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ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATION CEREMONY

ANZAC Day services were held across the local community, and Trafalgar township braved the weather to turnout in the hundreds.

Starting with a dawn service at 6am lead by Jim Crowe (RSL Sub-Branch President Trafalgar-Thorpdale RSL), the Trafalgar community showed their respect to those young Australians and New Zealanders that gave the ultimate sacrifice.

Each year we pay homage not only to those original ANZACs, but to all who died or were disabled in their services to this country.

At 11am, veterans and community groups; lead by Parade Marshall Jon Marsh, marched up Contingent Street, in a spectacular formation.

Passing by The Latrobe Valley Community Band and finishing at the Trafalgar cenotaph, the day service commenced.

RSL Secretary Chris Johnson was invited during the service to speak about Pte Leslie Francis Gibson of Trafalgar East, enlisted 1942, killed in action August 25, 1943 aged 20. Pte Francis was deployed in New Guinea.

Some community members and family were invited to lay wreaths in tribute for each major war, with the CFA, Scouts & Cubs, Venturer & Joey, and the local schools.

The flag attendees stood by as all remembered those who have died in war and in peace keeping duties and those that have since passed on. Also paying tribute to our current serving defence personal, both home and overseas.

After the Ode to the Fallen, The Last Post echoed out of the speakers, followed by one minute's silence.

As the flags were raised, the Trafalgar community chimed Lest We Forget



GRACIE'S BAKERY STILL GOING STRONG

By Shona Vines

Kevin Gracie is well known for supplying fresh bread and bakery lines to Trafalgar residents. He starts at midnight and heads home mid-morning, only to take the dogs for a walk and get some sleep. At 70 years young this is part of his daily ritual.

Kevin has followed on the family tradition, being the fourth generation, and was 16 when he started baking. He spent 10 years undertaking two separate five-year apprenticeships, which is commitment there alone. He completed his apprenticeship at his families Newborough bakery with his father.

With the retirement of his father, Kevin took on his own bakery in the Giles arcade in 1978, and with this he still has a few customers that have been buying his goods from the very beginning.

While bread is on the top of the list for the bakery, Kevin's passion lays with pastries and cakes. He loves to use the experience and knowledge he has to experiment with new flavours, especially donuts, which have come a long way from cinnamon and jam. He has also won some awards for his savoury pastries including gold medals.

Kevin uses Australian ingre-

dients and mixes all his own dough from scratch, which was how he learnt, and is a tradition he will continue. This will hopefully continue into the fifth generation as his daughter Joanne is currently training.

They not only have the shop to keep stocked daily but after a very quiet COVID year, this year sees the bakery supplying pies to the local football again, which is what Kevin was preparing as we spoke.

Gracies has supported many community groups over the years, all of which are incredibly grateful.

The bakery has also given

countless kids their start in the workforce.

On top of this is any orders they have as well. It makes you wonder how there is enough time to get it all done.

Five generations of baking with passion and lots of hard work, it is no wonder Kevin has been such a success and continues to provide the finest bakery lines.

This writer told Kevin that I heard he was retiring to which he laughed and said, "where did you hear that? I will probably die here."



Trafalgar legend Kevin Gracie celebrated his 70th birthday recently. Having been baking for more than 50 years, there is no sign of retirement as he takes another tray of sausage rolls out of the oven.

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Potato Festival postponed

By Michelle Slater

Thorpdale Potato Festival organisers have cancelled the 2022 festival planned for the March long weekend and postponed it to 2023.

It comes after this year's spud fest was axed in a decision organisers made in lockdown last year.

Festival publicity officer Barbara Butterworth said organisers were "very disappointed" to make the decision, but felt any snap lockdowns made festival planning too risky.

"We need 12 months of plan-

ning and community support, and the (state) government has now got the rights to suddenly lockdown the state until the end of the year," Ms Butterworth said.

"We get 10,000 people at the recreation reserve and the government needs to allow a lot of people to gather. This puts us off organising anything for 2022."

Ms Butterworth said the festival would be contacting sponsors and supporters to see if they were in a position to support the event down the track.

The festival is a tribute to the

region's spud industry, and features pallet throwing, hessians on the field, working dogs, kids' activities and farm demonstrations.

The event was put on ice for 13 years and returned in 2015 as a biennial festival at which Ms Butterworth said drew "record-breaking attendances".

She said organisers are hoping to put on a raft of new activities in 2023, for the 29th spud festival.



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Remar has relocated

Mark, the owner and operator of Remar Motorcycle Spares, has relocated his business to 26 Saleyard Rd Trafalgar. Mark stated it has been a good move and with a little inside renovation the place has worked well for his needs. The premises use to be Boyles Pumps.

Mark has been working in the industry since the early 1980s

and decided to go out on his own in 2004, and has been going strong ever since. He specialises in servicing, repairs and rebuilds of most motorcycles including farm quads and dirt bikes. He carries a huge range of wheels and tyres for buggies, dirt bikes and quads.

They stock a huge range of genuine and aftermarket parts, dating from 1959 onwards. In

the shop you can find die cast models, dirt bike clothing and helmets, spare parts and accessories and if he hasn't got it in stock he will certainly order it for you.

Opening hours are Monday to Friday 9:30am to 6pm, so give him a call on 5633 3219 or visit his website www.remarcables.com.au.



Mark from Remar Motorcycle is open weekdays until 6pm.



Remar Motorcycle has relocated to Saleyard Rd.

By Trafalgar solicitor Jade MacGregor

What happens if I die without a Will?

In Victoria, if a person dies without a valid Will, they are said to have died 'intestate'.

The rules surrounding how a person's estate is distributed when they die intestate are governed by the Administration and Probate Act 1958 (Vic).

In summary:

1. If the deceased leaves a

partner, then the partner receives the whole of the estate.

2. If the deceased leaves a partner and a child or children who is not the child of the partner:

a) the partner receives:

i) the personal belongings;

and

ii) the first \$450,000 (ap-

prox.); and
iii) one half of the balance of the estate.

b) The children are entitled equally among them to the other half of the balance of the estate.

3. If the deceased leaves more than one partner, then all partners receive an equal share of the estate.

4. If the deceased leaves no partner and no children, the estate goes to the deceased's

a) Parents; then

b) Siblings; then

c) Grandparents; then

d) Uncles and Aunts; then

finally

e) First Cousins

5. The estate will then pass

to the government if none of the above are located.

To ensure that your hard earned money passes to those people you wish to benefit, phone J MacGregor Legal on 0421 467 270 to arrange an appointment to prepare a Will.



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Move to have Turra family recognised

By Liam Durkin

The new Trafalgar multi-use pavilion at the recreation reserve is starting to take shape.

Sporting clubs in the town rejoiced last July when it was announced Baw Baw Shire Council received funding from the state government to construct the facility.

The \$3.2 million pavilion is being built behind the current soccer pitches, and once completed, will support the needs of Trafalgar Victory Soccer Club, Trafalgar Football-Netball Club, Trafalgar Boxing Gym and Trafalgar Cricket Club.

To the uninhibited, the construction of a new pavilion would not warrant much fanfare, but those close to the scene know just how big a battle it has been to get to this point.

With the complex set to be completed later this year, Trafalgar resident Mick Bourke OAM has put forward a submission to BBSC that the Turra family be formally recognised within the complex.

The Turra brothers - Jim, Frank and Dominic - the original owners of the land, decided to sell their family farm next to the Trafalgar Recreation Reserve at the same time the Trafalgar community was negotiating with

council to adopt a masterplan for the reserve in the early 2000s.

The Turra family had opportunities to sell the land at a higher price than that eventually offered by council, but declined such offers as it wanted to see the land used by the community.

They did this without knowing whether or not council would eventually purchase the land.

BBSC Place Names Advisory Committee received Mr Bourke's proposal and suggested that it be called 'Turra Family Pavilion', to which the Turra family has agreed.

The committees of the four clubs at the recreation precinct have also endorsed the proposal.

Mr Bourke is now encouraging individuals to submit their own support for the proposal.

"I think it's important that local people, in this case a local family, be recognised for the contribution to the precinct," he said.

"Without the Turra brothers hanging onto the land and waiting for council to be able to purchase it - that wouldn't have occurred.

"It's important that the history of places such as this are retained and don't get lost, and the naming of the pavilion ensures that the contribution of the Turra

family is not lost."

Mr Bourke himself was instrumental in a steering committee that developed the original strategic plan of the recreation reserve in the early 2000s, along with Peter Williams, Larry Cutler, Kathy West and Jo Porter.

Soccer and boxing will be the biggest winners out of the pavilion in the immediate, while football and cricket will have to wait

until an oval is cleared to be able to utilise the facility in full.

Area to the north of the soccer facility has been touted as the most practical location for a second oval. The space is currently a paddock and has been used as a car park in the past.

It is reasonably expected a second oval will provide a long awaited turf wicket square for the Trafalgar Cricket Club. The

turf wicket saga, confined to the status of running gag at the cricket club for many years, now appears an actual realistic possibility.

The pavilion project is being jointly funded by a \$500,000 grant from Sport and Recreation Victoria's Female Friendly Facilities Fund and the \$2.7 million balance by Baw Baw Shire Council

Submissions for support to have the name Turra Family Pavilion bestowed are required in wiring or email by Monday, May 17 2021.

Those who would like to make a submission can do so by emailing bawbaw@bawbaw-shire.vic.gov.au or sending correspondence to PO Box 304, Warragul 3820.



Men's shed is active

By Frank Gridley

Congratulations to Mr Eric Johnson who was elected unanimously to a life membership of Trafalgar Men's Shed recently. Eric was a foundation member at the old guide hall shed. Eric was president for 11 years and his guidance and

assistance in the formation of our new shed in Wellington St has been valuable. Eric's farm shed has supplied much of the lining boards and power and hand tools for the new shed, that barn never seems to be empty. Thanks, and congratulations Eric

Johnson.

The Men's Shed is in full swing 2021. Projects we have finished are the two honour boards for Thorpdale Football-Netball Club. The men are working on table and seats for the Moe-Newborough rail walking trail. These tables are being constructed out of railway sleepers. They will replace metal tables that were stolen previously. This is heavy work, but I doubt these will be stolen when all four are placed on the walking trail.

Several other projects are be-

ing worked on so there is more than a cuppa and chat at the shed. New members and visitors are always welcome on Monday's and Wednesday's 9:30am to 3pm on Wellington St behind the public hall.

We now have guest speakers

at our monthly meetings after our excellent lunches cooked by Jack Vos and helpers.

Take care around car parks

By Sue Bechaz

I just want to make readers aware of where they park in Baw Baw Shire. I was recently parked in a shire car park behind my work place when a tree branch fell onto my car causing considerable damage. I would hate to think what might have happened had this tree fallen onto a human being - whether it be adult or child - the consequences could have been devastating - please people be aware!

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Plenty of action at Probus

By Elly Fallon

Trafalgar Probus bus trips are back on the agenda. Bus trips are arranged with the company Tour Local so a group of happy retirees set off last month to visit the Yarram murals. They were met by their guide Eric, who gave them a detailed history of each mural. There are currently 10 outdoor

murals and five indoor murals, the majority painted by Heesco, a Mongolian artist who has also been involved with Silo Art in Victoria. The next Yarram mural is to be one dedicated to front line workers. Members agreed they were well worth a visit ... amazing art. The trip included lunch and a walk by the sea in

Port Albert. The next bus trip in May is to Marysville. We plan to visit Steavenson Falls and Bruno's Sculpture Gardens, so something to look forward to for all our Probians. There are also upcoming local visits to the Da Vinci Exhibition in Morwell and the Holden Museum in Trafalgar. Car pooling on local trips means

everyone can come and the cost for the day is minimal.

We have welcomed another seven new members over the past two months which means new friends with new ideas. This helps keep our Probus Club fresh and interesting.

Our guest speakers for the month were Marcus and Pauline

Barker who entertained us with their adventures while travelling in South Africa for a year.

Trafalgar Probus are collecting batteries and giving them to Aldi for recycling. Over the past few years we have collected 60.6 kilograms of batteries and saved them from going into landfill and harming the environment. We all

need to do our part to hand on a better world to future generations.

Meanwhile walks, dine-outs and morning teas are welcome social breaks during the month. Come along and join us. You will be very welcome.

By Liam Durkin

With the death of Prince Philip last month, many in the local area found themselves recounting the moment in history where the Duke of Edinburgh and the Queen herself laid foot in Gippsland.

The pair came to Gippsland in 1954, spending time in War-

ragul, Traralgon and Yallourn.

Moments of that occasion were captured by local papers, with an incredible 20 pages dedicated to the coverage in the Traralgon Journal. Amazingly, the Traralgon Journal (a forerunner to the Latrobe Valley Express), got a paper out on the day of the

visit.

The Royal Family waved to well wishes, who lined the streets to see them in the flesh. Some 30,000 people were estimated among the Traralgon crowd.

Photographs of the day still adorn the walls of the Warragul old shire hall, now used by the

historical society.

Interestingly, the itinerary showed the Royal Family was only in Traralgon for 30 minutes, but stopped by Yallourn for well over an hour. If ever there was an indication to just how pristine the old Yallourn township was, surely that was it.

The Queen was only 28 at the time of her Gippsland visit.

One can only imagine the heightened security that would be seen if the same event was held today.

Many people still write to the Queen and it is estimated she receives 300 letters a day.

Were you there the day Prince Philip and the Queen landed in Gippsland? Share your memories by emailing articles@trafnews.com.au



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Members enjoying a dine out at Morwell RSL.



Trafalgar Probus Club president John Attwell inducting two new members, Elwyn Harris and Sue Gale.

Recollections of a Royal Tour



Prince Philip and Queen Elizabeth at Traralgon Station in 1954.



How the event was covered in local papers.

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The itinerary of the Royal Family tour.

Lions youth of the year

By Trevor Byrne

Vanessa Hornby, sponsored by the Lions Club of Trafalgar, participated in the Youth of the Year District Final on Sunday, March 28 at Trafalgar.

Lauren Baensch, sponsored by the Lions Club of Dromana,

won the Public Speaking Award, and Vanessa Hornby, sponsored by the Lions Club of Trafalgar, was the Overall Winner.

Vanessa then competed in the Youth of the Year State Final, which was held in Mornington

last month.

District Governor Elect Steve Boyce, representing the District, was there to present to both students and judges their certificates and gifts.



District Chairperson Julie Swan, Overall winner Vanessa Hornby representing the Lions Club of Trafalgar and the winner of the Public Speaking Lauren Baensch sponsored by the Lions Club of Dromana.



At rear, District Governor Elect Steve Boyce, District Chairperson Julie Swan, Judy Bibby OAM, Beth Carr, Chairperson of Judges Tegan Vincent and Vin Bibby OAM.

Scouts say well done to Chil

Earlier this month Kirrily Howden (scout name 'Chil') successfully completed her Wood Badge.

Kirrily is the first Trafalgar Scout Groups cub scout leader.

The Wood Badge is awarded when a leader completes their advanced training. It takes between 18 months and three years to complete and requires dedica-

tion and enthusiasm to complete. Chil has plenty of both!

It is up to the leader to decide where and when the presentation takes place and also who they would like to present the two parts of the award – the Beads and the Scarf. Each part has its own special significance dating back to when the first wood badges were presented

to the first leaders by Lord Baden Powell.

Chil chose to have her ceremony in the local Uralla Nature Reserve surrounded by her family, cub pack and a few friends. Her daughter and sons presented her beads and scarf and the Mt Baw Baw District Commissioner Rick Bradley presented her certificate.



Trafalgar Scout Group cub scout leader Kirrily Howden, (second from left), at her ceremony in Uralla Nature Reserve with family and Mt Baw Baw District Commissioner Rick Bradley.



Kerrily Howden's certificate, beads and scarf.



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Baw Baw Food Relief aiming to eliminate food insecurity in Trafalgar and Yarragon

The Baw Baw Food Relief in Warragul is extending its Community Outreach Program to assist residents in Trafalgar and Yarragon who may be suffering food insecurity.

The project goal is to connect residents in both towns with their Outreach Program. They will deliver groceries at a location in each town for residents who may be experiencing food insecurity to access. It will be of a great benefit to those of you who may not have access to transport to the Warragul Centre.

Jan Morton from the Baw Baw Food Relief said they are seeing an increase in the number of our residents going to Warragul to access food necessities.

Reasons for Food Insecurity: Unemployment – loss of job/ career during COVID-19.

Family violence – This can happen anywhere/anytime.

No extended family support – moving to regional Victoria for lower income housing.

Homelessness – families and individuals are couch surfing, sleeping in cars, sleeping in one room at someone's house.

Socially isolated people. Trafalgar is situated on the Latrobe City Shire border, making it hard to access assistance when they are not in that shire.

Jan stated they have confidence the Community Outreach Program will be a success for the residents of Trafalgar and Yarragon and will reach the broader catchment of the Baw Baw Shire

According to the Bureau of Statistics 2016, Trafalgar has a population of 3912 and Yarragon's population was 1650. The combined rate of unemployment back in 2016 was 4.95 per cent. These figures have risen considerably since the last census,

with more housing development underway and with the power companies closing, the towns are seeing more unemployment in the towns.

Unemployment affects more than the wallet. Unemployment and social problems may result in an increase of homelessness and food insecurity.

Overall health problems and isolation may lead to family dysfunction.

Parental stress interferes with parents' ability to engage with their children.

This in turn can negatively affect a child's drive to perform at school.

By providing nutritious healthy food and personal items to families and individuals can contribute to better outcomes for them to enable them to be Food Secure.

The Anglican Church has made their halls available for the project. The halls are centrally located to make access more accessible to residents.

The program will operate on a rotating fortnight basis, commencing at Trafalgar Church Hall, 36 Contingent St.

Tuesday, May 11, 1pm to 2pm, then fortnightly. Yarragon Church Hall, 23 Loch St.

Tuesday, May 18, 1pm to 2pm, then fortnightly.

Jan expressed the need for Baw Baw Food Relief to make the program a success and asks that everyone in the towns and surrounds puts the word out that their Volunteers will be there to assist you.

She said food insecurity is real and this project could be a community venture. With residents help and support this will

be an ongoing project to benefit the whole area.

Jan says their wonderful volunteers at the Food Relief center did not have to be asked to help be part of the Outreach program; the Volunteers put their hands up as soon as they heard what the program was about.

They welcome your feedback about this program to ensure all your needs are met or referred to other agencies in the Shire.

Residents are welcome to attend if they hold a Health Care/ Pension Card or show hardship to receive assistance with food.

For a donation they will receive nutritious, good quality healthy food items, fruit and vegetables, dairy items, bread, and personal and sanitary products.

The Baw Baw Food Relief Mission for the past 19 years has been to ensure no one in the Baw Baw Shire goes hungry

by suffering Food Insecurity. Unfortunately, the need is growing, but fortunately for everyone the center is there to assist residents.

Important outcomes for residents partaking in the program include:

To reach more residents of the Shire who may be falling through the cracks.

Residents will receive exposure to other services the Shire offers, including financial or mental health assistance.

Catholic Care agency are excited to come onboard and engage with residents who need help financially or with counseling assistance.

Expanding the Community Outreach Program will bring all residents in the greater Baw Baw Shire together with one clear outcome – feeding the need in the community.

By *Liam Durkin*

AS Paul Kelly sang - 'from little things, big things grow', Trafalgar crafts-woman Amy Hay has well and truly shown how an innovative idea can grow legs.

After moving to Trafalgar last September, Ms Hay opened a home business restoring furniture from recycled and reclaimed timber in her garage.

"I call it refurbishing furniture ... it's basically taking something that is unwanted and giving it a new life," she explained.

In the time since she has branched out, she is now teaching customised woodwork classes exclusively for women.

As woodwork is traditionally a male dominated industry, Ms Hay hopes to break down some gender stereotypes through her workshops.

Ms Hay said it had been amazing to see women grow in confidence through the workshops.

"Even just from the start of the workshop to 20 minutes in

you can see a difference ... even just the first cut with the tool or realising what a tool can do," she said.

"The biggest feedback I get from women after a workshop is that they expected it to be harder, because it is just this absolute unknown."

Through the workshops, students are walked through the basics of carpentry, and shown how to properly put pieces together.

Ms Hay said the benefits went far beyond the practical side as well.

"Once you give them those initial steps, you can actually see them figuring it out, going 'hang on, if I can do this with that I can use it for a b and c'," she said.

Ultimately, the skills learnt in the workshops have transferable skills in helping women in areas such as fixing minor damages around the house, to even avoiding any meltdowns when putting together dreaded Ikea products.

For those who might be feel-

ing unsure about setting foot in a foreign environment, Ms Hay said there was nothing to be frightened about.

"The main barriers are not only the fear element but also not knowing what the range of tools are," she said.

"There are 2700 different types of saws and they all do something a little bit different, so it's all about knowing what tool to use and also figuring out what's possible.

"It's just the unknown because it's never been done. They (power tools) make noise, they cut things, so women assume they are going to be scary, but any tool if it's used correctly and safely – you can't get injured."

Away from the workshops, Ms Hay is kept busy putting together an array of products.

An old fish tank turned into a three-door cabinet takes pride of place, while earing racks are proving very popular.

"It's taken off more than I

could have imagined," she said. "The fact that I get to do what I love and share it with other people, it is surreal."

Ms Hay's initiative is called 'The New Red', owing to the restored items created in her workshop and her red hair.

Those interested in finding out more or joining a workshop are encouraged to email thenew.red@outlook.com.



Amy Hay has been running classes from her Trafalgar workshop.

Vale Les Horsfield

One of Thorpdale's most colourful characters and icons of the town's potato industry died last month.

Les Horsfield, 91, left a history of many tales about his life in Thorpdale and dedication to the potato industry.

It is only in recent years that he has scaled back his farming and business interests, leasing out the majority of his land and keeping a small section where he ran 15 cows.

Les bragged Thorpdale was the best potato country in Australia.

In an interview with The Gazette in 2015, Les attributed his good health to his self-styled potato diet.

"I eat spuds every day, sometimes twice a day. I wouldn't miss," he said.

Les' daughter Janice confirmed he was still eating potatoes until the end, with his favoured style in recent times being deep fried chips. The deep fryer was still on his kitchen bench.

Les moved to Thorpdale when he was 17-years-old.

His father died of pneumonia

six months before he was born, leaving his mother with two daughters and Les on the way.

His mother worked hard to maintain a life for her children, working at the Pearceedale general store and post office. She eventually remarried.

"My mother was the busiest person you ever saw and my stepfather never did a day's work in his life," he told The Gazette.

Les inherited his mother's commitment to work.

From the age of 13 when he was sent to Dookie Agricultural College, the youngest student there, he was committed to working hard.

When he was 17, his mother borrowed money from a relative and bought a 135-acre block at Thorpdale.

It was Les' job to make the farm work and pay off the debt.

Janice said Les loved horses and with his draught horse named Phar Lap, he set about clearing the land and ploughing paddocks.

It was not long before he gave away milking cows and moved into growing potatoes, slowly building a clientele of customers.

Those early days of farming grew into a property portfolio of more than 800 acres and a produce merchant business Horsfield Trading and Transport that he began in 1950.

For the next 70 years, he continued to establish close relationships with a network of reliable, valued growers throughout Australia.

But his community commitment was not just through the farm.

He was 20-years-old when he was elected president of the Nar-racan Herd Testers Association. It was the start of a lifetime of community service.

He was in the Thorpdale CFA for 70 years, involved in Young Farmers, served on the Mirboo North Hospital Boards, was president of the Victorian Produce Merchants Association, the Australian Quarantine Boards and many other organisations.

With the impending demise of the Thorpdale store in the 1970s, Les launched a move to save the store by turning it into a co-operative. When it eventually closed, it returned shareholders a healthy profit.

Les also was president of the Thorpdale Liberal Party branch for more than 50 years, handed out how to vote cards for the party and once stood in what he says was an unwinable seat.

Advocating for the potato industry was always top of his list, but Les didn't shy away from other political battles and making his voice heard. He was a regular contributor to The Gazette and Latrobe Valley Express letters to the editor page.

On the home front, Les married Jane Bell in 1958. They had two daughters Janice and Lynette and he has four grandsons.

Janice said her father always saw the good in people and liked to help others.

"He helped people to get started in farming and get started in agriculture.

"He would give money to people to help them get started in potato farming," she said.

Over the past 15 years, Janice said Les loved to pick flowers and give them to people. She admitted sometimes the flowers may have been taken from someone's garden but Les always said the gift of a flower would bright-

en someone's day.

Janice said they hoped to establish a memorial rose garden in Les' honour in Thorpdale with a sign 'please pick the flowers if you are going to give them away'.

A community memorial to celebrate the adventures and antics of Les was held at the Thorpdale Public Hall on Friday, April 16.

Les was buried at Mirboo

North cemetery, where his mum was buried some years ago.

His tombstone was already in place because he wanted to be assured that if he pre-paid for it, he would get what he wanted.

The date of death was missing from the tombstone, but the words already inscribed summed-up Les "Nothing happens until someone does it."

Source: Warragul Gazette



Well known Thorpdale figure Les Horsfield, pictured in 2015, died last month. (Photo: The Great Southern Star).

Pageant title for Trafalgar woman

A Trafalgar woman was named runner-up in a national bikini competition with a difference recently.

The Miss Fit Bikini Model pageant aims to help women feel confident and empowered in their own bodies.

Michelle Maliko, 34, said she had been involved in a pageant several years ago but the Miss Fit Bikini Model was different.

"I thought it was your everyday pageant. Then I started following them on social media and noticed their values resonated with mine.

"It was about being confident in your own skin, empowering women and education, which is important to me," she said.

Michelle and her husband Chris run a powder coating and steel fabrication business in Morwell.

A friend of Michelle's was involved in the pageant last year and when Michelle looked into it, she decided to enter.

Michelle won a sponsored entry into the pageant which took

her to the Gold Coast for the national competition.

But there was little preparation. She said she had always focused on healthy eating and fitness so everything came easy for her.

The pageant saw each entrant begin with a hair and make-up session and photo shoot before the catwalk modelling.

There were four sections for modelling including fitness attire, bikini, evening gowns and an outfit that supported a sport the entrants were passionate about, which Michelle chose motorsports.

Pageant founder Miriam Waldie said the award winners this year showcased that age and body shape was no barrier.

"With 14 models ranging from 20 right up to 51-years-old and sizes six to 16, we are proud to showcase that fit looks different on everyone and it's never too early or late to work on your health and fitness or to achieve your dreams.

"When women are feeling

confident and empowered it has a huge impact on how they present themselves and how they show up in life. This then has a domino effect on the world, and that is why we do what we do.

"We want women to feel like their healthiest self is valued and celebrated; it's not just about being lean, muscular or the outdated definition and description of beauty," Ms Waldie said.

Source: Warragul and Drouin Gazette



Michelle Maliko of Trafalgar models her evening gown for the recent Miss Fit Bikini Model national competition in which she was named runner-up.

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Origin of Holden exhibit opened

Trafalgar Holden Museum officially opened its new 'Origin of Holden' exhibit on 29 March.

Museum president Neil Joiner started the official formalities by welcoming the large gathering of local politicians, Baw Baw Shire councillors, local businesses, the museum's many volunteers and

other local guests.

Neil outlined the early history of the Holden business, which commenced in the mid-1800s in Adelaide, informing the audience of the early days of James A. Holden as he progressed from the middle to the end of the 19th century.

Neil thanked the many local

businesses and museum volunteers who contributed so much towards the new exhibit.

He thanked three people in particular: Bill Moroney who built the exhibit, which took more than one year to complete; Neil's wife Annette for her patience throughout the project (and their marriage); and the

federal government, through local Federal MP, Russell Broadbent, Member for Monash for its grant towards half the building cost.

Neil then emphasised Trafalgar Holden Museum's indebtedness to the Australian government for its significant contribution towards the project's success.

Mr Broadbent then spoke before officially opening the new permanent exhibit and cutting the ribbon with Neil and museum secretary Jenny Middleton

This new Holden Outlet complex will go some way to showcase the early days of James A. Holden and his son, as they enter

into various partnerships with different people in the horse and carriage days of early Australia, principally in South Australia.

Trafalgar Holden Museum is open every day between 10am and 5pm.



Trafalgar Holden Museum's secretary Jenny Middleton and president Neil Joiner outside the museum's new 'Origin of Holden' exhibit



The new 'Origin of Holden' exhibit is officially opened by Mr Russell Broadbent, Member for Monash. Assisting him in the cutting of the ribbon is Trafalgar Holden Museum's president Neil Joiner and secretary Jenny Middleton



Part of the large crowd at the opening of the new Trafalgar Holden Museum 'Origin of Holden' exhibit. To the far left is the exhibit's builder, Bill Moroney with his wife Annette



Another section of the large crowd at the opening Trafalgar Holden Museum's 'Origin of Holden' exhibit



Inside Trafalgar Holden Museum's new 'Origin of Holden' museum showing shop fronts of the early days of James A. Holden



A display of a horse and carriage leaving the stable in the new 'Origin of Holden' exhibit



Above: Another view of the new 'Origin of Holden' exhibit
Left: The 'Origin of Holden' exhibit displays the start of Holden's involvement in mechanised vehicles



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Bill Perigo, a cobbler and a great bloke

By Marge O'Donnell

My sons biological grandfathers had died before they were born. A couple of my sons thought of Billy as a sort of pseudo grandfather. They knew Bill from when we holidayed on our onsite caravan at Durras North. Bill knew how to make a 'proper' barbecue pit (meaning a hole in the ground) and then another one with old bricks. He knew where the best fish were caught up the lake or along the surf. What great life stories he could tell. When we took some of our overseas exchange students to the coast they also became his fans. He taught us how to stabilise our caravan and how to attached a decent water inlet/outlet to our caravan. Oh ... I could go on and on about our Billy. He was respected around the caravan park that when he died the park owners erected a small monument to Bill near the flagpole at the office. New Years Eve after midnight we would take our drinks to the monument and salute Billy.

Lest We Forget ... cobbler ... Bill wrote the following:

Dedicated to Danny, Alex and others who lived and loved life but did not return.

So here's to the land of the kangaroo, flying fox and wallaby too, squatters heaven, swaggies hell — land of bastards ... fare thee well ... it will still do me.

*Action stations, those few minutes wondering what dawn would reveal, thinking of loved ones. One needed lots of true faith, individual religion or creed did not mean as much as trust and reliance in fellow man, our blood is the same colour! Forever reading adventure to understand other customs, people, dream or travel to other lands, too late, eluded, maybe reincarnation, doing anywhere, doing anything, go it alone.

Hence the 'Awakening ... Bill Perigo ...

'Not a guy, choom or comrade ... just an ordinary bloke'.

Bill Perigo originally wrote the following for his grandchildren. He told them 'may you learn the wonders of nature. I am still learning ...

I watched the broлга's dance round and round all in sequence as if in a trance.

Slender necks weaving, bodies swaying, legs threatening to collapse.

Somehow moving their figures in unison, beautiful symmetry of motion.

Lying in the tall grass I watched and waited and wondered why I was so privileged?

Bill went on to write:

This important part of my life materialised in the Kimberleys,

North West Australia many sunrises ago. In the intervening I somehow found myself having a close affinity with all things of nature. Croc sliding into the creek from the mud bank, goanna nodding in sun, echidna burrowing in leafy mould indifferent to world, rock wallaby in Picaninny dawn, flash of satin bird in first rays of sun, old man wombat ambling along his leisurely way big grey kanga looking down upon his subjects and surveying his realm, silly emu — head in sand! Warrigal howling at moon under Southern Cross.

Watched gathering storm clouds at sea — lived and loved thrill of pitting self against Mother Nature — never underestimating and always, but always respecting. Satisfaction of hooking the big one and recounting the story of the bigger one that got away.

Eagle hawk riding on breeze searching for prey, old man eel poking his nose out of his lair in the coral, beauty and danger of banded sea snake, magnificent giant groper, mantra rays, lovely creatures, walking over stepping stones of enormous clams. Discovery of wreck on edge of reef...what stories survivors, if lived, very few things I have not done. Never a great white hunter. Always seeking to go further into that big world.

Who has seen platypus in natural habitat, shy lyre bird, cheeky miner watching whip bird cracking kingfisher from his burrow next, off in brilliant flash of colour. Kooka's raucous laugh, shy little pencil orchids hiding in she oaks, burrawongs, elusive colour in fruit, bunya bunya pine, sacred black man's tree, fronds, elkhorns, staghorn

peeping through foliage. On and on, never ending.

Mad panic when tailer chop paddy mullet and baby whiting in sandy shallow, blue swimmer scuttling to deeper water, red eyes — elusive prawn, Spanish dancer on edge of light — lonely — waiting for applause. Flathead, flounder, bulging eyes through sand, silver eel weaving in and out of weeds. Blue bottles sunbaking on dry sand, discarded cuttle fish bobbing in offshore surf, little toadies, salmon silhouetted in waves, yellow eyed mullet scampering, porpoises catching greenie — graceful intelligent-quiet as a fin breaks surface — clash for beach.

West wind — bees dead on waterline, sand hillocks rising and falling like field of wheat dictated by winds. Whale bones exposed — bleached — how, when! Occy in pool, ink camouflage, anemones — colourful tendrils, cunjevoi, peeing into breeze, crayfish whiskers protruding from under ledge, abalone cemented to rock, kelp — belly dancing with ebb and flow, pippy frantically burrowing. Water slipstreaming off beach, worms, canny bream under log, garfish flowing bubbles, oysters, mussels gulping.

Dragonfly hovering, mountain streams, gold glittering, beguiling yellow flecks, vision untold wealth, fools gold, fools paradise! Waterfall, trout escalating, old gold mines. Chinese engineering — canals — sluices. Picanniny dawn, world awakes, animals birds of forest emerge, rub sleep from eyes. What does day hold? Later, warmer. Wrens forever sticky beaking, willy wagtail, helicopter bird. Currawong — unfairly judged. Square wind,

black cookies, raucous. Galahs grey and pink swooping, wheeling. White cockatoos— proud, disdainful, intelligent — should be national emblem. Carper snake backing in sun, spiky yabbies' — whiskers through murk. I have seen and observed all these creatures of the sea and land and many more — too many to pen — mabe some day.

Migrants parting remarks after six months in our land (excerpts).

'Birds without song, flowers without smell, land of bastards, fare thee well.'

(He did not hear the song of the bell-bird or smell the native boronia — silly man!)

I have looked into the mysteries of the deep and trembled when the furies of the elements have been unleashed — gazed in awe at the lightning of the mountain peaks. Slept under logs and caves behind waterfalls. Fished the waters off the tropics and freezing currents of the south. Perched in the fork of the mangrove while my black friends speared the prized barramundi, tramped through swamps of Melville bring down black and white geese with throwing sticks. Fished and hunted the Kimberleys. Pearl shell — Thursday Is-

By William Robert Perigo, Royal Australian Navy S/6365 and Australian Army NX77983.

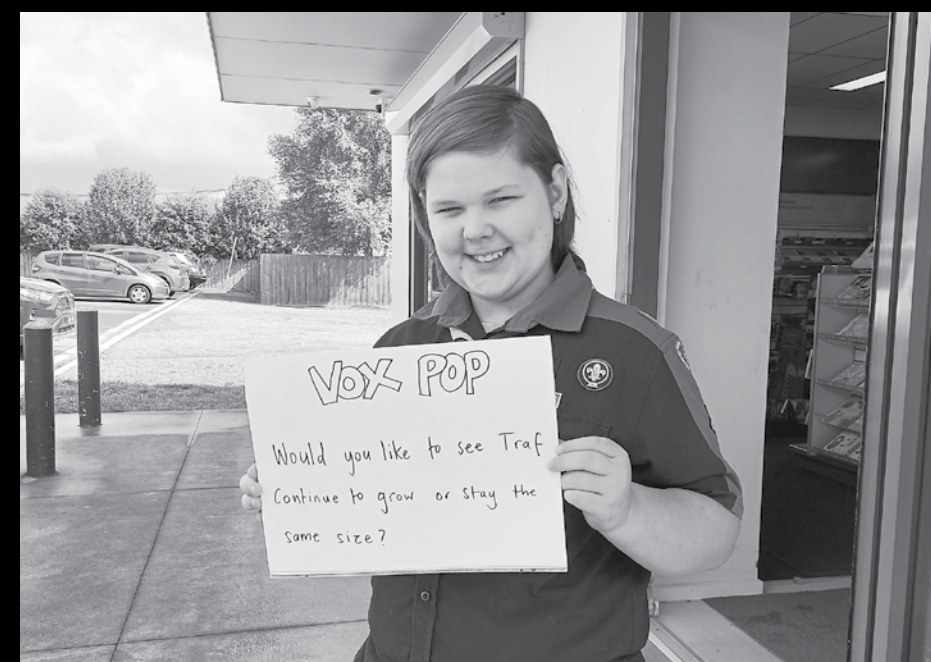
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Evie H (asking question)



"Would you like to see Trafalgar continue to grow or stay the same size?"



Lyn, Trafalgar

"I'm returning to live here after 47 years and I'd love to see it continue to grow. It's flat, you can walk everywhere and it's one and a half hours from the Gippsland lakes, the snow, the beach. It's Victoria's best kept secret."



John DeHaas, Trafalgar

"When a town grows you get more business, more people, bigger schools and everything else just improves."



Bernie Whiteside, Trafalgar

"I think it would be good for the town and the residents for it to continue to grow."

Cricket club holds presentation

By *Liam Durkin*

The Trafalgar Cricket Club held its presentation for the 2020-21 season recently. Presentation night was held at the Moe Racing Club Hillside pavilion, in what was a good opportunity to formally see out the season.

Season 2020-21 saw some strong performances intertwined with some average ones across the three grades, ultimately leading to an up-and-down season. The thirds played finals and the seconds won the same number of home and away games as the eventual premier, while the firsts defeated both teams that

played off in the grand final. On presentation night, club president Daniel Heathcote thanked those for their efforts, and looked forward to what season 2021-22 held.

Trafalgar Cricket Club Season 2020-21 award winners

Ray Burgess Perpetual Trophy (best club person)
Brent Claridge

George Browne Memorial Trophy (club champion) and Richard Errington Medal (first grade best and fairest)
Rhys Holdsworth

Alan Rankin Memorial Trophy (first grade batting)
Rhys Holdsworth 464 runs

First grade bowling aggregate
Jackson Noonan 25 wickets

Second grade best and fairest
Damien Mann

Second grade batting

aggregate
Damien Mann 231 runs

Second grade bowling aggregate
Jarryd Kilday 14 wickets

Third grade best and fairest
Brent Claridge

Third grade batting aggregate
Billy Pace 318 runs

Third grade bowling aggregate
Dr Kingsley Rajasingham 12 wickets

Senior coaches award
Owen McLeod-Agland

Centuries
Rhys Holdsworth 162 vs Morwell Tigers Yinnar Raiders (A Grade)
Billy Claridge 123 vs Latrobe (B

Grade)
Billy Pace 124 not out vs CATS (C Grade)

Five wicket hauls
Ryan Bishop 5-45 vs Churchill (A Grade)
Rhys Holdsworth 5-31 vs MTY Raiders (A Grade)
Paul Connolly 6-27 vs Churchill (C Grade)
Darren Brown 5-9 vs Yallourn Nth (C Grade)

Milestones
Rhys Holdsworth 150 A Grade matches
Daniel Heathcote 100 A Grade matches
Jackson Noonan 100 A Grade matches

First grade debutants
Billy Claridge



Brent Claridge and Billy Pace swept the C Grade awards



Kath Holdsworth enthusiastically accepted the B Grade bowling aggregate on behalf of her nephew Jarryd Kilday.



Trafalgar Cricket Club A Grade award winners Jackson Noonan, Daniel Heathcote and Rhys Holdsworth.



Damien Mann won the B Grade best and fairest and batting aggregate.



Riley White with his ball mount for taking five wickets in a Gippsland Cricket League representative match.



Owen McLeod-Agland was a deserved winner of the senior coaches award.



Father and son duo Brent and Billy Claridge with their awards.

Farming News

VFF hits the brakes on proposed truck registration increase

The Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF) says Austroads' unrealistic proposal to dramatically increase heavy vehicle registrations for older vehicles will hurt farmers and small businesses and is strongly urging the state government not to adopt the recommendation.

VFF President Emma Germano said whilst many farmers are supportive of the move to more environmentally friendly and safer trucks, the proposal to increase heavy vehicle registrations on older vehicles is inequitable.

"This proposal will disproportionately impact farmers who often use trucks to travel short distances and only at certain times of the year, such as harvest," she said.

"In some cases we could see some trucks costing up to \$20,000 to register.

"Austroads has failed to understand the far reaching impacts of this proposal for truck owners.

"Put simply, the reality is this would make heavy vehicle ownership unaffordable for many small businesses and farmers and will greatly impact transport costs for farm businesses."

Ms Germano urged the state government to consider other options to modernise the state's heavy vehicle fleet, such as financial incentives.

"Initiatives such as grants to replace older trucks would be a far more effective solution," she said.

The VFF recently wrote to Victorian Minister for Public Transport, Roads And Road Safety, Ben Carroll expressing the above and is looking forward working together to achieve a fair outcome.

VFF 2021 UDV Conference returns bigger than ever

The 2021 United Dairyfarmers of Victoria (UDV) Conference is back for the first time since 2019 and is set to highlight the challenges, issues and opportunities facing the Victorian dairy industry.

UDV president Paul Mumford said the event will provide a timely opportunity for all dairy farmers to meet in person and discuss the current landscape of the industry.

"Whilst we've enjoyed one of the best seasons in years, the reality is we're facing a number of issues and challenges that we need to navigate," he said.

"Maintaining and building confidence within the sector is

key to ensure we can prosper moving forward.

"Issues including the diversification of dairy businesses, industry reform and providing a solution to the workforce labour shortages is sure to be high on the agenda."

Attending this year's event as guest speaker will be legendary Aussie rules footballer and dairy industry ambassador, Jonathan Brown.

"Jonathan grew up near Warmambool and his grandfather owned a dairy farm, so dairy continues to be a huge part of his family," he said.

"I'm looking forward to listening to such a well-known person who's well aware of the huge contribution our industry makes to the economy and also vital role it plays in the fabric of many country towns throughout Victoria."

The conference is free to all farmers and will be held on Friday, May 28 at ZINC, Federation Square, Melbourne.

Registration and further details are available on the VFF website or by calling the VFF on 1300 882 833.

Morwell Solar Farm closer

The proposed Morwell Solar Farm is one step closer with a public notice period underway as part of a planning application to build the 70 megawatt renewable project on Tramway Road.

Developer ARP Australian Solar has lodged a planning application with the state government for the project after it was held up last year due to COVID-19 border restrictions.

ARP director George Hughes said he was confident the project would go ahead on two sites pegged out near the Hazelwood terminal station and Bonds Lane.

The Morwell Solar Farm would include an accompanying storage battery, and would generate enough electricity to power 23,300 average Victorian homes a year.

The solar farm would save more than 146,500 tonnes of CO2 emissions a year compared to fossil fuels.

Mr Hughes said it would create about 100 jobs in the 12-month construction period as well as a number of part-time jobs once it was up and running.

He said he hoped the approvals would be finalised by August for construction to start early next year.

The company is also encour-

aging local companies to get in touch to become involved in the project, and will be holding a tendering process further down the track.

"The site has been chosen due to its proximity to the Morwell Terminal Station which is where the point of connection will be made," Mr Hughes said.

"In addition the site is currently grazed by livestock and this will continue throughout the lifetime of the project."

Mr Hughes said the company had identified the site three years ago and had received largely positive feedback from the community after it held public consultation sessions.

He said the solar farm would also help hit the Victorian Renewable Energy Target in which 50 per cent state's electricity would be supplied from renewables by 2030.

"The project will have a substantially positive impact on the environment and the local area and we believe it will be great for the Latrobe Valley," he said."

"Hazelwood has been switched off, and Yallourn will be switched off, this is a much needed development, we need many of these projects to fill the gap left by

coal-fired power stations."

Fab Farm World

This year's instalment of Farm World was a success, with thousands of people making their way to Lardner Park for the three day event.

Following the cancellation last year, those involved in the agricultural sector were eager to traverse the many stalls on display. Chainsaw artists, sheep dog trials and machinery demonstrations kept attendees entertained, while in the Baw Baw Pavilion, a number of new initiatives were showcased to passers by.

Farm World has become a staple event in Baw Baw Shire for many years, and offers a great opportunity for businesses to spruik what they have to offer.

The event is not just reserved for agriculture, as local businesses in other industries hire stall space in the hope of attracting future foot traffic down the road. Schools also use events such as Farm World to promote what they have to offer, taking prospective parents and students through an array of booklets and virtual tours.



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 12 May at 5.30pm in the 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.

Council Pop-up is coming to Seaview this May

4.00pm - 6.00pm,
Thursday 6 May
Seaview Mechanics' Institute

All community members are invited to come along and speak with Councillors and members of the Executive team. This is an opportunity to ask questions, share ideas and provide us with feedback on what's important to you and your community.

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Council's Draft Budget out for community feedback

Council's draft Budget for 2021/22 has been released and we want to know what you think! The \$90.9 million budget will support over 100 services, deliver new projects and maintain community infrastructure from roads to recreation facilities.

To learn more about what's proposed and to provide your feedback at www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/Haveyoursay

Submissions close on **Thursday 13 May 2021**.



Funded three-old kindergarten in 2022

Funded Three-Year-Old Kindergarten is being rolled out across Baw Baw Shire, 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

Keep an eye on our website and social media for details of upcoming kindergarten open days.

Proposed name for Trafalgar Multi-use Pavilion

Council's Place Names Advisory Committee is seeking feedback from community members in relation to a proposal received to name the new Multi-Use Pavilion at the Trafalgar Recreation Precinct the 'Turra Family Pavilion'.

The proposal has been put forward by members of the community and has the support of the precinct's tenant clubs. Further information, including a copy of the proposal can be found on Council's website or by contacting Council. Written submissions in response to the proposal must be provided to Council in writing by **Friday 7 May 2021**.

How to provide feedback

- Online at bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/placenames
- Via email at baw.baw@bawbawshire.vic.gov.au
- In writing to: PO Box 304, Warragul, VIC 3820

What's coming up at West Gippsland Arts Centre

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

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

The Merger
Thursday 13 May, 8.00pm

Wicked
Warragul Theatre Company
21 - 29 May

Keith Potger AO: A Wandering Minstrel
Friday 4 June, 11.00am

Human Nature: The AAA Australian Regional Tour
Tuesday 8 June, 7.30pm

Lior: Between You and Me
Wednesday 9 June, 7.30pm

Carmen
Opera Australia
Thursday 10 June, 7.30pm
For more information and bookings visit wgac.com.au



Tips for maintaining your wood heater

With the cooler weather approaching, for many of us that will mean firing up the wood heater. Wood heaters can have a significant impact on the environment and our neighbours.

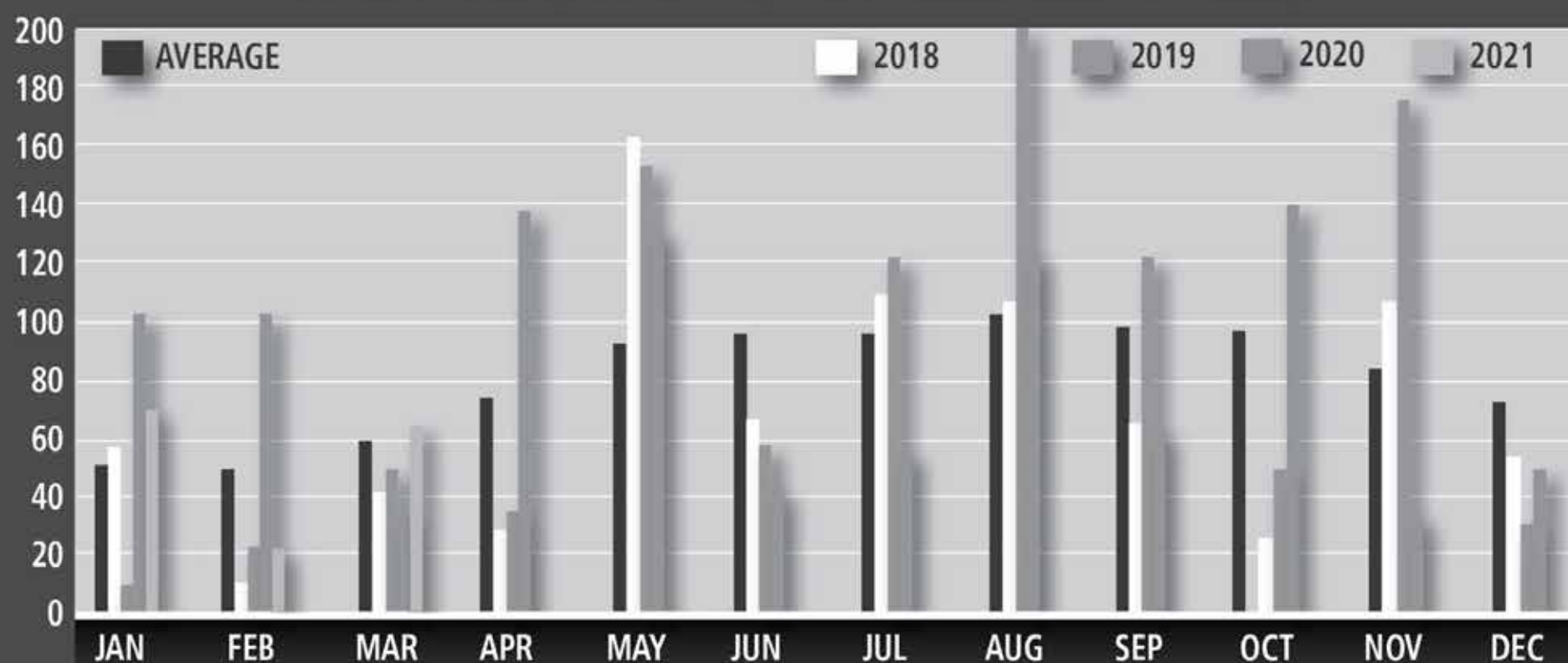
Ensure you get the best from your wood heater by using the following tips:

- Before winter have your flue professionally checked and cleaned.
- Refer to the manufacturer's operation manual for instructions specific to your wood heater model.
- Burn only dry, seasoned, good burning and untreated wood.
- Get a hot fire going quickly with plenty of paper and small kindling.
- Keep the air controls set high enough to keep the fire burning brightly.
- Never overload your wood heater with too much wood.
- Never leave your heater to smoulder overnight. This starves the fire of oxygen, producing more smoke and air pollution.
- Go outside and check the chimney occasionally for smoke emissions.
- Consider the wellbeing of your neighbours.

Further information on wood smoke and air quality can be found on the Environment Protection Authority website or by scanning the QR code on this page.



TRAFALGAR MONTHLY RAINFALL



This graph compares the monthly rainfall received in Trafalgar in 2021 with, 2018, 2019, 2020 and average monthly rainfall since records began. The monthly rainfall for March 2021 is 64ml

COVID-19 Vaccination has started at Trafalgar Medical

By Dr Pete Verbeek



Having a safe and effective COVID-19 vaccine is one way we can protect our community against coronavirus. COVID-19 vaccines help to prevent serious illness and death from COVID-19, and they are free for everyone in Australia.

Trafalgar Medical is pleased to advise that we are an approved vaccination provider for COVID-19 vaccines. We are happy to help provide COVID-19 immunisation for our local area and wider community. Whilst the vaccination roll-out will go slowly at first while supply is secured, rest assured, as all eligible Australians will have the opportunity to have the vaccination in the coming months.

Mr Daniel Malady was one of the first people to receive the COVID-19 Vaccine when the program started on Monday, March 22.

Vaccine rollout

COVID-19 vaccines are being rolled out to people in phases, with those most at risk receiving their vaccinations first. To find out if you are eligible to receive the vaccine now, visit <https://covid-vaccine.healthdirect.gov.au/> eligibility and complete the COVID-19 Vaccine Eligibility Checker. You can then make a booking to receive your vaccine.

Booking your appointment

COVID-19 vaccinations are voluntary and free.

When it is your turn to get vac-

inated, you can call us on 5633 2211 to book your appointment. You can also book via the app or online with HotDoc, or come in to Trafalgar Medical. We will also be contacting our eligible patients when it is timely, about booking an appointment.

Preparing for your vaccination

Before your vaccination appointment, you should make sure your details are up to date with Medicare.

If you don't have your account set up, you can:

- enrol in Medicare, if you're not already enrolled.

- set up your Medicare online account if you're enrolled in Medicare, but don't have Medicare linked to myGov.

- get an Individual Health Identifier (IHI), if you're not eligible for Medicare.

You can also read the patient factsheet developed by the Australian Government Department of Health: <https://www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/covid-19-vaccination-preparing-for-covid-19-vaccination>

Please do not come to your vaccination appointment:

- if you are feeling unwell with fever, cough, runny nose or other symptoms that could be from COVID-19
- if you are waiting for COVID-19 test results, or have tested positive for COVID-19
- if you are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, or

if you are in quarantine.

If you have had another vaccine, for example the influenza vaccination, in the 14 days before your COVID-19 vaccine appointment. Please let us know as we may need to reschedule your appointment.

To keep you and our community safe, before and after vaccination, it is important that you continue to:

- Stay 1.5 metres away from other people and avoid handshakes and contact with people outside your household.

- Stay home if you feel unwell and get tested for COVID-19. You must stay at home until your results come back.

- Wash your hands regularly with soap and water or use hand sanitiser.

- Always cough or sneeze into your arm or a tissue and put the tissue in the bin straight away.

- Download the COVIDSafe app to help health officials let you know if you have been in contact with someone who has COVID-19.

After your vaccine

After receiving any vaccine, you may experience minor side effects. Most side effects are mild and last no more than a few days. Common reactions to COVID-19 vaccinations include:

- a sore arm
- headache
- low level fever
- muscle pain
- chills
- tiredness, or
- joint pain.

You can use the COVID-19 vaccine side effects symptom checker if you have concerns

about any symptoms after your vaccine. The checker is also available through the National Coronavirus Helpline, 1800 020 080, 24 hours a day.

What is this side effect that everyone is talking about associated with the AstraZeneca vaccine?

There is evidence of a likely link between the AstraZeneca vaccine and an extremely rare blood clotting syndrome (thrombosis with thrombocytopenia). The recommendation from the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI) is that use of Comirnaty COVID-19 vaccine (Pfizer) is preferred over AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine in adults under 50 years old who have not already had a first dose of the AstraZeneca vaccine.

Is the AstraZeneca vaccine safe?

Yes.

The individual benefit-to-risk balance of vaccination with the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine varies with age. This balance is

based on factors including the increased risk of complications from COVID-19 with increasing age and the potential lower risk of this very rare, but serious, adverse event with increasing age. ATAGI has recommended the AstraZeneca vaccine remains safe to be given to people aged 50 years and over.

I have had my first dose of the AstraZeneca vaccine, what do I do now?

If you have had your first vaccine dose without this side effect or other serious adverse effects, you should receive your second dose as planned.

What if I am worried about side effects?

If you have recently had your first vaccine dose and are experiencing any side effects that you are worried about, I can book an appointment for you to see your doctor.

I'm booked in for my first dose of the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine, what do I do?



COVID vaccinations have begun at Trafalgar Medical. Pictured is Daniel Malady receiving the first dose from Dr Khan.

If you are an adult aged under 50 years, you should only receive a first dose of AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine where the benefit of receiving the vaccine clearly outweighs the risk in your individual circumstance. You may wish to discuss your individual benefit-to-risk balance with your doctor.

Generally, if you have not already received a first dose of the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine, then the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine is preferred in adults aged under 50 years. Information about how to receive the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine will soon be available on the Department of Health website.

If you are 50 years of age or older, you can still receive your AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine.

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.



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

Trafalgar, Yarragon & Yallourn News, May, 1931

May 7 – Outbreak Of Scarlet Fever

The reports received that the Thorpdale State School is closed owing to a severe outbreak of scarlet fever and that some Infectious Diseases hospitals are full, has drawn attention to the fact that both diptheria and scarlet fever are unusually prevalent for this time of the year.

May 14 – Community Singing

The fortnightly community singing held by all denominations at Trafalgar was held on Sunday evening last in the public hall. Mr H. M. Campbell was conductor and music was supplied by Mrs Skinner (piano), Miss Vera Donovan (violin) and Mr Jack Skinner (saxophone).

Rechabites Meet At Trafalgar

A monster inter tent social was held in the public hall on Tuesday evening last by district Rechabites, the Yarragon, Narracan, Warragul and Trafalgar tents being represented. Bowls, ping pong, and games helped to make up one of the most successful lodge functions held in the district.

R.S.L. Ladies' Night

Another ladies' night was held at Thorpdale, arrangements being in the hands of the local R.S.L. branch. All present spent a most enjoyable night, the occasion being one of the many bright entertainments for which the district is noted.

May 28 – Bowls Evening

On Tuesday evening last an enjoyable game of bowls was played between the Scotch Club and the Oddfellows Lodge at Trafalgar. Two teams were put up by both sides, and after an enjoyable contest, the young men of the Scotch Club won.

Gippsland News, May, 1961

May 4 – Trafalgar Golf Club

The weekly increase in the Saturday afternoon fields continues and 66 lined up for the four-baller last Saturday. This creates an all-

time record for a club event. However, with an increase of more than 20 in the membership this increase is what has been anticipated.

550 People At Savage Re-Union

More than 550 descendants of two brothers – John and Thomas Savage, who selected 640 acres of forest land at Narracan East in 1876, gathered at the Narracan Falls on Sunday last for a family re-union. Each person present was given a copy of the "History of the Savages in Australia". The late Lieut-General Sir Stanley Savage was a member of this family.

Firewood Working Bee

Trafalgar R.S.L. members set out on Sunday last with plans to gather and cut some 25 tons of firewood to tide the Memorial Hall and a number of Legacy widows in Trafalgar and Moe over the winter months. Under the capable direction of "Lofty" all worked with great enthusiasm and the impression was given that the Diggers are real 'hogs' for hard work.

May 11 – Trafalgar Wins Polocrosse

A large crowd at the Warragul showgrounds on Sunday saw a thrilling exhibition of polocrosse in which the Trafalgar Blue team narrowly defeated Buln Buln to win the 1961 grand final.

Narracan Shire Garden Club

It is quite safe to say that the finest show of Chrysanthemums ever seen in Trafalgar, and possible in a country show in Victoria, was set up at Trafalgar on Wednesday last, when nine enthusiasts growing large blooms displayed over 100 blooms, backed up by many other arrangements featuring other varieties such as anemone, single, spider and quills. The special prize for Best Exhibit of Floral Art was won by Mr Bob Watson.

Butter Championship Awards

At the annual conference of Australian Institute of Dairy Factory Managers and Secretaries (Victorian Division) the Peters (Vic.) Trafalgar and Yarragon factories were awarded more first prizes for butter than all the other factories in Victoria combined. The coveted award of the Victorian Silver Shield has been won by the Trafalgar

Milk Supply for the last three consecutive years – a feat never before equalled in the history of the Victorian Institute of Dairy Factories.

May 25 – "Big Bill" Retires

It's bad news for football supporters. "Big Bill" Milroy has announced his retirement. What a blow to the Trafalgar club and to the League. Bill Milroy will go down in history as one of Trafalgar's greatest players. All followers of the game will miss his sparkling play in the Latrobe Valley League.

Rotary "Hobbies Night"

The Rotary Club of Trafalgar will conduct a non-competitive "Hobbies Night" in the Methodist hall on June 9, at 8 p.m. This will be open to children and adults of the district and is an invitation to come along and show others what your interests are.

Traf News, May, 2003

May – Anzac Lives On

Once again there was a good turn-out for ANZAC Day in Trafalgar starting with the dawn service. A 10.00 a.m. service was held at Andrew House where it enabled the aged to show their respects to the fallen and to those who have since passed on. Bill Freeman, a life member of the Trafalgar R.S.L. laid a wreath and Bernie Murray presented a new flag to Andrews House on behalf of the R.S.L., which was greatly appreciated by the residents.

Community Bank A Step Closer

It may have taken a long time but the Board of the Trafalgar and District Community Bank are now happy to announce that they have secured a site that they will lease for the Bank. As no existing vacant building in Trafalgar met the stringent requirements set by the Bendigo Bank a new building will be built on the Princes Highway in Trafalgar to house the Bank

Sky's The Limit For Sally

Trafalgar High School student Sally Moon now knows the sky's the limit with the Australian Defence Forces, as she was paid a surprise visit by a Defence Force helicopter last week. The year 12 student recently sat selection tests and participated in a series of in-

terviews to gauge her suitability for a career in aeronautical engineering. Defence Forces personnel arrived at the school in the helicopter to inform Sally that she had been awarded an academic scholarship. As part of the presentation, Sally was given a \$3000 (\$4750 today) notebook computer to help her with her studies.

Lions Induct Six New Members

In what was surely one of the most memorable nights in the Club's thirty-three year history, six new members were inducted into the Lions Club of Trafalgar on 16th April. Nine local people accepted the Club's invitation to attend the meeting and six of those nine people decided to join the Club. The new members are: Graham Tonkin, Phyllis Tonkin, Gary Balfe, Dawn Mallia, Marianne Tyler and Neil Grimshaw.

Dr. Kunze Staying In Trafalgar

The great news from the Trafalgar Medical Centre is that Dr. Michael Kunze and Nansi, his wife, are staying in Trafalgar. Michael has been a great asset to the medical clinic over the past year. During this time he has committed himself to the medical care of many people in Trafalgar. We are very fortunate to have a medical practitioner of his competence and compassion settle in our town. Nansi is happy in Trafalgar and is involved in adult teaching and is a writer.

Trafalgar Football Club

The Trafalgar Football Club lost three of its most loyal supporters over the summer. Alan McCrorey, Clarrie Swenson and Elsie Hayes all had a long association with the club and were well-known throughout the local community. Alan began his association with the club as a 14 year-old lad in 1927 playing for the Trafalgar Meadows District Club. Clarrie came to Trafalgar from Hawthorn as a playing coach in 1946. He had the unique record of coaching Trafalgar in three different Leagues – Central Gippsland, Latrobe Valley and Mid Gippsland. Elsie was a dedicated member of the Ladies Committee for many years. All three will be sadly missed by the Trafalgar Football Club.

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

Welcome to Dr Charli Killeen

By Dr Alinda Zhang



You may have already met the newest addition to our team either in the clinic, on farm or around town. We are thrilled to welcome Dr Killeen to our team of veterinarians at Trafalgar and Newborough Veterinary Centres.

Since joining us in January this year, she has been surpassing expectations, showing her competency and skill across medical and surgical cases in small animals, and our farm patients as well.

Charli graduated from the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine at Melbourne University in 2020, before that having studied a Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Biomedical Science at Monash University.

Charli grew up in the south eastern suburbs of Melbourne with pet dogs and a tropical fish tank. She thoroughly enjoys both small animals and large animal medicine, with special interests in small animal medicine, preventative care and early intervention.

Outside of work, Charli enjoys playing cricket (we hear she's got a bit of a competitive streak), watching the Richmond Tigers, spending time with family and friends, and going wildlife watching whenever possible. We therefore expect she will be the first in the clinic to observe (and obtain photographic evidence)

of the infamous Trafalgar millipede.

If you've had the pleasure of meeting her already you'll know that she has a wonderful disposition and shows incredible care for your pets. We welcome the fresh knowledge that employing a new vet adds to our team.

If you haven't met her yet then don't forget to give her a warm welcome the next time you see her around.

Dr Charli Killen has settled into life at Trafalgar Veterinary Clinic.



Help needed to repair St. John's

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

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

The Catholic parish of Trafalgar, covering Moe, Yarragon, Thorpdale and Willow Grove was declared in 1907. When the first Josephite nuns came in 1930, these buildings also served the Parish as a school. At the height

of the Great Depression, Catholics and the community raised sufficient money to build a brick building to house the nuns.

Time moved on and needs changed, so a larger brick church was built as a War Memorial Church which opened in February 1955. Always the provision of the church buildings relied on the financial generosity of the parishioners and the wider community. The church has served the community well since then. It has been the place for many joyful celebrations of weddings, baptisms, and gatherings for worship, and a place of support for the sadder occasions of funerals. The local branch of

the St. Vincent de Paul Society operates from here, and many of the district's needy, as well as passers-through have sought and found friendly assistance here.

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

To make a donation please phone the Parish secretary Julianne on 5633 1166.



St John's Parish Council members Jean Huffer and Elly and Geoff Fallon are calling on donations to help repair parts of the church.



White ants have totally destroyed parts of St John's Catholic Church.

Transition at St Mary's Anglican church

By Susan Newcombe

Reverend Sue Jacka, after 12 years in the parish, was inducted on March 10 into her new ministry role in Morwell.

We have been truly blessed by her ministry, guidance and friendship to us all.

Prue, our youth worker has also moved on to undertake university studies in Melbourne, we thank Prue for her work with the Youth Group and the JAFFAS after school programs in our three centres. Recently, we welcomed our locum, Rev Anne Perryman who will spend two days a week ministering to our parish.

This is a time of transition

in other ways too.

Summer has fast given way to very cool autumn weather. Daylight hours are shorter, sunrise later, the nights are drawing in, and the life of the church moved through the period of Lent to the time of Holy week and Easter. March 28 saw churches holding special Palm Sunday services. At the very wet Yarragon market we drew and coloured Easter themed pictures. We made palm crosses as a reminder that Jesus began his journey into Jerusalem on a donkey, the crowds waving palm branches and shouting 'hosanna' as he rode by. Good Friday found us tucking into

hot cross buns, a tradition yes, but a reminder of the one who died on the cross for us. Doubt, fear and disbelief would surely have been felt by the family, friends and followers of Jesus in the period between Good Friday and Easter Day, when Jesus rose from the tomb, and in doing so offered new life to all who believe. We celebrate Easter with chocolate Easter eggs, or perhaps painted hard boiled eggs, to symbolise new life through the risen Christ, to whom we can bring all our fears and concerns knowing we have been heard by the one who offers us grace and peace.

AROUND THE HISTORICAL Society

By Di Ireland

Recent working bees have continued to focus on naming photos donated to us by the Apex Club of Trafalgar. It is hoped that with the help of past Apexians, this task will soon be finished. The Apex Club was involved in sponsoring many community events which included the Secondary School Debating Final in May 1990. It is hoped someone may be able to name the members of THIS Debating Team. The subject appears to be 'that human nature is fundamentally more bad than

good'. Please phone Dianne on 0439 655 172 if you can help.

Working bees are held on the first and the third Fridays from 2pm till 4 pm at the old Kindergarten building, 8 Contingent St Trafalgar. Entry is via the car park, then the door at the western end of the building. You are most welcome to call in for a visit and more information on the resources held by the Trafalgar & District Historical Society.

2021 marks 50 years since the grandstand at the Trafal-

gar Recreation Reserve burnt down. If you have a photo of this grandstand built in 1924, the Historical Society would be pleased to have a copy for our records. Again, phone Dianne.

The subjects of the photo published in the April edition of the Traf News remain a mystery, as does the occasion. Hopefully someone will recognise it soon as it's never too late. We have quite a collection of unidentified photos which have been donated over time and await names.



Trafalgar High School debating team 1990 with unidentified persons. If you recognise anyone, please get in touch with the Trafalgar and District Historical Society.

Food studies at high school

By Wombat Lyons

Food Studies is one of the most popular study areas at Trafalgar High School and starts with our Year 8 program then progressing as a subject to

VCE.

The subject takes an interdisciplinary approach to the exploration of food, with an emphasis on extending food knowledge

and skills and building individual pathways to health and wellbeing through the application of practical food skills. "The Year 8 program provides a framework

for informed and confident food selection and food preparation within today's complex architecture of influences and choices," said principal Jane Mersey high-

lighting "practical work is integral to Food Studies"

The photos show our Year 8 Select Entry Accelerated Learning Programs (SEALP) cook-

ing Cheese Twists during one of these practical sessions with teacher Jeanette-Anne Farrington who also runs the Facebook food blog, Cook and Her Books.



Inara Wilhelms, Charlize Cuff, Poppy Corsera and Chloe Verdass with their creations.



Lena Blacksaw, Benjamin Hagley, Jessica Pettifer and Ella Franke are all smiles in Food Studies.



Oliver McQualter, and Tyler McDermott display what they made.



Teacher Jeanette-Anne Farrington shows bow's its done.

Reflection

By Reverend Moira Dodsworth

'Peace be with you' is a greeting we traditionally use in the season after Easter and this year, I wondered about whether we ever really thought what it means. Peace is so much more than the absence of war. We look at our newsfeed on the internet or watch the news, what we often see is an absence of peace. News seems to thrive on violence and aggression, verbal as well as physical so

that this is what we expect. Approaching life with a peaceful attitude requires conscious effort but experts tell us, peaceful people live longer.

I visited two peaceful places recently. The first was Cape Patterson where I walked on the internet or watch the news, the wind, fresh air and sound of the ocean cleared my mind and helped me to approach the rest of the day with new enthusiasm

and a smile. The second place was the Trafalgar Cemetery. The view of the valley was amazing, the peace as I seemed to stand above the busyness of life with people who had walked life before me, no one to interrupt with noise and conflict, what a wonderful place to sit and remember those we have loved.

Peace be with you.

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"Genius is 1% talent and 99% hard work..." – Albert Einstein



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Hitting the winning runs in a grand final

THORPDALE had reason to celebrate recently, with the small town securing a momentous cricket premiership.

The deciding match came down to the wire, with the second last pair of Boyd Bailey and James Durkin holding their nerve to steer the Blues home.

Here, James talks us through the moment the winning runs were hit, and the season that was up on the hill.

(Questions by Liam Durkin).

Doing this interview against my will but credit where it's due, they say hitting the winning runs is the hardest thing to do in cricket and you delivered when the season was on the line. Would that moment stand alone as the greatest in your career so far?

It was a pretty special moment and one that will probably be very hard to top.

You guys went undefeated during the regular season and ended up finishing 22 points clear on top. Was there games you just rocked up to knowing you were going to win?

We always felt our best would beat anyone and that something drastic would have to happen for us to get beaten by another team.

So many teams have gone through undefeated and then choked come finals. Did the term 'necessary loss' ever get spoken about?

Not really. You don't want to lose any game but there was some close games we were involved in that could have gone either way which straightened us up a bit. We viewed those wins as losses and improved from there.

You may never have hit those winning runs as just three weeks before finals you were out of the team. Were you always confident of getting back in?

Once I knew there was only four weeks left in the season and I couldn't qualify for the lower grade finals I knew I'd either be back in as a designated batter or miss out altogether. It just so happened Choco (Campbell O'Connell) had to go back to Western Australian for work so I was only out for a week.

Playing Churchill in the grand final, what

was the approach to beating them?

To just stick to what we had been doing all season as there was a reason we hadn't lost a game to that point. We always felt we bowled and batted deeper than the rest of the competition. We also ran with the theme that only five of us had won a premiership before so we wanted to do it for our mates that didn't have one.

How was the wicket for the grand final?

Pretty standard, there was a bit in it for everyone. If you bowled well you got wickets and if you batted well you made runs.

Churchill won the toss and batted first, how did their innings pan out?

We got a wicket in the first over and just kept chipping away getting wickets at regular intervals to slow the run rate. There was a few dropped catches and fielding mistakes but that was just grand final pressure.

Was there much said at the change of innings?

Not really, all the clichés were thrown out: bat the overs we win, get yourself in, don't let them get on a roll. We all knew what we needed to do.

How was the mood in the camp when you were 6-59 chasing 122?

I was a little worried because for most of the season our lower order hadn't done much batting as the top seven did most of the work for us.

When you came in the equation was 21 off 36 with two wickets in hand. What was your thought process when you walked to the crease?

Get Boyd (Boyd Bailey) on strike, run hard and try to minimise dot balls. We just had to back ourselves and take it over by over, ball by ball, and if there was a run there to take it.

When did you sense victory?

Not until it was two to win with one ball left in the 42nd over. Boyd and I knew a tie meant that we would win so it was essentially one to win and if I got out Boyd would have been on strike to start the next over.

And of course, the winning runs, can you talk us through those?

Boyd and I spoke about it, I said "are we running if there's

only one?" and we decided to run no matter what so all I was thinking was just hit the ball and see what happens. I hit it through mid wicket and took the single and looked up and Boyd was coming back for the second and that was it.

Which of the following would best describe your immediate reaction: relief, jubilation, shock or disbelief?

Just relief, no one wants to be known as the team that won every game but lost the grand final, and obviously jubilation.

Where did the celebrations lead to?

We stayed at the ground for a while and then went to the

Thorpy Pub and back to the club rooms. Sunday we started at the rooms and then went to the pub then back to the rooms. Monday was a bit of a pub crawl that ended up in someone's shed listening to CATS (Callignee and Traralgon South) Zimbabwean import Tinashe Panyangara tell us he got Matty Hayden, Hashim Amla and Freddie Flintoff out.

Who are you giving best on to that weekend?

Few good performances but I thought Trent 'Sauce' Gibson was best on.

This was your second premiership. Is there greater satisfaction in one or are they both special in their own

right?

Both are special in their own right. Nothing beats your first but winning a close one meant a lot too.

Very few teams go through a season undefeated. What was the key behind your consistency?

Our top six always contributed and our bowlers rarely had a bad day. I think the biggest score we conceded was 160. Knowing that we lost the flag the season prior by not finishing higher than another team didn't sit well with a lot of us either.

Thorpdale has now made four B Grade grand finals in a row, is it time to step up

and play A Grade?

When the time is right for the whole club we will. There is more to having A Grade than just pure talent. We were rubbish for a long time so I think we're allowed to enjoy our time in the sun and hand a few belt-ings back.

And fittingly, the win would have been made even greater given the emotional attachment with club legend Harvey Poole?

That was a main driving force. To have some of his family present on grand final day made it more special. He gave everything for the club so it was nice to do something in memory of Harv.



Thorpdale celebrates its recent cricket premiership. James Durkin, pictured middle row far right, hit the winning runs.



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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“A wise man can learn more from a foolish question than a fool can learn from a wise answer.”
-Bruce Lee

Was JK's the greatest ton?

By Liam Durkin

John Keighran's unbeaten century in the Latrobe Valley and District Cricket League semi-final last March is unlikely to ever be forgotten by those who witnessed it.

Such was the magnitude of Keighran's feat, he single handily sent Churchill into the grand final, and it will surely rank at the top of his 13 centuries for the Cobras to date.

His stunning Nick Davis-like heroics had many pondering if it was indeed the 'greatest innings in Gippsland cricket history'.

Taking into account Keighran strode the crease with the score 4-22 and ended up making 105 not out from 91 balls when the whole team made 135, and you mount a strong case for its inclusion at the top of the list.

Add in the pressure of a final and the fact Churchill could not simply bat out for a draw to advance to the decider - and the mesmeric nature of the performance is enhanced further.

So, was JK's the greatest innings in Gippsland cricket history? It would certainly have to be one of if not the greatest innings ever played.

With obvious apologies, here are a few recent innings to rival what happened at Yinnar on Sunday, March 14 2021.

Rob Phoenix (Mirboo North) 125 not out

vs Latrobe, 2013-14 Central Gippsland Cricket Association grand final.

In his first season at Mirboo North, Phoenix produced arguably his crowning glory in the Tiggers come-from-nowhere grand final win against Latrobe.

Mirboo North was 5-74 in reply to the Sharks 9-290, but an unbeaten 125 from Phoenix saw the team scamper across the finish line in the 100th and final over of the game.

Given the match is regarded as the greatest in CCGA history, it needed an innings of equal substance. The innings gave further rise to the notion of the #phenixeffect, so called for teams that have Phoenix in the lineup to win from seemingly impossible positions.

Nat Freitag (Centrals) 227 not out vs Jeeralang-Boolarra, 2018-19 Latrobe Valley and District Cricket League semi final.

On a day where records tumbled, left hander Nat Freitag rewrote the history book in a 267 ball stay that netted an unbeaten 227.

Freitag eclipsed both the previous highest individual first grade score for Centrals and highest individual score across

all grades for the Lions.

Amazingly, Freitag did not go on a slog-a-thon, instead just taking most of the strike in the semi final.

Centrals finished on 7-367, with the next highest score after Freitag's double century a mere 35.

Gamani Kumara (Yarragon) 187 not out vs Bunyip, 2012-13 Warragul and District Cricket Association semi final.

The Sri Lankan maestro carved out an innings that very nearly saw Yarragon chase 385 to book themselves a spot in the grand final. Playing against a Bunyip side that included future Sydney Swan Tom Papley, the Panthers appeared dead and buried at 7-187 before Kumara activated beast-mode.

As he progressed further past the 150 mark, Bunyip literally had every fielder except the wicket keeper and bowler on the fence and Kumara was still clearing the rope.

In the end, Yarragon was bowled out for 331, yet Kumara's 187 not out in a losing cause ensured himself legend status.

Chris Aurisch (Stratford) 158 vs Bundalaguah, 2012-13 Sale-Maffra Cricket

Association grand final.

It is not often an individual performance is remembered more than the winning team in a grand final, but that could well be the case for this innings.

After being reduced to 4-15, Stratford went on to compile 217

against Bundalaguah, of which opening batsman Aurisch scored 158. The next highest score after Aurisch was 26.

The knock is regarded as the greatest in the history of the SMCA, and has taken on mythical proportions with the passing of time.

Have we missed anyone? Are there other players worthy to be regarded as playing the greatest innings in Gippsland Cricket? Let our newsroom know at articles@trafnews.com.



Stratford batsman Chris Aurisch during his monumental innings.

Bloods on the board in Ellinbank

The Trafalgar Football-Netball Club started life in the Ellinbank and District Football League and Ellinbank and District Netball Association against traditional rivals Yarragon to start the 2021 season.

The Bloods have moved to the Ellinbank league this season after a long association with the Mid Gippsland Football-Netball League.

Early signs have been promising, with a first round win against the Panthers for the senior football and A Grade netball team.

The Trafalgar players involved in the first game can forever tell people they played in the clubs first game in the Ellinbank league.

The clubs first home game against Neerim Neerim South was well attended.

More football and netball reports will be made available in the next Traf News as the season gets rolling.



Trafalgar marked its first ever game in the Ellinbank and District Football League with victory over Yarragon.



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Junior tennis awards

Trafalgar Tennis Club 2020-21 junior tennis finished with a barbecue and friendly hit of tennis by players and parents recently.

It was a great year for juniors despite the nervous start to the season with COVID restrictions. One of the three junior teams made it to the preliminary final

and just missed out on making it to the grand final by a few games. Section 5 player Josh Hearne was the worthy recipient of the 2020-2021 Molly Ryan encouragement

award. Now in its seventh year, this award continues to be a fitting memorial to Molly Ryan's encouragement and support of Trafalgar's junior tennis players

over many years. Josh received his award in recognition of his great enthusiasm, good sporting attitude and enjoyment of the game. Also receiving awards

were Section 3 player Lillee Thomas (most improved) and Section 5 player Ruby Bryant (most determined).



Section 3 and 5 teams at Trafalgar Tennis Club.



Josh Hearne, Lillee Thomas and Ruby Bryant with their awards.

Tennis club championships

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

Junior players started early and played a round robin competition within their usual sections, then a knock out competition to sort out of the overall Boys and Girls Champions.

Caitlin Seddon (Section 5) and Sarah Seddon (Section 3) took the honour of winning the section medals. Sarah also won the Girl's championship with a win over Sienna Jonas in the final. David Brand won the Boys championship against Baxter Hankinson.

In the Men's Championship, there was seven competitors on the day and Luke Bryant took the

honours beating Brett Tonkin in the final. The Ladies' championship was won by Amy Chaplain

beating Crystal Tang in the final. Players at both Junior and Senior levels demonstrated a

high standard of skill, stamina, friendly rivalry and good sportsmanship. Thanks go to commit-

tee members and parents for assisting on the day and supporting all the competitors.



David Brand (Junior Boys Champion), Sarah Seddon (Section 3 and Girls Champion) and Caitlin Seddon (Section 5 winner).


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