played in the distance as the service commenced. The daytime service attracted on estimates 300+ and apart from a sudden downpour through the middle of the service, the weather seemed to hold off.

A special tribute was read out for a local digger Leslie Gibson who was KIA in New Guinea, and there was a large contingent of the Gibson family who also attended. There was some beautiful wreaths laid on the Cenotaph by the scouts, cubs, school children, local Police and many oth-

ers and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Leonie Gracie who makes all our wreaths every year and does an exceptional job.

Once again after the service, patrons gathered in the RSL hall for some light snacks and drinks. We thank the ladies who again put on a marvellous spread, and also to Jonathon and Sonja Marsh from the Thorpdale bakery who supplied the food. All the Cenotaphs in our area of responsibility were very well attended and it was great to see the public come out to commemorate such a special day.

Big thank you to Dave Williams who did the commemorative service at Willow Grove and to Les and Lois Simpson who did the service at Hill-end.

The Trafalgar/Thorpdale RSL would especially like to thank all the public who bought an Anzac token or gave donations this year. All this money goes to veterans and their families for support and is very appreciated, also to all that turned up to one of the nine services in our district.



Cr Peter Kostos, Bau Bau Shire at the Trafalgar RSL ANZAC Day service – Photo by David 'Wombat' Lyons



1st Trafalgar Scouts lay a wreath at the Cenotaph – Photo by David 'Wombat' Lyons



Deirdre Crawley, Trafalgar Anglican Church parish laying the cross of remembrance as part of the Trafalgar ANZAC Day service – Photo by David 'Wombat' Lyons



Trafalgar High School captains at Trafalgar ANZAC Day March & service – Photo by David 'Wombat' Lyons

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A taste for coffee

Shona Vines

It seems like Yarragon, in that Trafalgar is not short of a wonderful drop of coffee. Just like chocolate, some like Cadbury some like Lindt, coffee is a personal choice to the taste buds.

In saying that it seems we welcome another variety to the town on the much needed north side of the highway where we already have one coffee van located in Contour Rd. Some people have expressed that there is no room for another coffee delight in town, with seven or more coffee choices already, but there is enough love to go around.

Trafalgar is a small community, we cater for our local people and a lot of travelers just passing through. Each shop brings its own twist on coffee and other delights, from sit down meals, to cakes, to burgers, there is something for everyone's tastes and time frame.

Tom and Nicola are a young couple who have been married for a year and have a beautiful baby girl Miya who is eight weeks old. Tom grew up in the area and they live locally. After travelling through Trafalgar into Morwell for work each day Tom noticed that someone needed to cater for

the coffee needs of all the morning east bound travelers. In that they saw the potential and from there Sawmill Coffee Van was developed.

Tom gave up a secure job to follow their dream and have a more balanced life. They stated, "We are first time business owners and are really looking forward to all of the challenges ahead."

Tom and Nicola thank everyone for their support, and you can find them at the Trafalgar Railway Station, Monday- Friday 5.30am-11.30am.



Tom, Nicola and Miya in front of their new coffee venture

AROUND THE HISTORICAL Society

By Di Ireland

We are constantly reminded of the lack of technological skill amongst our members so it was nice to hear from a past resident of Trafalgar who was reading the Traf News on line and was prompted to send us photos from his school days in Traf in the late 60s and early 70s via email. A bonus was the addition of all the students and teachers names so we are most grateful for this. The class of 1973 will no doubt be of interest!

As you may be aware, our previous secretary has resigned to take up interest at another Society so should you wish to contact us,

can you email me directly at irelandproperties@dcsi.net.au until the address for the Society is more accessible. Currently secretarial duties are being shared between members. If you have time to spare and skills to share please consider volunteering to help.

Many thanks to both Ken Savage and John Anderson who were able to provide names for the photo of Trafalgar High School 1989 Senior High School Debating Team which was published in the May edition of Around the Historical Society. They are from left to right Cassandra Barrett, Lorraine Hey (Capt.) and Kim Hopkins. Ken Savage was the teacher or-

ganising and coaching the debating teams. The boys pictured are from Gippsland Grammar and so names are unknown. Thanks Ken for solving one of our many mysteries.

Copies of the latest Gazette are now on sale at the Newsagency and the Post Office for \$4

The June meeting of the Society will be held at 2pm (winter hours) on June 17th with the venue to be confirmed. For further information, please call Jean Huffer on 56331960. Members old and new are most welcome.

Baw Baw Arts Alliance attends awards night

Carol Monson

It is exciting to know that the creative arts world is alive and well in the Baw Baw shire despite everyone having endured lengthy lockdowns in 2020. President of the Alliance, Anita George, recently attended the official presentation of awards at the Warra-gul Camera Club's 'National Photographic Competition'.

This competition is one of only three in Victoria and draws photographs from all over Australia. The works were displayed at the West Gippsland Arts Centre's 'Fountain Room' and the Baw Baw Arts Alliance has been proud to sponsor the school's section for the Warra-gul Camera Club.

There were prizes for first and second and the school with the most acceptances. Anita presented the award for student first prize to teacher of photography from Warra-gul Regional College, Melanie Crookston. Melanie accepted the first award on behalf of the student, Ella Bingham.

Members of the Baw Baw Arts Alliance are still producing art in a range of media from mosaics through to felt, paintings through to mixed media works, poetry and photographs. Drop in groups

for all these mediums are running regularly out of the 'Artspaces' at Trafalgar Railway Station. Further information can be found on the website <https://bawbawartsalliance.org.au>

Also at the Trafalgar Railway Station is the gallery shop, now re-named 'Shop@Artspace Trafalgar'. Groups welcome visitors to the shop and are happy to share information about what they are creating. This space is an opportunity to purchase a variety of local artwork.

Not to be missed are the regularly changing exhibitions at the 'Station Gallery', Yarragon. All exhibitions are changed over at the beginning of each month so do not miss the June displays. The 'Baw Baw Arts Alliance Brushstrokes Painting Group' will be presenting 'Art with Heart', a quite extraordinary and eclectic collection of art in acrylics and oils, realistic works and abstract, broadbrush work and detailed images, vibrant colour and subtle tones.

This large exhibition is on at the same time as well known artist, Colleen Bright, is displaying her most recent work on 'The Wall' section of the 'Station Gallery'. Colleen always surprises with yet more

superb creations from sculptural mosaics to meticulous rope work and often, delicate, small, 3 dimensional pieces woven in natural fibres.

While static exhibitions are a feature of the Arts Alliance's work every now and then a special event takes place. In order to celebrate the tenth birthday of the Baw Baw Arts Alliance (albeit a year late) the Alliance is working in conjunction with the West Gippsland Arts Centre to present 'Past and Present', an exhibition of work from both past and present members of the Baw Baw Arts Alliance.

The exhibition will run at the West Gippsland Arts Centre from September 7 to October 29, 2021. Details of how to enter are on the organisation's website <https://bawbawartsalliance.org.au>



Melanie accepting the first award on behalf of the student Ella Bingham.



Grade 5 1973 Mr Peter Tuck Back
Mandy Atkins, David Dawson, Robyn McCulloch, Darren Richardson, Steven Tatterson,

Melissa Devine, Geoffrey Fecbner, Sharon Wally
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Cathy Comber, Penny Southgate, Carol Giles, Vicki Nelson,

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Charlie Ward, David Mathews, Peter Moss, Wayne Boyce, Simon Dodd, Geoffrey Hull, Philip Vitale, David Curwen
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Sally Assmussen, Patricia Burvill, Linda Wilson, Jenny Bastin, Melinda Carter, Sue Rankin, Linda Quigley, Joyce Edebobls, Paula White

J MacGregor Legal is expanding

By Trafalgar solicitor Jade MacGregor

Last month J MacGregor Legal welcomed Katherine Taylor to the team. Katherine joins the team as a practicing Solicitor and will be working from our Geelong based office.

Katherine completed her Bachelor of Criminology (majoring in History) and Bachelor of Laws with Deakin University graduating in 2018. She was admitted to the Supreme Court of Victoria as an Australian Lawyer in 2019 and has worked in boutique law firms where she had the opportunity to work alongside accountants and financial advisors thereby giving Katherine an ability to provide her clients with holistic advice.

While Katherine has only been a practising Solicitor for two years, she has been working within the legal industry for in excess of five years, and was working alongside Principal Solicitor, Jade, for many of these.

Katherine brings with her experience in Conveyancing, Property Law, Wills, Deceased Estates and Estate Planning.

Katherine has a keen interest in all things property and loves assisting clients with the purchase and sale of their homes or to assist with the development of someone's real estate profile.

When Katherine is not at work you will see her down at the beach with her dog or at the local football and netball community in Torquay where she volunteers as a netball coach.

Despite Katherine working from the Geelong office, she will be assisting Jade across the board and will be available to assist you with any matter.

In other news, you may have also seen Karen MacGregor working within the J MacGregor Legal office in Trafalgar. Karen is assisting with the administration and daily tasks of our firm. Since moving into our office at 95 Princes Highway, Trafalgar, J MacGregor Legal has received an overwhelming amount of demand for our legal services. We want to continue to provide exceptional service to our clients, and with the addition of Katherine to our firm,



we will continue to grow and assist Trafalgar residents with their legal needs.

If you wish to know more about Jade or Katherine, please visit our website <https://jmacgregorlegal.com>



New J MacGregor Legal practicing Solicitor Katherine Taylor.

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Losses to car ad scams climbing

Australians have already lost over \$288,000 to vehicle scams in the first quarter of this year, more than all losses reported to Scamwatch in 2019, and scammers have now begun impersonating defence personnel to con their victims.

In a vehicle scam, scammers post fake online listings offering to sell in-demand cars at well below market value to lure potential buyers looking for a second hand vehicle. Scammers seek payment to secure the car for the buyer but never deliver the vehicle.

Vehicle scams are commonly hosted on sites such as

Facebook Marketplace, Auto-trader, Car Sales, Cars Guide and Gumtree.

"As second hand car sales increased during the pandemic, unfortunately so did vehicle scams. If current trends continue, Australians could lose much more to vehicle scams this year than the \$1 million lost in 2020," ACCC Deputy Chair Delia Rickard said.

"We want to raise awareness of these scams to reduce the number of people who may be vulnerable to them."

A new technique we are seeing is scammers pretending to be defence personnel. In 97 per cent of reports received this year, the scammer claimed to be in the military (navy, army

and air force), or to work for the Department of Defence, and said they wanted to sell their vehicle before deployment. This sought to create a sense of urgency with buyers and explained the unusually low listing price of the vehicles and why buyers could not inspect them prior to payment.

Email addresses that do not bear the legitimate defence email format of @defence.gov.au may be an indication of a scam, but even the correct email format does not guarantee the car ad is not a scam, as scammers are able to spoof email addresses. It is best to look for all warning signs to avoid being scammed.

"A price that is too good to be true should be a warning sign for potential buyers. If a classified ad offers a vehicle at a very low price, the ad might not be legitimate. For example, one Scamwatch report noted a listing that advertised a car for nearly \$10,000 below its market value to entice buyers looking for a bargain."

Vehicle scammers often seek payment via a third party website. A large number of reports to Scamwatch mentioned the use of escrow agents, a

third party who is supposed to 'hold' the money from the buyer until goods are received, before releasing the funds to the seller. Other commonly requested payment methods include eBay, direct bank transfer or international money transfers.

"If the seller claims to be unavailable and insists on payment before meeting the buyer or allowing them to pick up their new car, this should raise suspicions," Ms Rickard said.

"It is relatively common for scammers to claim that they are travelling or moving away to avoid meeting buyers before payment."

"Always try to inspect the vehicle before purchase and avoid unusual payment methods. If you have any doubts, do not go ahead with the deal," Ms Rickard said.

In addition to losing money to vehicle scams, around 20 per cent of consumers who reported vehicle scams have lost personal information, after providing their address, phone number and copies of their driver's license to the scammer. To protect your identity, never provide your personal details to someone you have only met online.

RACGP Accreditation with QPA, before their first birthday.

They not only have general practice but also offer onsite Pathology collection, Hearing tests, Preventative Health & complete family healthcare. Each Doctor brings their own speciality and they all have genuine sense of care.

The local community has also benefited from the clinic being in town as they are pleased to sponsor the local cricket, football and netball and enjoy being able to support and contribute to these clubs.

Ashby St Medical Centre are open 7 days a week from 9am

to 5pm and provide bulk billing service to all patients registered with Medicare.

Rachael Hatzopoulos the clinic manager has said, "We are pleased to be able to offer Trafalgar and surrounds with medical care and are so thankful with how the community has welcomed us."

With the constant stream of patients coming and going from the clinic I say they will be celebrating many birthdays to come, and we wish them all the best for the future.



Jen Erison, Dr Fabima, Ashlee Ritchie, Dr Ehab, Rachael Hatzopoulos and Dr Magdy celebrate Ashby St clinic first year anniversary

\$288,459 in losses reported during this period.

This compares to over 1,000 reports and more than \$1 million lost in 2020, and 330 reports and about \$245,000 losses in 2019.

People aged 18-24 have lost the most money to vehicle scams in 2021 so far, \$79,210, or 27 per cent of total losses. People aged under 35 lost 35 per cent of the total losses reported to vehicle scams so far in 2021. People aged 65 years and over reported lower losses than all other age groups.

New South Wales has the highest number of reports (114) and losses (\$97,297) to vehicle scams, while reporters from the Northern Territory and Tasmania have not reported any losses this year to date.

Some examples of the fake Department of Defence emails that have been used in recent vehicle scams include:
@airforce-raaf.org
@royal-australian-defence-gov.com
defence@royal-australian-air-force-gov-au.com

Scamwatch received 346 reports of vehicle scams between 1 January and 31 March, with

Trafalgar hosts CFA group exercise

On May 16, the town of Trafalgar hosted a CFA Group Training Exercise, where we welcomed

approximately 12 – 15 fully crewed fire trucks whom came through town.

The exercise was held in the

car park of the Abattoir on Giles Road, and featured a car prop simulation, multiple vehicle collision and a hazardous materi-

als situation.

The exercise allowed all the local volunteers to 'brush up' on their valuable fire fighting

skills, to help better protect the community.



Fire trucks lined up at the station in front of the fire station – photo by Kathy Geisler, Trafalgar Fire Brigade



The car prop simulator, used to hone in on non-structure fire skills – photo by Glenn Goodin, Trafalgar Fire Brigade



A hazardous materials exercise was run, with use of a tanker truck – photo by Dave Blacker, Noojee Fire Brigade

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Trafalgar Polocrosse players ride interstate

Locals play for Victoria

Local polocrosse players were well represented in Victorian teams for two interstate competitions in New South Wales and Queensland in April.

Junior players competed in the Albury Junior Classic which featured junior teams from Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania and South Australia across a number of age groups.

Trafalgar Polocrosse Club representatives Jake Jolly, Klancy Heeremans and Jaxon Templeton were selected in the Victorian under 11 team that was coached by Trafalgar player Cameron Templeton.

It was the first state selection for all the young players, who stood up to some tough competition to make the final.

The under 11s lost the final to

New South Wales.

In the under 15 competition, the Victorian team included Cody Templeton and Toby Radford who play for the Trafalgar and Rosedale clubs respectively.

The under 15 team also won their way through to a final berth but went down to a tougher New South Wales team.

Following on from Albury, an interstate competition was played in Warwick, Queensland on April 17 and 18 where a large number of players were represented in the men's, women's and under 21 competitions.

The under 21 team including locals Blake Radford, Toby Radford, Angus Templeton and Ryan Dyke scored two wins against Queensland and New South Wales to make a final.

With an undefeated record ahead of the final against NSW, the final did not disappoint, with the

lead changing several times but NSW holding onto a narrow two goal lead on the final siren.

Other local players included Dan Puglia in the men's team and Annette Radford, Taylor Radford, Kylie Jolly and Cassie Malady in the women's team.

The Victorian polocrosse season ended in late April, with the state championships to be held at Elmore.

Interstate competitions

Trafalgar Polocrosse Club took out three state finals at the Victorian Polocrosse Championships in May.

Teams from around Victoria competed in the state championships hosted by the Goulburn Valley Polocrosse Club at the Elmore Equestrian Centre.

Trafalgar fielded four teams in the B, C, E and junior competi-

tions.

In the B grade, Trafalgar held a narrow lead over Corio throughout most of the final to finish the game with a three goal win. The team included Mick Templeton, Kylie Jolly, Angus Templeton, Kim Templeton, Ryan Dyke and Katie Martin.

In the C grade, Trafalgar went out to an early lead against Portland and despite a couple of challenges, managed to hold onto the lead to take out a four goal win for the championship.

The C grade team included Billy Rolfe, Patty McMahon, Skye Templeton, Paige Carroll, Cody Templeton and Gill Massey. Billy was named best horse and rider in the C grade.

The junior members of the club, all under 12 players, took on a combined club team in the final. The winning team included Jake Jolly, Jaxon Templeton, Lenny

McMahon, Klancy Heeremans, Hunter Rolfe and Scarlett Jolly.

Jake Jolly's horse Peewee was named best overall horse of the carnival.

The E grade team was runners-up to Sale in the final and included Sammy Dummett, Katrina Murray, Tayla Dyke, Leigh Carroll, Maree Buys and Deonnie Blackshaw.

Blake Radford of Trafalgar was the best intermediate player at the championships and also won best number three player in A grade, while Taylor Radford was best lady player at the championships. They both play for the Rosedale club.

Women in polocrosse

Women were the focus of Trafalgar Polocrosse Club's annual tournament in May with the club again hosting a successful women's competition.

The women's competition has

been a focus of the annual Trafalgar tournament for a number of years, often attracting interstate players.

The club receives nominations for the competition and then places the women in teams to create an even, highly skilled women's competition. This year saw only one goal separate the majority of matches throughout the weekend.

Club teams also played in A, B and C grade competitions, while a special junior competition was also held.

Trafalgar won the B grade competition and was runner-up in A grade

Source: Warragul Gazette



Coach Cameron Templeton with the under 11 Victorian team who was runner up in its state debut. From left: Ella Taylor, Jack Spillane, Hugh Anderson and Trafalgar club members Klancy Heeremans, Jake Jolly and Jaxon Templeton



Runner up in the Barastoc interstate under 21 competition in Warwick are, from left, coaches Luke Lossberg and Jesse Walsh with Blake Radford, Toby Radford, Brady Wilms, Harry Semmens, Ryan Dyke, Tristan Cooper and Angus Templeton



Victoria's under 15 team was runner up at the Albury Junior Classic, including, from left, Phoebe Carlin, Laura Michelmore, Indi Gray, and local players Cody Templeton, Toby Radford and Angus Cooper



After a weekend of close competition, winners of the women's competition are, from left: Kim Templeton, Tayla Dyke, Gill Massey, Paige Carroll, Maggie Forbes, Lauren Harding, coach Cam Templeton and event sponsor Trafalgar and District Community Branch bank manager Phil Drummond



Runners-up in the women's competition, from left: Katie Martin, Doennie Blackshaw, Lyric Anderson, Tessa Armstrong, Kristy Cooper, Skye Templeton, coach John Zaina and Trafalgar and District Community Branch bank manager Phil Drummond



Caption Polocrosse7: Trafalgar's junior champions, from left: Jaxon Templeton, Hunter Rolfe, Klancy Heeremans, Scarlett Jolly, Jake Jolly and Lenny McMahon



Trafalgar's Tayla Dyke won best intermediate horse and rider in the women's competition. She received her award from Trafalgar and District Community Branch bank manager Phil Drummond



Trafalgar's B grade state polocrosse champions, from left: Mick Templeton, Angus Templeton, Katie Martin, Kylie Jolly, Kim Templeton and Ryan Dyke



Caption Sp Polocrosse8: Victorian Polocrosse C grade champions are Trafalgar team members, from left: Gill Massey, Billy Rolfe with son Hunter, Pat McMahon, Skye Templeton, Paige Carroll and Cody Templeton



Jake Jolly was named best junior horse and rider for the weekend

Farming News

Federal budget a winner for Victorian farmers

The Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF) welcomed the significant commitment to agriculture in this year's Federal Budget.

VFF president Emma Germano said it was mostly good news for farmers with important invest-

ments in soil health, trade, biosecurity, infrastructure and farm businesses.

"It's a step in the right direction after a tough 12 months. Agriculture has proven its resilience and it's pleasing to see this support as we continue to play a major role in our COVID-19 economic fightback," she said.

"Continuing the instant asset

write-off to June 2023 is a proven winner for agriculture.

"Farmers will welcome the \$25 million in funding for the extension of the popular on-farm emergency water scheme, but for farmers to benefit the Victorian Government must match the federal funding.

"The \$2 billion dollar commitment for a new Melbourne

Intermodal Terminal and \$17.5 million for Dairy Supply Chain roads and other road investments in Victoria will help upgrade and modernise our critical freight supply chains.

"Victorian agriculture is responsible for a quarter of all exports, employs more than 87,000 people and delivers a huge \$13 billion to our economy. We are a

major economic contributor and it's long overdue we received our fair-share.

"Whilst federal roads funding is welcome to help fix our crumbling roads, ultimately we need a significant commitment from the state.

"The VFF is calling for a minimum of \$650 million in the budget over the next four years for

regional road asset maintenance and a further \$200 million to reintroduce the Fixing Country Roads Program."

You can view the VFF's full Victorian pre-Budget submission at <https://bit.ly/3bhZU22>

What is Family Violence or Intimate Partner Violence?

Dr Vidhya Subramaniam

Trafalgar Medical

With the recent COVID-19 pandemic, more people have been staying at home to reduce the community spread. This has resulted in increased risk in both family and intimate partner violence and abuse.

Family violence or intimate partner violence can be experienced by anyone, regardless of their sex or gender identity. To help prevent family violence or intimate partner violence, we need to start with education. We need to start educating our children from an early age on how to treat one another respectfully as well as being able to identify different forms of abuse.

What is Family Violence and Intimate Partner Violence?

A continuous pattern of abusive behaviour such as threatening, coercive, or controlling behaviour that occurs in families or intimate relationships, which results in feeling fear. In Australia, 1 in 4 women have experienced physical, sexual and/or emotional abuse by an intimate partner from the age of 15. Women are also 3 times more likely than men, to experience some form of violence from an intimate partner. An even more shocking statistic is at least one woman a week is killed by intimate partner violence.

Types of abuse

Physical abuse – any intentional acts of physical force to cause fear or harm but it doesn't always have to result in an injury.

Verbal and Emotional abuse – any non-physical acts of violence that undermines someone's self-esteem either by intimidation, isolation, humiliation or insulting. This may result in feelings of shame, guilt, unworthiness or powerlessness.

Digital abuse – a form of verbal or emotional abuse done online i.e. texting, social media. This may include bullying, harassing, stalking, intimidating someone.

Social abuse – acts where you

are being isolated from your supports or where your reputation is being ruined by someone.

Sexual abuse – forced or coerced sexual acts done to exert control or power over another. An individual sexual abuse is called sexual assault.

Psychological abuse – acts which result in you questioning your sanity or recollection of reality/events. These may be done through acts of manipulation or lying.

Economical/financial abuse – where one person uses money or finance as a way to exerting control or power over another, whereby taking away their financial autonomy. This may make it harder for someone experiencing abuse to leave that relationship.

Cultural and spiritual abuse – where one person uses spiritual or religious beliefs to hurt or control another. They may misuse traditions or religious practices to normalise abusive behaviours or prevent victims from seeking help.

Child abuse – There are various forms of child abuse. This may range from neglect to exposing them to dangerous or sexual situations.

Neglect – failing to provide for a person's basic needs. This is more common in children, elderly or those with intellectual disability.

Potential red flags in abusive relationships

Feeling pressured to commit to decisions quickly.

Unrealistic expectations i.e. expecting you to spend all your time with them, expecting you to dress the way they want you to, expecting you to check in with them on where you are when you are not with them.

Constant messaging and calls.

Not taking responsibility for their problems and blaming others for their behaviour i.e. making you responsible for how they are feeling.

Acting jealous and/or possessive.

Hypersensitivity i.e. getting up-

set or angry when you are late.

Controlling behaviour i.e. isolating you from your supports and resources, controlling where you go/who you see or talk to.

Making you feel insecure and/or putting you down regularly.

Sudden mood changes i.e. being hot and cold.

Getting physical (any form of force) or becoming intimidating during disagreements or during intimacy.

Being disrespectful and/or insensitive to others.

If you or anyone you know are experiencing any form of abuse, please be sure to seek help from any of the following services. The following list is comprehensive but not exhaustive.

** If you are in immediate danger, please call 000 for Police and Ambulance **

General practitioner

1800RESPECT/1800 732 732 or www.1800respect.org.au – 24/7 free professional support and counselling services for sexual assault, family and domestic violence.

The Orange Door (1800 319 354) – service and support for adults, children and young people who are experiencing or who have experienced family violence

Inner Gippsland Rural outreach services via

The Orange Door – provide support to those experiencing or escaping from domestic violence i.e. developing a safety plan, legal support, accommodation options, emergency relief

Latrobe Community Health Service (1800 242 696) – provide counselling to those who have experienced or are experiencing family violence or sexual assault, as well as Men's behaviour change programs.

Quantum Support services (1800 243 455) – provide support services for women and children who have experienced or are experiencing family violence within the Baw Baw, Latrobe and Wellington Shires.

Mensline (1300 789 978) – 24/7 free telephone counselling service for men with relationship and family concerns

Kids Helpline (1800 551 800) – 24/7 free telephone counselling

service for 5-25 year old (available via phone, email or online)

Lifeline (13 11 14) – 24/7 free telephone crisis support and suicide prevention services

NIV or No to Violence (1300 766 491) – anonymous and confidential telephone service for men where they work with men to end family violence.

Relationships Australia (1300 364 277) – relationship support for individuals, families and communities

WESNET, Domestic Violence Resource Centre Victoria (1800 937 638) – works on behalf of women and children who are experiencing or who have experienced domestic or family violence.

Centre Against Sexual Assault (CASA) (Gippsland – 5134 3922) – provide support and intervention to those who are survivors of sexual assault.

Women's Information and Referral Exchange (WIRE) (1300 134 130) – free support, referral and information for all Victorian women, non-binary and gender diverse people on issues like family violence, finance, relationship issues, housing, migration, legal advice, health & wellbeing, parenting, gender & sexuality.

Safe Steps Family Violence response centre (1800 015 188) – 24/7 free telephone crisis counselling service who provide information, referral and support to anyone in Victoria experiencing family violence. They are also the central contact point for women's refugees in Victoria.

Australian Childhood Foundation (1300 381 581) – supporting children traumatised by abuse, neglect and family violence

LGBTQIA supports –

QLife Australia (1800 184 527) – provide anonymous and free LGBTQ+ peer support and referral services

Say It Out Loud – provide information and support related to sexual, family and intimate partner violence in the Australian LGBTQ+ community

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander supports –

Elizabeth Morgan House Aboriginal Women's Service (9403 9400) – provides support for those experiencing family violence

Dardi Munwurro (1800 435 799) – providing programs targeting family violence, healing and behaviour change

Djirra (1800 105 303) – providing support to aboriginal people who are experiencing family violence or those who have experienced it in the past.

Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency (Morwell – 5135 6055) – providing support and services to survivors as well as the perpetrators

InTouch Multicultural Centre Against Family Violence (1800 755 988) – works with those from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds who have experienced or are experiencing domestic violence in Victoria.

Elder Abuse services – Seniors Right Victoria (SRV), Elder Rights Advocacy (ERA), 1800 RESPECT

Housing options – Women's refugees, Women's Housing, Emerge Support, VincentCare, Kara House, Women's Liberation Halfway House, Via Safe Steps Family Violence Response Centre

Free Legal Aid – Community Legal Centre, Victoria Legal Aid,

Women's Legal Service Victoria, Court Network

There are also free safety apps that you can download on your smart phones, such as:

Daisy (free) – developed by 1800RESPECT that provides information about support services in your local area

Sunny (free) – developed by 1800RESPECT for disabled women experiencing violence or abuse

Penda (free) – provides legal and financial empowerment for women experiencing family abuse and violence

iMatter (free) – for young women to help understand signs of abusive and controlling behaviours in relationships

Arc (free) – helps track details of abusive behaviour

Live Free (free) – provides information about domestic violence and links to supports across Victoria

Re-focus (free) – developed by Women's Legal Service that provides information for women planning to leave their abusive partners, focussing on legal and financial practical steps.

Help Me (free) – can be used by anyone to increase their safety i.e. sending message to contacts in their safety network when they are at risk.

Trafalgar Medical is locally owned and managed, we have appointments available every day and are taking new patients. Please call 5633 2211 to make an appointment or book an appointment online with Hotdoc or via our website www.trafmc.com.au. For regular updates follow us on facebook.



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

Council Meetings

The next Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 9 June at 5.30pm in Fountain Room at the West Gippsland Arts Centre.

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

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

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

Careers

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

Contact us

You can contact Council via phone on 1300 229 229, via email at bawbaw@bawbawshire.vic.gov.au, on social media or via Live Chat on our website.

Snap, send solve – it's that easy!

Have you found something that needs fixing? You can report it directly to Council using the Snap Send Solve app for iOS and Android devices.

Please note: If the issue is an emergency requiring immediate action (a tree across a road, downed power lines, wandering animals, etc) it's still best to give us a call on 1300 229 229, especially outside of business hours.

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There's a new way to eat and explore in Baw Baw!

Sample Baw Baw's many dining delights with Baw Baw Eat and Explore, a new website that connects you with local eateries and hidden gems.

Baw Baw Eat and Explore is open to all registered food businesses in Baw Baw Shire, regardless of their size or location. Restaurants and cafes are equipped with cardboard picnic boxes and posters with QR codes to help diners discover a selection of local scenic spots.

Start exploring now at www.bawbaweatexplore.com.au



Funded three-old kindergarten in 2022

Funded Three-Year-Old Kindergarten is being rolled out across Baw Baw Shire and applications are now open for 2022.

From next year services within Baw Baw will be offering five hours a week of a funded Three-Year-Old Kindergarten program.

Research shows that two years of quality kindergarten are better than one.

Kindergarten Enrolments for 2022 are now open, online applications are available at www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/kinders



Step back in time with Walhalla's Steampunk Gala this August

It's full steam ahead for the inaugural Steampunk Gala in Walhalla, which is expected to attract Steampunk fans to the historic gold mining town.

The two-day event, set for 28-29 August, will feature rides on the Walhalla Goldfields Railway, tours of the Long Tunnel Extended Gold Mine, themed magic shows, a fashion parade, tea duelling, horse-drawn carriage rides, colourful musical performers, and many other fun-filled Steampunk-inspired activities.

For more information go to www.visitbawbaw.com.au/steampunk

Have your booked your free hard waste collection yet?

Each financial year, every household in Baw Baw can book a free hard waste collection (up to 2 cubic metres).

If you haven't had a chance to make your booking for 2020/21, make sure you reserve your collection before 30 June.

Bookings can be made by calling VM Waste Management Services on 1800 969 278 or online at www.hardrubbishmelbourne.com.au/bawbaw

Still prefer heading to the transfer station yourself? You can opt to swap this free kerbside service for a transfer station delivery. Simply call WM Waste Management on 1800 969 278 ahead of time and visit any Council operated transfer station.



Have your say on Draft Infrastructure Asset Management Strategy

Council is seeking community feedback on a new strategy for managing and planning for infrastructure assets across the Shire. The draft strategy aims to improve how Council manages its portfolio of infrastructure assets – from roads, drains and footpaths to buildings and public open space.

Visit www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/Haveyoursay for more information and to provide feedback.

Immunisation session times this month

Warragul

Monday 7 June
9.30am – 11.00am

Wednesday 9 June
4.30pm – 6.00pm

Saturday 19 June
9.30am – 11.00am

Trafalgar

Tuesday 22 June
5.00pm – 6.30pm

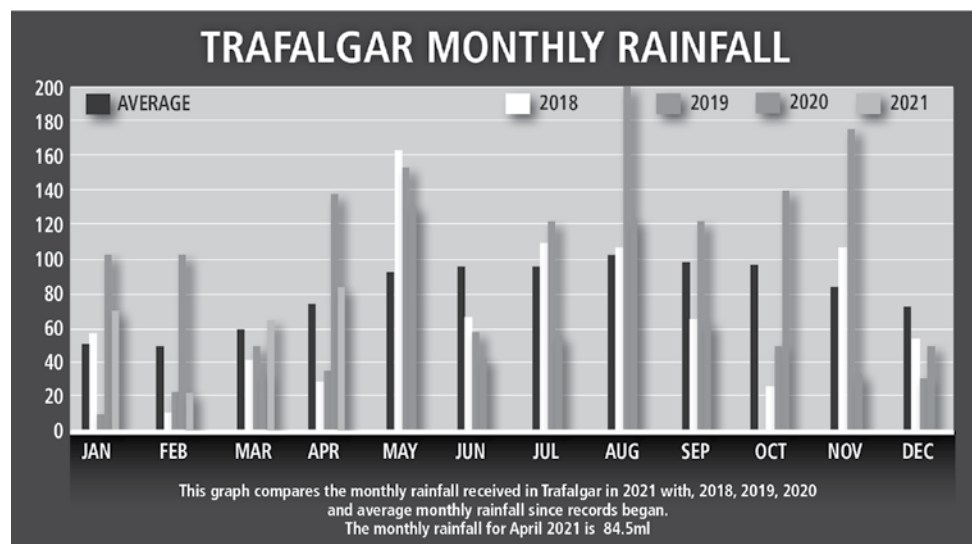
For location information and what to bring to the session, please visit the Council website.

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Bob Moss

Trafalgar Holden Museum car of the month

On display at this time is a WW2 work boat built by General Motors Holden in 1942. These boats were built at three locations Fishermans Bend Victoria, Woodville Adelaide SA and Perth WA. When the contract was issued the order was split with a few made by the designer J Botterill and Fraser and the rest split between GMH and Ford Motor Company.

The boats were 12 M long with a 3.6M beam having a dead weight of 12 tons when laden and a displacement of 22 tons. Their speed was to be 9.6knots and their draft was 1.2M. These boats were needed to bring supplies from the moored ships to shore and ferry troops as required. They were mainly used by the army but ten were converted into ambulances to carry casualties to the medical ships. Also the Air Force had a few used mainly to pick up air-men from the sea after crashes. Another couple were converted to refrigerated food vessels and 84 were built for the Royal Navy.

The original purpose of the 12M workboat was to support the Allied operations in the islands to the north of Australia. Most of the army launches saw service in locations from Torres

Straits to New Guinea and perhaps in the Solomon Islands. A few were apparently stationed at training establishments on the Australian coast. Many of the boats had their hulls covered with copper sheeting to protect against the wood eating Tereido worm prevalent in the Asian waters

In standard form the Army workboats were of a cockpit configuration, decked in front with a coach house in front of a short wheelhouse. The cockpit was open except for a canvas cover on a light frame. The Mast was 4.8M tall and could be folded by means of a tabernacle at the height of the wheelhouse roof. GMH were able to produce a boat every 36 hours. The boats when completed were ready for delivery at GMH.

The boats were originally designed to be fitted with 165 bhp GM 6-71 two stroke diesel engine supplied from the USA on lend lease. However when Australia was threatened with invasion, these engines were moved into tank production leaving a shortage of supply for the boats, and as a result other motors were tried. Until this time the USA, who were not at war until December 1941, had been able

to supply the engines but when they declared war against Japan on the 8th of December 1941 Australia had to find or build their own engines.

With the threat of invasion of Australia over, 114 bhp Cadillac petrol engines were fitted in the boats and as well the straight eight Chrysler Royal petrol engine but both were prone to fire risk and were less powerful. With no sign that the GMH diesel engine would become available the 500 Gray225 bhp diesel engines was produced in Australia,



Boat on arrival to museum hanging from the roof beams



What the boat originally looks like

but with production problems, none of these engines were installed in the boats before the end of the war.

When built each launch carried a 2.4M dinghy on the wheelhouse roof. The dinghies were built at the GMH's Ltd Woodville and Mosman Park plants.

When the War was over some boats were still produced but the surplus boats were sold off as fishing boats or converted to pleasure cruises, but many were still retained in the ser-

vices for many years on.

Our boat on display has been restored from a derelict hull found lying on its side in the scrub in East Gippsland where it had finished its life as a fishing boat. After some years and an enormous amount of work by Mick Brennon the complete boat now is displayed in all its glory with a GMH gray marine engine (that was found in a paddock) installed in place.

Known number of boats built as recorded:-

- Army 323
- Royal Australian Air Force 4
- Royal Australian Navy 6
- Royal Navy 84
- Total 417 (Some doubt about the exact numbers built due to lack of official records)

Trafalgar Holden Museum is greatly appreciative of the grant provided by Public Record Office Victoria's Local History Grants Program, as without that grant, the restoration of the boat could not have occurred.



Trafalgar Holden Museum displaying boat with their new walkway

Baw Baw Food Relief feeding Trafalgar and Yarragon

Jan Morton - Team Support Officer



The Baw Baw Food Relief assists all residents in the Baw Baw Shire who may be suffering Food Insecurity.

Our biggest challenge they are facing, is that the growing number of recipients is increasing with new residents relocating into the Shire, resulting in a greater number of the community facing food insecurity.

They support over 900 families each year, made up of 3600 adults and children. People come to the Emergency Food Relief in Warragul to pick up groceries 8-10 times a year. This equate to 28,800 people being assisted yearly.

Jan Morton, the Team Support Officer at Baw Baw Food Relief said "the delivery method chosen must suit the circumstances. With the rising number of recipients we are changing our delivery to cater for this.

During May we commenced our new Community Outreach Program to travel to where the need is."

Recently we had a great response from residents in Trafalgar and are now travelling to Yarra-

gon also. Every Tuesday between 1pm and 2pm, the Food Relief Van will alternate between these two towns.

"If any resident living in outlying areas of the Baw Baw Shire, are unable to travel to the Warragul Centre in Pearse Street, Warragul, they are welcome to come and 'shop' at the Trafalgar or Yarragon locations if its more convenient" stated Jan.

To shop all you need is to show your Health Care or Pension Card or if you are suffering hardship, please come along, and let our volunteers assist you.

The Food Relief are very fortunate to have FoodBank Victoria as their main supplier. Local supermarkets, and farmers also supply the centre with their fruit and vegetable needs. There is often a shortfall of essential staple items from these suppliers, so they pay premium prices at local supermarkets to top up our shelves of these supplies.

The Baw Baw Shire has grown at an enormous rate and the Food Relief commitment has also grown.

Jan mentioned "We are having more requests for food. This has resulted in the centre having to modify the delivery of their programs to suit the recipients' circumstances, hence taking food to where it is needed most. They often replenish our shelves

through our local supermarkets. Staple items are at a premium price which adds to the weekly food outlay. Eg weekly purchases of spaghetti sauce, spaghetti, baked beans, corn, tuna, plain & SR flour and sugar are always in need."

Baw Baw Food Relief's recipient numbers are rising every day and they are seeing the time has come to increase their grocery orders to cater for the increase.

The previous six months has had a huge shift in the stock levels they order, and the coming six months will indicate to them, where they are heading.

Jan says "We are fortunate beyond our expectation by the generosity of their food providers, and the community is a very giving and supporting network for the organisation."

People suffer from Food Insecurity for various reasons.

Residents of Gippsland are no different from their City friends. The Baw Baw Community support the Food Relief with Can Drives through each year, with more 2000 cans donated from them last year.

"The centre may not be able to stock all food items to suit all cultures, but we offer a well-balanced healthy choice of groceries that will feed the need for everyone" said Jan.

You can help by donating

non-perishable groceries to the centre. Perhaps get together with your school, pre-school, football/cricket clubs or your workplace. Every 'can of food' you donate will make a difference to someone who may be going hungry tonight.

The Baw Baw Food Relief Centre at Warragul has been operating for 19 years. The mission has always been to 'Feed the Need' in our Community.

Whether they are giving out a grocery bag of food or a whole trolley full of food, if the need is there, they will be there also.

The plan for the Community Outreach Program in Trafalgar, Yarragon and outlining towns is to be a long-term venture, with your support and attendance this can happen.

Jan said "The Relief Centre offers a tiny part of something big and that their work is very small compared to the amount needed."

Please call the centre if you, your family or if you know of someone suffering food insecurity, come into the centre or give them the centre call. No one in the Baw Baw Shire needs to go hungry when the Food Relief Centre is there to assist you.

Baw Baw Food Relief
6/11 Pearse Street, Warragul
Ph: 5622 3891
Email: info@bawbawfoodrelief.org



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

Trafalgar, Yarragon & Yallourn News, June, 1931

June 4 – Ladies Golf

Every Tuesday this golfing season is named Ladies' Day. Last Tuesday the Trafalgar ladies held their opening day. Mrs Birch is the president and Miss A. Mann secretary. A few men played and the Rev. Father Shanahan thanked the ladies for the invitation extended to them. He said he felt very shy at first on joining in, but afterwards he was very glad he had overcome his shyness. Ed. Note: At this time the course was at the top end of School Road east of the town.

Bachelors' Ball

The Trafalgar Mechanics' Institute presented a gay and very pleasing appearance last Friday evening on the occasion of the return ball given by the bachelors to the spinsters. About 80 couples were present, and all went as "merry as marriage bells" (which, as a natural consequence, will probably follow) until nearly daylight next morning.

Empire Day Celebrated

Empire Day was celebrated most joyously by the scholars of the Trafalgar State School last Wednesday. In the morning lessons on the British Empire were given by the head teacher, Mr Palmer. Mr Andrew Wall, of Sunny Creek, supplied lollies and two cases of apples for the children.

June 25 – Kite Flying

A number of Trafalgar youngsters enjoyed a novelty on Monday afternoon last, when representatives of all denominations attended the Anglican grounds for a kite flying competition. The kites were made by Rev. G. Prickett, who has been asked by the young people for more of this uncommon sport.

Gippsland News, June, 1961

June 1 – Baby Health Centre Opened

More than eighty people were present for the official opening of the Thorpdale Infant Welfare Centre on Sunday, May 14, when the Minister of Health, the Hon. Sir E. P. Cameron, M.L.C., per-

formed the ceremony. Sir Ewen congratulated the shire for having provided each of its Infant Welfare Centres with its own building. He said great praise was due to the Thorpdale Ladies' Committee for the support and work which they had done towards the provision of the Centre.

June 8 – "Apex Park"

The Trafalgar "Apex Park" has begun to grow. After many hours of work and the sum of 130 pounds (\$3825 today) spent on fencing, drainage, levelling and sowing, the members of the Trafalgar Apex Club spent last Sunday installing over 100 pounds (\$2940 today) worth of equipment on the site, which is situated in the Housing Commission area in Murray Street. The Apex Club hopes that this playground will give a great deal of pleasure to the children of Trafalgar.

Trafalgar Golf Club

All previous records went by the board on Saturday last. Altogether between 95 and 100 men played golf. The improvements in the playing conditions are fully reflected in the increased number of golfers using the course. Green fee collections, despite the usual "dodgers" are up about 500 per cent on this time last year.

Enjoyable Cabaret Ball

Despite the threat of blackout restrictions the Trafalgar Kindergarten and Infant Welfare Committee held at the Public Hall on Friday night last, what is becoming known as the social event of the year – "The Kindergarten Kapers Kabaret Ball". The weather was very kind and the mild night was excellent for dancing to the strains of Ray Clarke's orchestra which played almost non-stop from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.

June 15 – Over 500 Visitors

The ultra-modern dairy and "Echo Glen" stud farm of Mr Alan Johnson, of Trafalgar, has been one of the most talked about establishments of its kind, and since the dairy came into operation on the 6th June, 1957, over 500 visitors have been shown over this most up-to-date dairy and inspected the stud cattle Mr

Johnson breeds on the property, which is situated on the western outskirts of Trafalgar.

"Latrobettes" – The Champions

The Trafalgar "Latrobettes" again proved their superiority over all other Midget Marching Girls teams at the weekend when they took out the honours at the Mildura and district open marching championships.

June 22 – Wonderful Effort

On Sunday last, members of the Trafalgar Car Club conducted a wheelbarrow collection drive in aid of the Warragul Hospital Appeal. The drive commenced in Trafalgar and proceeded along the highway to Warragul collecting money all the way.

At the Warragul R.S.L. hall, where the appeal centre was situated it was found that the Car Club had collected over 80 pounds (\$2350 today) towards the appeal.

Traf News, June, 2003

June – Andrews House

The West Gippsland Healthcare Group has secured \$3.8 million (\$5.6 million today) to build the long awaited 20 high-care bed residential aged care and activity centre at Andrews House in Trafalgar. It is pleasing that Andrews House can now be developed into a facility that can service the needs of its local community. This will free up beds at the West Gippsland Hospital and Latrobe Regional Hospital and provide long term assistance to our elderly residents.

Alto Motors Wins Award

Trafalgar firm 'Alto Motors' has been recognised by Howard Australia as its top Victorian dealer for 2002. Howard area manager, Trevor Telford, presented the Bagnara and Moscato families (proprietors of Alto Motors) with a special plaque 'in recognition of outstanding performance and sales achievement'. The firm, a Howard dealer for over 25 years, was also proclaimed as one of Howard Australia's top ten of over 250 dealers.

Community Bank

The Trafalgar and District Community Bank Board members received an overall positive response to their phone calls to prospective interests on Thursday 8th May. Frank Hernadi said this week that the Board was heartened by the number of people willing to match or increase their original pledge to purchase shares.

Churches Come Together

A terrific night of fellowship and fun was enjoyed at the Criterion Hotel, Trafalgar, on Thursday evening, 1st May, with the three Churches coming together and 130 people enjoying a lovely meal and excellent service provided by the Hotel staff. Our three clergy, very ably, entertained everyone with their acting and singing ability and a great night was had by all.

Trafalgar Skate Park

Development of the long-awaited skate park has commenced and should be completed in the next month or so. The skate park is the culmination of a lot of work by the Trafalgar Youth Resource Centre, and the youth of the town who have been involved are to be congratulated.

St. Josephs' School

In recent days our Grade Prep., One and Two, children along with their teachers and some parents, attended an excursion to the Healesville Sanctuary. Everyone enjoyed the activities planned for the day and the children have completed some fine projects exploring the learning undertaken on the day. The children loved the classroom session where they were able to touch a tawny frog-mouth, a children's python and a ring-tail possum.

New Cyclists Wanted

A 'New Riders Day' group is wanted to share a Sunday morning cycle for both the leisurely and serious cyclist. It is intended to interest people from a range of abilities so that there can be a choice of distance and speed. Meet in the car park behind the Community Centre on Sunday at 9.30 a.m.

CHURCH SERVICES

CATHOLIC PARISH

Father Bernie Krotwaar, Phone 5633 1166



St John's Trafalgar, 54 Waterloo Road

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

St Jarlath's Yarragon, Rollo Street

Transport availability, Neighbourhood

Outreach, Home visiting

Please phone Julianne now at the parish office on 5633 1166

UNITING CHURCH

Rev Helen Prior, Supply Minister
Phone 0401 911 124



St. Andrew's Uniting Church, Trafalgar

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

St David's Uniting Church, Yarragon

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

St Stephens Darnum

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

Please direct inquiries to Dee Crosby Phome 0409 933 104

ANGLICAN CHURCH

Rev Anne Perryman, Phone 0493 088 370
or trafalgaranglican1@gmail.com



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

THORPDALE WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH

Rev Frank Lees,
Phone 5634 6413 or 5633 2758



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

Do it For Dolly Day

Patricia Mulqueen – Principal St Joseph's

St Joseph's School Community highlighted 'Do It For Dolly' day recently. Do It For Dolly Day is about bringing the community together to celebrate kindness and unite in taking a stand against bullying. Amy Jayne "Dolly" Everett (1 May 2003 – 3 January 2018) was an Australian teenager who died by suicide after becoming the victim of cyberbullying.

The Grade 4 / 5 / 6 students

were encouraged to wear blue and white to create awareness of the dangers of cyber-bullying, and in fact, all bullying. We all need to do what we can to stop bullying. If we see or hear our friends being mean, we need to tell them and if we can't tell them then we need to tell an adult who we know will help. We need to look out for each other. Let's say NO to bullying!



Back (from left) Summer Parise and Elena Carpinteri. Front (from left) Ethan Paul and organiser of the event, Ruby Blackshaw



Students participating in Do It For Dolly day

Buddy program engages kids

Patricia Mulqueen – Principal St Joseph's

St Joseph's School in Trafalgar promoted their Buddies Program. Each of the new Foundation students were partnered up with an older student in grade 5 and 6.

"We help the little kids settle into school and teach them right from wrong" said Stella, one of the student leaders. The older buddies help the younger students in the playground and they also engage in a number of learning activities together. Activities include reading, writing and creating together.

Hudson, one of the Gr 6 students said "We enjoy helping the younger students to learn new things". Learning together is fun.



Hudson Gruijic with Lucas Farbus



Ayla Farrell with Reuben McCartin



Stella Chapman with Ivy Kidd

Students enjoy interest based learning

Caitleen Ryan – Classroom teacher St Joseph's School

St Joseph's School in Trafalgar implemented a five-week Interest Based Learning program in Term 1.

A variety of activities were on offer for students to choose from, such as Science, Photography, Sketching, Woodwork, Survivor, Cooking, Animals, Electronic Coding, Dancing, Screen Writing, Singing and Sports.

Students were able to elect an activity to participate in for the five weeks in small multi-aged groups and were supported by staff and volunteers from our school community.

We know that students are

more engaged when their learning is of personal interest, and that is exactly what this program was tailored towards. The outcome was a buzzing school environment with all students thriving in their chosen interest-based activity.



Connor Williams-Garmson learning how to code his own game



Tia Jamieson, Pipa Dilger and Ava Harvey cooking scones



Veterinarian Melissa Arbuckle with students Ruby Blackshaw and Summer Parise



Eleanor Steendam showcasing her wonderful photography skills



Michele Midgley making volcanic explosions with students

Australian Scout Award

Rick Bradley

Congratulations go to Blake White and Kyan Mulley for achieving their Australian Scout Award (ASA). This is the peak award in the scout section and brings together all their achievements and badge work

throughout their journey as a scout.

It is a very prestigious award and symbolises their commitment to scouting. They received their badge at a ceremony at 1st Trafalgar with their proud parents looking on.

ents looking on.

They will receive a medal at a formal ceremony at Gilwell Park later in the year when all the State ASA recipients gather to be presented by the Chief Commissioner of Scouts Victoria.



Blake and Kyan with scout leaders Joy Flack and Michael 'Hawkeye' Kunze



Kyan Mulley and mother



Blake White with parents Craig and Melanie

Scout Leaders required

1st Trafalgar Scout Group needs new leaders urgently. The Scout Section is going to lose a leader at the end of this year and we need to get a replacement, trained and prepared to take over. Working alongside the current leaders you will not have the feel of being thrown in at the deep end.

All the sections are growing in numbers and to prevent waiting lists we need to recruit more leaders at all levels. In addition we are keen to reopen the Venturers Unit again.

If you are interested in becoming a leader or just want to know a bit more, we are holding an information night on June 23 at 7pm. Location for meeting is the Scout Hall 57-59 Kitchener Street. All are welcome and you can take the opportunity to chat with us and see how you can help.

If you are an ex-Scout or Leader, have kids or grandkids in Scouting or just want to know more come along to the meeting

Scouting is fantastic and the

Rick Bradley

friendships made last a lifetime. All training is free and almost all of it is now done online and at your own pace.

You get the opportunities to do the activities, so you can explore your hidden self.

For more information checkout our Facebook page - 1st Trafalgar Scout Group or email me Rick Bradley - dc.mtbawbaw@scoutsvictoria.com.au

Athletics Day big success

Taryn Maxwell-Garratt - Religious Education Leader and Senior Level Leader

Students at St Joseph's School travelled to the Joe Carmody Athletics Track to partake in their annual Athletics Carnival. The students started the day with the hurdles, followed by the 70m sprint for the Foundation to Grade 2 students and the 100m and 200m sprints for the

Grade 3-6 students.

Following this, the senior students participated in a series of rotations around the field events. These included shot put, discus, long jump, high jump, javelin, triple jump and 800m. The junior students participated in some modified field events that

included shot put, discus, long jump, javelin, target throwing and running.

The day was a huge success and the students all had a wonderful time. It was terrific to see many ribbons to acknowledge the children's achievement and effort and big smiles all around.



Grade 1 girls



Grade 1 boys



Great Start



Showing off their ribbons



Grade 2 girls



Grade 2 boys



Big kids enjoying the day out



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By *Liam Durkin*

A victory to savour

WHEN Thorpdale players Matt Powell, Daniel Martin, Kayne O'Connell, James Durkin, Cameron Beale and Ray Pickering walked off the Newborough Recreation Reserve after a one point win in the last game of the 2018 home and away season, it is unlikely any of them thought it would be the start of a 1001 day wait until they would next sing the club song.

The Blues made finals in 2018, backing up the previous year's effort in which they won 13 matches to earn a double chance. However, a first-week finals exit in 2018 virtually signalled the end-of-an-era as a number of players departed in the aftermath.

Since then it has been a tough slog, with any development following a win-less 2019 halted by a cancelled 2020.

However, in the new-look Mid Gippsland of 2021, Thorpdale has shown gradual signs it is on the right track.

In the first match of the season the team trailed predicted finalists Yinnar by only 17 points at three quarter time, and in round three had fellow predicted finalist Morwell East by the jugular in the last term.

A 14 point loss to Boolarra the next week had many wondering if or when a first win might come, but players did not have to wait

long, with the Blues saluting seven days later to defeat Tarwin 12.11 (83) to 8.18 (66).

After two years, eight months and 27 days without a win, victorious coach Ray Pickering said it was a scene of euphoria in the moments following the final siren.

"It all spilled over in the rooms. The emotions definitely got me, it's been a real tough gig (fronting up every week)," he said.

"To see the joy on all the players and supporters faces in the rooms ... it felt like we won a grand final.

"The changerooms after the game you couldn't move, it was great, there was beer going everywhere.

We had a function on Saturday night and there would have been 120 people."

While one win might not make much difference to the ladder position in three months time, for a club that has teetered on the brink of extinction in recent years the significance of having something to celebrate carried a fair bit of meaning.

"Everyone has written us off," Pickering said.

"A lot of people thought we were going to fold in 2019 so to get a win up and a little bit of confidence and to see all the new boys gelling really well is great.

"It really has been a struggle. When I took over as coach in late February of 2019 the boys were getting six to 10 on the track. The aim was to just get two sides on the park in 2019. We got through the year and this year we've been quietly confident in what we've got."

Speaking of the winning game itself, the coach described it as a solid performance - and a stark contrast to a "gutting result" the week before against Boolarra.

"It was pretty comfortable all game until we got to the last 10 minutes they got on top with their run," he said.

"It never really got too close where it was turning into a nail-bitter."

Such was the magnitude of Thorpdale's win, coverage of it extended far beyond Gippsland.

Blues player James Durkin enjoyed minor celebrity status after a picture of him drinking a vodka raspberry in the rooms went viral, attracting the attention of media personality and former Carlton and Gold Coast player Daniel Gorringe.

Durkin even made it onto a Perth based sports podcast.

Thorpdale netballers also saluted on the day, defeating Tarwin 38 to 28.

Like the football team, the Blues had also not won an A

Grade netball match since 2018, and had undergone a similarly tough period in 2019 that saw them unable to field an A Grade side.

Thorpdale captain Rachael Blackshaw was ecstatic when talking about the victory.

"It was so good. To finally get a win on the board, especially because we are a very inexperienced team - only two of us have played A Grade before this year," she said.

"We didn't really see it (the win) coming ... the first couple of weeks we got beaten very convincingly.

"The first quarter was very even and then in the second and third we pulled ahead. Going into the last we were only up by five and then we pushed out to 10."

Having basically started from ground zero, Blackshaw said the main aim for the season was to keep taking steps in the right direction.

"I think we just hope to improve from the start to the end," she said.

"We might get some more wins along the way but it's probably just about improving as a team.

"We have a lot of young girls so we just want to keep them around for the years to come."

As Pickering explained, the football and netball wins contin-

ued the feel-good stories to come out of the potato farming town in recent times, to go with the success of the premierships winning cricket club and reopened Travelers Rest Hotel.

"The cricket club is going well and having the pub is huge for the town," he said.

"There's not much left in old Thorpy so if the pub went it would be a sorry sight. We get down there every away game and give them plenty of support and they've

been supporting us back."

With the Blues continuing to fight the good fight, and having a strong reputation as good hosts for visiting clubs, Thorpdale has become something of a sentimental favourite in local sport.

"I think everyone likes an underdog and everyone likes a little club," Pickering said.

"To be doing something whether it's a win or a grand final, everyone gets behind it."



Thorpdale Football-Netball Club senior coach Ray Pickering and A Grade netball captain Rachael Blackshaw were all smiles last month after getting on the board in 2021.



Thorpdale players James Durkin and Shannon Pickering lead the Blues off the ground following their first win since 2018.

Combative Kyriacou reaches 150 game milestone

TRAFALGAR coach Chris Kyriacou played his 150th senior match for the Bloods recently.

In a career that in total has netted four premierships and multiple accolades, Kyriacou is currently in his second, technically third, stint as a Trafalgar player after also playing for Churchill, Moe and Tarwin.

Here, Chris takes us through his journey to 150 games in the red and white.

(Questions by Liam Durkin).

It's been a fair ride and not just Traf, you would have played at nearly every ground in Gippsland?

I've been around a bit. Probably Bairnsdale is the only one but that's about it.

150 games at Traf, could you estimate how many senior games you've played all up?

We've been looking at this, I think I'm about 260-270.

You came to Traf from Moe in 2006. How did it come about and did you know much about the club before walking in?

Not really to be honest. Mick Bragagnolo was pestering me flat out. I was going to have a year off. I was probably a bit disgruntled at the time at Moe and my attitude wasn't great. I think Traf heard some whispers that I was going to have a year off, I put on a little bit of weight, did no preseason, and I rolled up to Traf just for a training just because Mick wouldn't leave me alone. I went down just to see if I liked it. Dean Hendrikse was coaching and spoke really well and there was a little bit of a spark that started. They were a really young side around my age so I felt like I fitted in straight away.

You won your first premiership in 2009 and it was Traf's first senior flag since 1995. What a time that must have been?

We always call ourselves the drought breakers. It was such a good culture, everyone hung around off the field together, we were all mates. We did it hard, we trained on Sunday's at the back half of the year. We were training Tuesday, Thursday, playing Saturday's and training Sunday mornings. We'd lost the grand final the year before so we said we needed to do something different so we all made a commitment. It was a young side, there wasn't too many people that had kids. Most guys would go to Traralgon and leave the dance floor and go straight to

training. Leigh Stevens would roll up every Sunday in his nightclub gear and run a lap with us, then we'd go out for brekky after it and it just created a good culture, it was really good commitment, it was good times.

They say you can never foresee dynasties, Traf won again in 2010 and 2012. Did you honestly see it coming?

After the first one I really did. It was such a core group of locals. It became an expectation within the group, we really held each other accountable. A lot of people might have said we were arrogant but for me, we expected to play in a grand final every year. I remember looking at my leave when I was at work and you just wouldn't book it until after the last game of the year.

In 2010 Traf scored 80 plus points in 14 of 18 home and away games and did the same in two finals. Was the game plan just all-out attack?

It was basically just unleash and let guys run. We had so much pace. The game has changed so much since then from a technical side for the lower levels. We thought we were strategic back then but back then we had a basic zone, you had key players that you played through and you basically concentrated on your back match-ups. Style of play nothing really stood out to me, it was just play attacking and run at all cost, we weren't too technical. For some reason most of the players at Traf over the years are pretty simple so you have to keep it simple, we had nothing technical to be honest.

It was during this time Traf got on their unbelievable winning streak, 28 in a row to go with 42 wins from 47 games between 2009 and 2011. Did you just rock up to games knowing you were probably going to win?

Probably not knowing, we rocked up expecting to win and I think there is just a bit of a difference in that. If you rock up knowing it can be arrogance, whereas we rocked up confident and we made sure we'd win, we held each other accountable and losing wasn't acceptable. The games that we did lose they bloody hurt, in particular the Boolarra loss (2011 grand final), I sobbed for hours after that, those sort of losses really stand out.

That 2011 grand final, Traf went in undefeated, absolute red hot favourites and got rolled. Have you been able to put a finger on exactly what happened?

I don't think we wanted it enough to be honest. We were up by six goals in the first quarter so you'd reckon we'd walk away with it. I remember coming onto the interchange at the backend of the first quarter and saying "this doesn't feel right, this is just too easy for a grand final", and then sure enough 10 minutes later we were down by six goals. I think the emotions got the better of us. Mentally it got inside us that day and they just outplayed us and we weren't good enough to dig our heels in. For me it was just the negative support that we were getting, walking into the ground people were telling me we were going to lose, little things like that affected us I think. Just too much pressure.

I don't think this has been put on the public record but are you able to clear up the old wives' tale that Traf got back-to-back shirts made up before that grand final?

Definitely incorrect. There's always rumours that get out there but we certainly didn't make them up. Our partners had back-to-back shirts but nothing about the threepeat.

Some Traf people are like Trump when it comes to that grand final, they just refuse to accept the result even to this day. How was the aftermath?

I try and put a positive spin on it because I personally don't think we would have won 2012, I reckon it would have been one or the other. I would have loved to have got three-in-a-row and a record for the club. Personally for me, I took over as coach in 2012 and I feel if we had of won in 2011 I would have struggled to get those guys motivated for 2012 going for four-in-a-row.

So was 2012 all about vengeance?

For the whole squad it was. They weren't hard to get motivated. I was a new coach, I was keen and put a lot into it. We got Christian Burgess to come over and support me. The impression I got was the club asked me to coach because they felt I had the capabilities of keeping the group together.

Just how much was

riding on that season?

For me - everything. I wasn't too sure if I'd be asked to coach the following year and I was concerned about five grand finals in a row how much longer have we got at the top? We'd been pretty successful for a while and you could see some people needed a new challenge. We were motivated that year but I just felt things were going to open up a couple years later.

It really was a remarkable grand final victory. A team of all local players, a lot of whom were still under 21. How did you manage to pull it off?

We learnt a lot from Newborough throughout the year. We played them four times, lost twice, drew with them once and won the one that counted. We just learnt and developed along the way every week against them. We played them in the second-semi and were up by six goals and then lost by six goals, but when the siren went I had a smile on my face because we'd proven that we could get up against them. Although we'd lost we had a lot of moves up our sleeve that Burgo and I spoke about during the game. We said "let's back ourselves to win" (the preliminary final) and let's not show them a couple of matchups. Bragagnolo (Joel) on Payne (Ash Payne) was one that we didn't do, there was a couple of matchups we thought "let's just hang off" because if we get there (to the grand final) we can catch them off guard. Nineteen out of the 21 Traf players had played junior footy there and I think that was a big key to it - just locals that cared about each other and cared for the place.

So now you're back at Traf, I assume you always kept tabs on how they were going?

Always. I was really happy to see them win in 2018. It was an odd feeling, deep down I always wanted them to win but I was jealous at the same time. We lost in 2018 when I was at Churchill so it was always the boys had one up on me so it was nice to get one back on them in 2019 (with a Churchill flag) and be level with them.

You always had intentions of coming back?

I had intentions of finishing up as a player. I didn't know when I'd come back but I always knew at some stage I would.

And a change of league with Traf now in the Ellinbank League. What have your impressions been so far?

Good grounds and a very well ran organisation. For us it was all about creating a culture and a reputation. We walk in with a clean slate and that was a real motivating factor for us. We can start our own legacy now and hopefully in 30 to 40 years people can look back to our side and the culture and the legacy and how we're perceived in 30 to 40 years I'd like to think starts from the group we've got now.

You can listen to the full interview with Chris Kyriacou by visiting The Original Go-Getting Podcast on Spotify.



Trafalgar coach Chris Kyriacou, pictured after the 2012 grand final with Jace Butler and Brendan Dawson, played his 150th senior match for the Bloods last month

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Bloods moving through season

By Liam Durkin

This season has ushered in a new era for the Trafalgar Football-Netball Club, playing in the Ellinbank and District Football-Netball League.

Fittingly, Trafalgar came up against old foe Yarragon to start the season, renewing hostilities once more.

The senior match saw Trafalgar register a 60 point victory. The final margin could well have been much higher had it not been for inaccuracy in front of goal, as the Bloods registered 17 behinds from 28 scoring shots. Nevertheless, the defence was rock solid, keeping Yarragon to a solitary goal. The Bloods new recruits shone brightest, with Chris McIntosh, Jake Nash, Dom Pinneri and Karl Mutke among the best players, along with Matt Swenson.

The reserves broke away after the main break, kicking eight goals to one in the second half to win comfortably. A good spread of goal kickers saw 10 players combine for 11 majors between them. Tristen Marslen, Harrison Malady, Josh Moore, Blake Zimora, Mitchell Smart and Jackson Noonan performed well in the victory.

A new age ground in under 18.5 football saw Trafalgar venture to Longwarry to take on the Crows. The Bloods played out a tough game, but unfortunately fell short in a match only decided by three points. Trafalgar was five points adrift at three quarter time, and kept Longwarry goalless in the final term, but couldn't quite bridge the gap. Best players were Trent Burgess, Oidan Connolly, Drew O'Brien, Oscar Robinson and Brodie Malady.

Trafalgar had a successful day on the netball court, winning the majority of its matches.

A Grade put in a dominate performance, and virtually did as they pleased throughout the day. Cassie Malady and Tara Potts got their seasons off on the right foot with solid performances.

B Grade had a similar display

and had a percentage boosting victory. Samira Heffernan was adjudged best on court, and received good support from Alesha Hallinan.

C Grade also won in convincing fashion, with Dannii Cook and Tessa Sneddon prominent in the victory.

The Under 17s were well served by Lexie Farrell and Kate Hagley in their win, while in the Under 15s, Hannah and Hailey Davis performed well. The Under 13s put in their best effort, with Mackenzie Rankin and Jorja Burslem playing well.

The first home game saw Trafalgar host Neerim Neerim South.

A strong first half by the senior team set the game up, with the Bloods kicking nine goals to three as they walked into the rooms for the long break.

Trafalgar players then got through the rest of the game to record a 12.5 (77) to 8.3 (52) win.

Tyson Leys was prolific across half back, while co-captains Dylan Farrell and Klay Butler led from the front with best afield performances.

Blake Zimora and Josh Moore capped off their senior debuts with a win in front of the home crowd.

It was a similar story in the reserves, with a dominate first half netting Trafalgar a 7.11 (53) to 3.6 (24) victory.

New recruit Zi Campbell set the standard on the wing, along with Mitchell Smart who was among the action.

The under 18s found themselves well off the pace.

Hardy Kenny, Drew O'Brien and Owen Zimora battled hard.

Netball had a successful day across the board, with some big wins highlighting the various happenings between the thirds.

A Grade was convincing winners, and were well served by Dani Davies and Rach Chapman, while B Grade virtually doubled their opponents score. Lucy Findlay and Lia Daley the best for

the Bloods.

C Grade toasted victory with a commanding performance, in a game that saw Maddie Worth, Mon Malady and Cass Fry play well.

Wins in the juniors went to the under 15s and under 13s. The Under 15s best-on-court went to Imogen Smith, who received good support from Layla Makepeace and Hannah Davis. Steph Burslem, Lucy Coulthard and Zak Larkin were award winners in the 13s. In the Under 17s, Tara Robinson, Paris Troughton and Matilda Matthews put in good efforts.

It was a successful day for the club at Nyora, with a clean sweep calling for a presidents shout.

Weather usually reserved for a sport where the captain would be praying the coin fell their way so they could bat first made for a high speed game, as the ball zipped around and players were able to showcase their skills.

The seniors broke away after half-time and saved their best for last, kicking six goals and keeping the Saints to a single behind in the final quarter to run out 16.20 (116) to 6.7 (43) winners.

Damien Mann kicked four goals, while Dylan Farrell, Darcy Brock and Chris McIntosh were prominent.

The reserves also had a strong win, bleeding the margin out to close to three figures. Like the seniors, the magoos also kept Nyora to a single behind in the last, and piled on five goals of their own.

Harry Malady was voted best on ground, along with Luke O'Neill (three goals) and Austin Byrne.

The thirds played in match of the day but at a different ground, getting home by five points against Poowong.

A five goal opening quarter had the Bloods leading by 32 points at the first break, but the Magpies slowly worked their way back into the game from there-

on. The young Trafalgar team did the reverse of what their senior compatriots did later in the day, as they only kicked one behind in the last quarter, but it proved to be enough in a 10.9 (69) to 9.10 (64) thriller.

On the netball court, A Grade broke away to win 51 to 24. Tara Potts and Ella McDonald played well and were rewarded with best on awards.

The B in B Grade stood for Big Win, as the Bloods more than doubled their opponents score. Georgia Mason and Abbey Sneddon led the charge, while in C Grade, Trafalgar hung on to win by two goals 35 to 33. Charlotte Farrell and Mon Malady were key in the heart stopper.

Junior netball was also successful, with the Under 17s winning convincingly. Katherine Hagley and Hannah Davis put in good performances, as did Chloe Smith and Lucy Coulthard in the Under 13s victory.

Great results and competitive hit-outs against Nilma Darnum followed.

A low scoring slog ensued in the senior match, as only 11 goals were kicked by both teams. Trafalgar built a handy enough lead in the second quarter, which it was able to maintain until the final siren.

Damien Mann kicked four goals for the second week in a row to be among the best players, along with Klay Butler, Matt Van Schajik, Jake Nash, Jamie Hines and Karl Mutke.

The reserves continued on their way with a percentage boosting win.

Dan Puglia took the proverbial, kicking seven goals, as the Bloods put up 20 majors.

Scones Cameron was best on ground and received good support from Tristan Marslen, Rhain Ross and Keegan Tullett.

The Thirds came back but ran out of time against Buln Buln.

Trafalgar surrendered three goals in the first quarter, and from there it was a classic case

of playing catch up footy.

A 14 point deficit at three quarter time had the game in the balance, but two Buln Buln goals to three for the Bloods meant it was the Lyrebirds day.

Best players for Trafalgar were Matt Devon, Drew O'Brien, Jacob Matthews, James De Graaf and the man who can tell a good story Denis Dyke.

Netball had matches described as "very intense".

A Grade split the points after neither team could be separated at the final whistle.

Trafalgar and Nilma Darnum shared momentum throughout the match, with scores eventually locked at 33 a-piece. Dani Davies and Tara Potts were best on.

B Grade had a close encounter, but could not quite get over the line.

In a high scoring game Trafalgar went down 51 to 53. Lucy Findlay and Sophie Farrell collected best on court honours.

C Grade got on the winners list, claiming a 33 to 27 margin.

The two Maddie's, Worth and Rickard played well in the victory.

Under 17s found a way to win, claiming the points 29 to 24. Matilda Matthews and Jaimee Vosper were prominent.

Under 15s won convincingly. Imogen Smith and Tilly King the best in that game, and the Under 13s went down in a close match. Tahlia Hammond and Mackenzie Rankin the stand outs.

A clean sweep across the board was then seen at Poowong. Trafalgar had their best win for the season in the seniors.

A strong second quarter had the Bloods leading by 30 points at the main break, however, the Magpies cut this back to four points at three quarter time.

Keegan Tullett kicked two goals from right on 50 in the last to get Trafalgar across the line. Dylan Farrell, Jake Nash, Matt

Van Schajik, Tullett, Jamie Hines and Jace Butler were best on.

The reserves broke away after half-time to win comfortably in the end. A six goal to none third term did the damage, as the Bloods kept the Magpies to just one behind in the second half.

Harry Malady was best on, while Hayden Brock kicked seven goals.

Grady McMahon, Tristan Marslen, Greg Kneebone and Josh Vosper rounded out the best.

Hail did not deter the thirds, who led from start to finish, getting the job done by 35 points. With two wins in their last three matches and a loss in-between by just nine points, the team looks to have got going in the new league.

Matt Devon kicked three goals to be best on, and received good support from Jacob Matthews, Dylan Gauci, James De Graaf and Angus Templeton.

Netball saw A Grade win by some distance. Billie Malady and Jess Burslem collected best on court honours.

B Grade also had a commanding victory, as the ball went through the Trafalgar net multiple times. Cass Wass and Sophie Farrell were best on. C Grade did most of the attacking and claimed victory. The two Maddie's, Rickard and Worth were best on for the second week in a row.

The under 17s more than doubled their opponents score. Kate Hagley and Paris Troughton the standouts. Under 15s won a low scoring slog, with Tessa Farrell and Hailey Davis prominent and Layla Makepeace putting in a good effort. Under 13s survived frost bite, winning 17 to 11. Tahlia Hammond and Jaija Burslem were best, with Virginia Daley also doing well.



Trafalgar players leave the ground following victory at Poowong.

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