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COUNCIL ENDORSES NAMING OF TURRA PAVILION

By Liam Durkin

L council officially endorsed or significant building within the naming of 'Turra Pavilion' to the precinct be named after the be displayed at the new multi-use Turra family for their community pavilion at the Trafalgar Recreation Reserve.

Baw Baw Shire council's meeting the potential for the enormous on Wednesday, October 13.

Council, having considered cinct. the submissions received from the community and feedback from the Place Names Advisory committee, endorsed the name of 'Turra Pavilion' for the Trafalgar Multi-use Pavilion and approved council officers to ar- of two years, said it was fitting range for the installation of apthe Turra name would stand as a propriate signage at the pavilion.

The naming of the pavilion after Turra brothers Jim, Frank and Dominic is especially significant, as they decided to sell their family farm next to the Trafalgar Recreation Reserve many years ago at the same time the Trafalgar community was negotiating with council to adopt a master- that it has happened." plan for the reserve.

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.

The Trafalgar community is indeed indebted to the selflessness and generosity of the Turra family.

In getting the Turra family formally recognised, the main users of the precinct - the Trafalgar Football-Netball Club, Trafalgar Cricket Club, Trafalgar Boxing Gym and Trafalgar Victory Foot-

Tears of lobbying paid to a proposal put forward by off when Baw Baw Shire Mick Bourke OAM that a portion mindedness in making the land available for the Trafalgar com-The decision was reached at munity which had resulted in expansion of the recreation pre-

> A number of individual patrons also submitted letters of support to have the Turra name enshrined on the new pavilion.

> Mr Bourke OAM, who worked on the proposal for the best part permanent reminder to all who were bound to use the new facility in years to come.

> "It is good that council has recognised the contribution the Turra family has made not just to the recreation precinct but to Trafalgar and surrounds," he said.

"The Turra family are rapped

The pavilion is expected to be completed in coming weeks.



The Turra brothers, Jim, Frank and Dominic, at their farm's clearing sale in late 2006/early 2007 after they had sold their farm to Baw Baw Shire Council. The Turra name will take its rightful place in the new multi-use pavilion at the Trafalgar Recreation Reserve.



ball Club, all agreed in principal The new pavilion under construction earlier this year.





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Importance of mental health in regional areas highlighted

rural and regional Victoria young people seeking help and and seek and offer help. launched the 'Give Mental Health Stigma the Flick' campaign for geous enough to create a new to look out for myself, and it Mental Health Week last month.

A year and a half into a global pandemic and a lot of focus has been placed on the importance ing cause of death of Australian of mental health of young Aus-

is the negative stigma surroundrural Australia.

With the help of comedian Hamish Blake along with previous Live4Life participants Kyle, Laura, Matty and Sally, Live4Life launched the 'Give Mental Health from Saturday, October 9 to Oc- communities

The campaign highlighted

mental health stereotypes.

With suicide being the lead-

young people, accounting for 40 per cent of all deaths of young A key barrier to seeking help people aged 13 to 18 years, and with suicide rates reportedly 40 including Baw Baw, Benalla, per cent higher in rural communities it is vital that people open up a constructive conversation around mental health in regional

Mental Health Week, which ran cifically for rural and regional executive Bernard Galbally said.

Live4Life builds young peo-

with local communities in around mental health has on ognise mental health concerns

"Live4Life has taught me how narrative and eradicate negative teaches you how to look out for others, it's about how you treat vourself and others, and it's had a big impact, " said Chris, a former Live4Life Crew member.

Live4Life ran in six LGAs throughout regional Victoria Glenelg, Moira, Southern Gram-

"It is really important for the young people in our communities to know that they have the mental health and suicide pre- support of the local community Stigma the Flick' campaign for vention initiative designed spe- behind them," Live4Life chief

ing (October 13), no lockdown

East it was a particularly close

Baw Baw did not meet the has been announced for the

There was fears Baw Baw call, with some houses situated

too would be put into lockdown a mere 500 metres inside the

pians and the Macedon Ranges,

ple, and the local rural

Traf avoids

lockdown - just

Tt was a somewhat bizarre as it is within the neighbouring grow, however, at time of writ-

which saw case numbers rise

being put into lockdown by a same lockdown fate as Latrobe, municipality

Trafalgar avoided lockdown as case numbers continued to Baw Baw border.

Australia Day Awards are now open. The awards are an opportunity for the community to acknowledge an individual or group for the noteworthy contributions they have made

Award

Citizen of the Year - a person who has made a noteworoutstanding service to the

Young Citizen of the Year - a person aged under 25 years who has given outstanding

the Year - an organisation or group that has performed a service to the community. or raised funds for a charity,

Those in the community who know an individual or group within Baw Baw Shire deserving of special recognition can nomi-

nate them now in one or more of the categories listed above.

Nominate a local legend

for a 2022 Australia Day

To make a nomination and to

open until 5pm on Monday, November 22.

Winners will be selected by a panel consisting of the Mayor, councillors and council officers. They will consider all eligible entries against the assessment criteria and select the most outstanding nominee in each cat-

Award recipients will be announced at the annual Baw Baw Shire Council Australia Day Awards ceremony in January

Baw Baw Shire Mayor Danny Goss encouraged those who knew of someone deserving to "Each year the Baw Baw Shire

Council Australia Day Awards give residents the opportunity to recognise outstanding community contributions," he said.

"Over the past year alone we

Pending lockdown status in Victoria...



Baw Baw Arts Alliance 'Station Gallery', Yarragon, open 10.30 Sunday. 'Artspaces' at Trafalgar Railway Station, open 10.30am to 3.00pm, Tuesday to Friday, closes 12.30pm on Wednesday

Saturday, November 20, Arts Market. 9.00am to 1.00pm. Civic Place Warragul. 45 Artists stalls. Buy unique Artwork ready for Christmas. More details on https://www.bawbawartsalliance

and groups who have gone above and beyond to support fellow residents throughout the disruptions of the pandemic.

"It is these inspiring people who make a notable difference for our community and this is the perfect platform to recognise

"I highly encourage everyone to view council's website and take a few minutes to nominate somebody you know for the contributions they have made to Baw

It's True



The world wastes about 1 billion metric tons of food each

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case of geography last Baw Baw Shire.

Latrobe City was plunged steadily.

into a seven-day lockdown from

eptember 28 to October 5.

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A section of Trafalgar's Main Street on May 2 1934. (Photo from the Melbourne Leader and part of the A more recent photo of the same section of road. State Library Victoria's Collection).

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As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.

John F. Kennedy



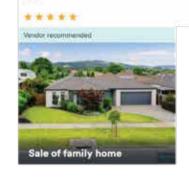
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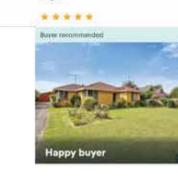
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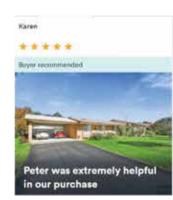
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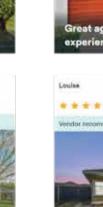


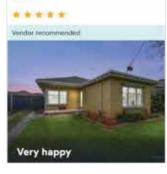






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Facebook administrators fear legal action over defamatory comments

ministered by Trafalgar's com-

It follows a High Court decision in which it found that Facebook page administrators may be liable to defamatory comments on their pages.

MPs, councils and government agencies are disabling Facebook comments, citing the new legal risk following Australia's High Court ruling in September this year that a person run- a government agency have disning a Facebook page could be liable for defamatory comments made by others on the page, even prior to them being aware the comments existed

The Canowindra (in central west NSW) is usually a sleepy sort of place, but when news broke of controversial plans to build a service station on the historic main street the comments

More than a year later, Chris Berkeley, the town's What's On running large Facebook pages. Facebook page's administrator, recalls the "barney" with a note

"That was hectic to manage. It's highly personal," he said.

"If you delete someone's comments they get upset with accessed from Australia.

and they'll have a go."

Things simmered down, and then last month Chris read an book pages in Australia. alarming piece of news.

Chris double-checked the comments on the Facebook page trator of the neighbourhood to ensure nothing defamatory Facebook group, "4069 Com- Risks versus rewards had snuck through.

And then he wondered if the

page was worth the risk.

"Should I just pull the plug?"

the town would lose an imporover the years," Sarah savs. tant community space; somewhere to ask questions about new COVID rules, for instance, a photo of a dog that had atidentify a backyard snake, or re-tacked another dog ... (the dog's lenges the notion of using Face-groups, Dr Bosland says.

Facebook page.

he following article, writ- and rewarding, but they can ten by the ABC's James also be places of intense vitriol; tion actions between 2013 and groups had seen a significant rise He expects courts will dis-Purtill, potentially impacts forums where the usual com- 2017 stemmed from comments in engagement. the various Facebook pages admunity tensions and frustration posted digitally, and most did not quickly translate into name-calling and personal abuse.

> The question now is: will these pages survive the High

> Defamation experts expect the court ruling will have a chilling effect on speech and engage-

> In recent times, at least a handful of MPs, two councils and abled Facebook comments, due to the defamation risk.

CNN, meanwhile, has taken ing Australians from accessing its

So how chilly is this "chilling effect" going to get?

Immediately after the High Court decision in early September, media attention largely focused on how the development would affect news organisations

These organisations have the money to pay damages, and their pages are often peppered with inflammatory comments.

CNN's main Facebook page shows an error message when argument.

But at the same time, and mostly out of sight, a ripple of concern was spreading through ing legal risk. the many volunteer-run Face-

In Brisbane, Sarah MacKenzie heard the news. As the adminismunity and Surrounds" (20,000 members), she regularly deletes posts with dashcam photos of

"I've been threatened maybe 10-15 times (with defamation)

"Once when someone posted

These pages can be pleas- ments posted online.

involve a media company or a veved said the most important

In other words, they're the kind of cases you would expect to arise from arguments that take place on a community Facebook

For Sarah, disabling com- nasios says. ments is not an option; without

councils, the engagement isn't balance.'

At least eight MPs have disthe unprecedented step of block- Tasmanian Premier and the ACT

In a Facebook post, Tasmanian Premier Peter Gutwein cited the new legal risk in his decision to disable comments.

One of the MPs is Sydney MP Steve Kamper.

"We've been getting a lot of commentary from very emotional people." he says.

"We don't have the resources to be sitting on Facebook ... trying to talk to people who don't want to hear the other side of an

platform to defame or degrade, against the functioning of social then that's going to be an ongo-

The offices of both NSW and Victorian premiers are reportedly considering taking the same charted territory'

of running a page

A few politicians disabling comments may not be cause for cated anyone who invites or en-"bad drivers" or CCTV of alleged too much alarm, but it's early days. Greater changes may be on any social media platform on the way, according to Stan would be seen as the publisher ous harm isn't yet clear in Aus-Karanasios, an expert in digital technology and society at the

University of Queensland. "The recent decision chal-

things, but important. Almost ev- A 2018 study found Austra- As he points out, Facebook tend to a person who owns a But he adds this is just specu- swer is, but I'm not going to turn ery town has its own community lians have an appetite for suing is where news organisations and Facebook page." each other over defamatory com- others turned after disabling In fact, the ruling extends not charted territory". comments on their own websites only to administrators of com"In the short term, it will several years ago, due to prob- munity groups, but to the ordi- probably have a chilling effect."

Facebook became the "safer" too.

gagement - until now. This shift coincided with the comments could be liable. joining groups, as part of its fo- will be asking, says David Rolph, rigmarole of finding out," he facebook-pages-are-fallingcus on "meaningful communi- a defamation law expert at the says.

It found about half of defama- Facebook reported online ments".

Almost half of people surgroup they were part of now operated primarily online.

"It's really hard to make sense of what (the High Court decision) means for any community organisations," Dr Kara-

"I think the people that comments, you might as well not run these groups may start to ask themselves some questions around the risk-versus-reward

Moderating large Facebook pages was stressful enough withabled comments, including the out the new legal risk.

Jason Bosland, director of the Centre for Media and Communications Law at Melbourne University, is also worried by the effect of the High Court decision on community groups and "civic

"The public expects to be able to comment and contribute to civic engagement, and to shut that down is really problematic,"

"These groups are set up to enable people to communicate

"Whether that's small groups of something like a newspaper's "If it's going to be used as a Facebook page, it really goes you're asked to?

> "I think this ruling can't stand long-term.'

Working out liability is 'un-

So what is the liability of administrators for third-party com-

The short answer is we don't know yet. The High Court indicourages third-party comments

That case focuses on media outlets, but the ruling may extend to administrators of community as possible, you'd have a good

ment to suggest it wouldn't ex- says.

lems moderating toxic speech. nary members in those groups

place to drive community encontent that then gets defamatory not be liable is no comfort to of caution."

"I don't want to go through University of Sydney, is "whether After all, this uncertainty is hold/100501800 Then the pandemic hap- you've been said to have encour- why MPs are taking the precaupened, and seven months in, aged or invited third-party com-

ments on their own Facebook

tinguish between posters and

groups that are very active, and

"If you're the administrator

very active, you might be publish-

ers of third-party comments," he

poster and you check six months

later and someone has left de-

famatory comments on your

post, it's going to be difficult to

draw the conclusion you're in

So what about volunteer ad-

ministrators like Chris Berkeley,

who say they aren't making a

"brass razoo" out of their work

The courts may consider

profit motive when weighing up

if an administrator is a publisher,

unpaid administrators can be li-

In 2017. Knox Grammar

mothers sued each other for def-

amation over WeChat comments.

delete the defamatory

comments as soon as

The High Court ruled that a

And what if you

of their existence.

cent defamation law reform.

removed the comments as soon

in a small town

Canowindra's Chris Berkeley.

able, Dr Bosland says.

fact a publisher of that."

Malicious gossip in a small community can carry a lot of weight. Chris says.

He images a scenario where of a neighbourhood group that's a "dog wanders off and kills a few chickens" and then someone complains on the Facebook page that the "owner doesn't know how to look after their dog".

> "That's devastating for someone in small town like Canowin-

"There are, in many country towns, people who have quite a lot of money, and if people are upset enough, they'll take some-

There are a couple of scenarios for what may happen next.

The first is slow and costly: but it's not a decisive test. Even the administrators of community Facebook pages will be sued for defamatory third-party comments, and the courts will then "Whether you're making money doesn't really matter," he establish whether or not they are

The second option is defama-

"I think there needs to be legislative intervention to say you won't be a publisher of material unless you have knowledge of it," Dr Bosland says.

"That is, if you let a comment go and don't delete it, then you're liable from that point on."

person running a page can be A law reform process is ala publisher of third-party comready underway to consider changes to Australian laws to ments even before they're aware address the liability of digital But this is complicated by replatforms and their users for defamatory content "published" on those platforms. Since July 1 in NSW, Victoria

But it will be years before and South Australia, a person who claims they've been dethese reforms are enacted.

famed has to prove they suffered In the meantime. Dr Bosland says, community groups are in Exactly what constitutes serial tricky situation. Unlike media outlets or MPs, many may not even be aware of their new legal

argument they did not cause owner said) if you don't remove book as a community engage"There's nothing in the judgeserious harm," Professor Rolph you disable comments?" he says.

lation: "We're in completely un- off comments on my Facebook

Chris Berkeley also plans to "keep on keeping on". Malicious words 'devastating'

A few days later he texts an update: "We have been deleting The possibility that he might more posts than ever before out

> Source: abc.net.au/news/ quiet-as-defamation-fears-take-

New household fruit netting regulations

scale of such an activity should be

consistent with other commercial

orchard, vineyard or produce

The Australian Tax Office

(ATO) website contains infor-

determine whether their fruit or

vegetable growing activities are

single factor that determines if a

arrangements for fruit and veg-

etable produce will vary, and this

guidance does not take into ac-

count personal situations. Where

Remove old netting that is not

protecting fruit and dispose of

safely. If the chosen method is dis-

posal to landfill it is recommend-

ed that you place it into a strong

which makes it illegal to wilfully

disturb or destroy wildlife.

biodegradable bag first.

Protecting wildlife

Gardeners' individual growing

person is in business.

rom 1 September 2021, net- two penalty units (\$363.48) and harm. hold fruit-trees, vegetable at 1 July 2021, can also be issued gardens, or other fruiting plants for use, or sale, of non-compliant must have a mesh size, of 5mm x netting, respectively. 5mm or less at full stretch.

If you use netting to protect **Why has the** your household fruit or vegetable regulation been harvest you will need to comply with this new mandatory requirement introduced under Victoria's

Any existing household fruit netting that does not meet this specification must be replaced with appropriate netting from the is more likely to entangle animals 1 September 2021 commence- and their struggling can cause

Don't forget that old netting. when discarded, can still be an entanglement risk. If you plan to ting will greatly reduce the risk of dispose of old netting to landfill it animal entanglement. is recommended that you place it into a strong biodegradable bag fruiting trees or plants must have

The regulation applies to both less at full stretch. the sale and use of household fruit netting. It does not apply to household netting is: sale or use of netting in commercial circumstances.

Failure to comply with this regulation could result in a fine under the POCTA Regulations. fruit netting that does not com- cross-weave design, to also help ply or for advertising or offering reduce injuries and fatalities. non-compliant netting for sale for household fruiting plants is sized netting will support a pro-15 penalty units (\$2726.10 as at ductive harvest while also protect-1 July 2021). Infringements of ing our vulnerable wildlife from at vineyards, or for a fruit and/ **Helping injured**

ting used to protect house- four penalty units (\$726.96), as

introduced?

plants is a tempting treat for hun-Prevention of Cruelty to Animals gry wildlife. Netting is a popular Regulations 2019 (POCTA Regu- way to protect fruit, but inappropriate types of netting can kill or injure animals such as birds, possums or flying foxes.

Netting with a large mesh size

Reducing the mesh size of net-

Netting used on household a mesh size of 5mm x 5mm or

white in colour, making it eas-

to see and avoid it at night. Netting made from material with a strand diameter thicker The maximum penalty for using than 500 microns, or with a

lected branches rather than netting the whole tree. A range of commercial harvest for sale, with for wildlife that has been caught which can be fatal if contracted by bags, sleeves and socks are avail- the intent to make a profit. The in netting. If wildlife is entangled humans.

Fruit on household trees and

deep cuts and strangulation, often leading to death.

It is also recommended that

ier for nocturnally active animals

The use of appropriate mesh

able to protect fruit on individual When netting the whole tree:

Pull netting tightly over the tree. Don't throw netting loosely over trees or allow netting to lie across the ground, where it can mation that will assist people to entangle reptiles and other ani-

Fix netting tightly to the tree a hobby or a business. The ATO trunk - this will stop rats and makes it clear that there is no birds from reaching fruit.

What is meant by household netting?

The following guidance has been developed to assist Victorian gardeners and retailers to understand what is generally meant by appropriate, you should seek inthe use of the term 'household' in dependent professional advice.

Generally, 'household' fruittrees, vegetable gardens, or other fruiting plants are those grown:

at residential premises in an urban or suburban area, or at residential premises in a semi-rural or rural area, pri-

Check netted trees every day to marily for personal use (even if ensure the nets are not loose and no animals are caught Wildlife in Victoria are protectetable gardens, or other fruiting ed under the Wildlife Act 1975,

clude those grown: at commercial orchards, or

plants would not generally in-

It can be easier to protect se- or where the objective of growing wildlife

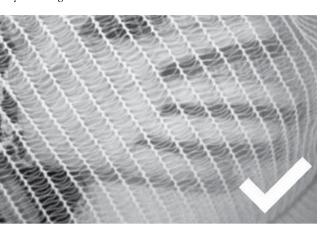
in netting, do not try to handle or rescue the animal. Call a wildlife rescue group to come and safely remove the animal.

Some wildlife, especially flying foxes or snakes, carry diseases or

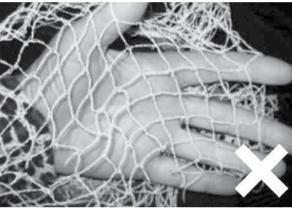
is bitten or scratched by a flying fox, contact a doctor immediately. Getting help quickly is critical Flying foxes can carry Lyssavirus

Visit Wildlife Victoria to find contact details of wildlife rehabilitation organisations.

> Wildlife Victoria 03 8400 7300 AWARE (24hrs) 0412 433 727



Compliant netting, Photo: Denise Wade



Non-compliant netting, Photo: Denise Wade

Guidelines to provide efficient tree inspections across the Shire

aging trees on Council owned land, or land under Council's the risk of the tree failing. control. These differing considerations are reflected in the achieve a more efficient ap-Policy and Guidelines, which breaks down the tree inspection by allowing Council to better priprograms into two parts, reactive oritise maintenance works and and proactive inspections.

scheduled inspection of the tree Council recognises that there to assess any potential hazards.

This new process seeks to proach to the assessment of trees allocate resources.

age tree inspections and mainte- inspections within the urban ar- or land under Council's control nance works within urban areas eas of the Shire. This involves a in both rural and urban areas. can be differing considerations Inspections are then followed up quest Management (CRM) sysand priorities for effectively man- with scheduled maintenance if tem. An initial inspection will be required, in an effort to reduce arranged to consider the impact unstable. Following this, a deci-

whether follow up maintenance

Guidelines to better man- active approach towards tree occur on trees on Council land all visual appeal within the Shire the region. These requests will be managed through Council's Customer Rethe tree may cause if it remains

> The systematic approach towards the assessment of trees

sion will be made with regards to

ouncil has endorsed the As outlined in the guidelines, Reactive tree inspections aims to minimise the need for and maintain a safer environ-Tree Inspection Policy and Council will commence a pro- upon request will continue to tree removal, maintain the over- ment for residents and visitors to



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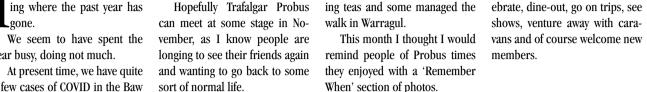
year busy, doing not much.

a few cases of COVID in the Baw sort of normal life. Baw Shire and in adjoining shires

which makes many nervous. Hopefully Trafalgar Probus

We seem to have spent the vember, as I know people are

We have managed to have a





Trip to Marysville













Annual meeting lunch at Pro-

St. John's Catholic church says thank you

t John's Church is looking a significant restoration.

ed, new carpet has been laid and a lot of the electrical work replaced, so that once again we have heating in the church.

The church was destroyed by white ants earlier in the year.

What a difference it has all made thanks to the work of locals Brett Smart and Bill Holdsworth, but more importantly thanks go to our generous parishioners, the children and staff derful people of Trafalgar and the Presbytery.

our Parish and your donations have helped to save our church for future generations.

When COVID eases we hope to hold some form of thank you function, when St. Iohn's will be open to the general public so you can all see the results of your donations towards our restoration.

Meanwhile we at St Iohn's will



Community support has helped repair St John's Catholic Church.

Jones inducted into National Road Transport Hall of Fame

few gatherings of 10 with morn- we can once again gather, cel-

This month I thought I would

We look forward to the time

shows, venture away with cara-

vans and of course welcome new

on the Shell Rimula Wall were accepted by friends or famof Fame earlier this year ily members. at the National Road Transport Instead of the usual gala din-Nominated by his daughter were set up in what was a lovely

for his contribution in manufacthe trees on a very warm day. Fortunately the family was proud to be there representing able to attend the ceremony in Trafalgar alongside Fowler's fa-

August. When Regional Victo- mous trucks. ria came out of lockdown, they hitched up a caravan, applied for Glenferrie in 1947. His father border passes and took off.

The ceremony was a little dif- delivering blocks from the back of Workshop Foreman, then beferent this year due to COVID. Numbers attending were an unlater, a plaster delivery business ager. Ultimately he climbed to known until very late due to the driving a 1956 eight-tonne tray Production Manager and then lockdowns between the states.

ennis Jones took a place could not be present and others was fascinated with vehicles and gained from working in differ- gineering. Employment followed 💹

ner, food vans and barbecues Razz, Dennis received his award relaxed atmosphere underneath The Jones family was very

had an ice delivery business, of a 1920s Chev tray truck, and

In his early years Dennis

putting it back together again.

In 1963 he began an apprenticeship as a boilermaker/welder which led to employment with Bowmaster Industries where he worked on the fabrication of car Engineers.

Dennis moved on in 1974 to work for Marshall Lethlean Dennis Jones was born in Transport Industries, starting out as a boilermaker/welder. He progressed to the position came the Assistant Service Man-

> Service Manager. The experience Dennis

pulled apart his fathers old ute ent roles in the business gave with Colrain Southern Pty Ltd, just to see how it worked, before him a thorough knowledge and Hamelex Australia Pty Ltd, Peki of transport equipment.

> Dennis started working at Holmewood Highgate Pty Ltd, petroleum tank builders and repairers in 1985 as the Works

In November 1976 Dennis

was elected as an Associate of

Along with the proprietors, Dennis worked to establish the Victorian operations of the com-

In 1987 Dennis began a six year stint as General Manager for Gould Coach and Truck En-

understanding of the production Armacoat Pty Ltd and Jackson Transport Bodies. Deciding on a change of di-

rection, Dennis began working the Institute of Road Transport as a school and coach charter driver which he did for 15 years before retiring from full-time employment in 2014.

Currently, he drives coaches on a casual basis for Simcocks Bus Services in Pakenham.

He is married to Karen-Anne and between them they have five children and 12 grandchildren/ great grandchildren.

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Dennis Jones proudly displays bis medal after being inducted into the Shell Rimula Wall of Fame at the National Road Transport Hall of Fame.

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continue with our fundraising as of St Joseph's Primary School, we seek to repair the church who held so many fundraisers spouting, roof, general paintand the donations from the won- work and also make repairs to

Thank you everyone

Community-informed approach to strategic planning

aw Baw Shire Council gul and Drouin Preferred Neighresidents to gather their input on guidelines that will protect Baw Baw's rural character and ensure future developments match the community's vision for

For example, following extensive community consultation Council recently adopted the Precinct Structure Plan (PSP) review for Warragul and Drouin. The review recommended that Council should develop neighbourhood character guidelines, clearer requirements for lot sizes, and put a greater emphasis on the preservation of natural

is actively engaging with bourhood Design Guidelines have been developed with initial public consultation. These important community-

informed guidelines aim to ensure that developments in new residential neighbourhoods, as well as in-fill residential developments, will reflect the preferred local character as defined directly by the people who live and work here in Baw Baw Shire.

Baw Baw Shire Council, one of the fastest growing regions of Victoria, is taking proactive steps to align Planning outcomes with the needs and desires of the local community in the face of unprecedented rates of development.

Situated attractively on the implement that review right now. M1 corridor just 60 minutes As a direct flow-on, draft Warra- from Melbourne, Baw Baw Shire

residential growth. The current estimated population of approximately 55,000 is forecast to grow by more than 50% by 2041, to To put that into perspective,

is experiencing extraordinary

most of the growth is expected to occur in Warragul and Drouin where the Precinct Structure Plans are guiding the development of almost 20,000 lots over the next 30 years For more information about

about Council's continuous dedication to service improvement. please visit the Baw Baw Shire Council website or contact Counat bawbaw@bawbawshire.vic.

Cessive stockpiles and she said. a missed deadline have cost a

ager Jessica Bandiera says the with a Pollution Abatement Nobers of the public reporting an instruction to bring the stockunpleasant odour via EPA's polpiles within the allowed limits.

"The company was given two "EPA officers inspected the chances to comply – the original site on Old Sale Road, Willow notice set a reasonable time limmixed with feathers and wood but when officers returned after any of the projects above or than 60 metres long, 20 metres piles still did not comply," Ms wide and five metres high," Ms Bandiera said.

combustible waste guideline, the EPA website, and they are pollution designed to protect the environ- there to protect the public and

omplaints about smelly ment and the community, and Victoria's environment," she chicken manure, two ex- there was a strong, acrid odour," said.

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Smelly stockpiles

attract a fine from EPA

"The message to all business-EPA issued the company, es in this case is that any mem-Willow Grove company a fine of CD & AM Schmidt and Sons Pty ber of the public has the power Ltd (operating under the name to report pollution, and EPA will EPA Gippsland Regional Man- South East Organic Fertiliser), investigate and enforce the law."

"As well as paying a fine of investigation started with mem-tice (PAN), a legally enforceable \$8,261, the operator of the site must still meet the requirements of the Pollution Abatement No. tice." Ms Bandiera said.

Under the Environmen Protection Act 1970 and the Grove, and found two large it, and EPA allowed an extension Infringements Act 2006, the opstockpiles of chicken manure of time at the company's request, erator has the right to have the infringement notice reviewed or chips. One stockpile was more the extended deadline, the stock- be considered by a court.

Members of the public can report pollution by calling EPA's "The size limits and other 24-hour hotline on 1300 EPA "Both stockpiles exceeded rules for stockpiling combustible VIC (1300 372 842) or providthe size limits set out in EPA's and recyclable waste materials ing details online at epa.vic.gov cil directly on 1300 229 229 or management and control of (CRWM) are easily available on au/report-pollution/reporting-

Council to pursue funding support for landmark community precinct

government support for Arts Centre, co-working spaces, the development of a landmark a rooftop garden and public multi-use community precinct amenities such as parent's room including a state-of-the-art library, community hub, cultural space and plaza in the heart of

The \$30 million project is phase one of the Baw Baw Civic Precinct Masterplan adopted by council earlier this year. Its purpose is to address growing community infrastructure needs in the face of Baw Baw Shire's rapidly rising population.

Among the issues it will address are a badly needed replacement for Warragul's aging and undersized library, the provision of community meeting and co-working spaces, and better connected and more accessible public amenities.

video gaming, reading, collection tion date. and study areas, a gallery and Baw Baw Shire mayor Danny cultural space, community meet- Goss said it was an exciting time ing rooms, consulting rooms, a for Warragul and surrounds.

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aw Baw Shire council will café, plaza and pedestrian conpursue state and federal nection to the West Gippsland and changing places facility.

> Council has pledged a \$10 million investment towards the project, \$5 million of which has already been allocated in council's Long Term Infrastructure large council, the fastest growing With multiple funding streams

> available at state and federal level, council will now turn its full advocacy efforts towards securing \$10 million contributions from both the state and federal governments to deliver this vital and regionally significant com- We are vigorously advocating for munity infrastructure.

If the funding arrangements can be secured, council plans to develop full designs with community input this financial year. to the plate and back this proj-Procurement and project comcludes: Underground parking, a mencement will then progress in this community deserves it. As community library, including a the 2022-23 financial year, with a council, we are committed to children's library, maker's space, 2024-25 the aimed-for complemaking it happen."

project. It's not just needed for today. This is for our grandchildren's grandchildren," he said.

"We've watched neighbour-

ing councils with smaller populations receive funding for projects like this one. It's our turn. This is badly needed infrastructure. It's not fair that in such a council outside of Melbourne,

> that we continue to miss out. "As a council we're making the investment. We're committing \$10 million to this project for the benefit of the entire region. It's time the state and federal governments did the same. this much needed infrastructure

"We're asking the state and federal Governments to step up ect. This community needs it and

Alberts Corner



The most beautiful experience we can have is the

mysterious. – Albert Einstein

Trafalgar Holden Museum

more than \$8,000.

lution reporting hotline

Bandiera said.

The Opel Built 2020 Holden VXR You all thought that the last

sold Holden was the one built in 2017, however then this car

This is the car that was built the Opel factory in con- an end, Holden was considering junction with General Motors While the bulk of develop-

Nürburg testing facilities in going to use Opel's global Front Germany, Holden had been involved in the development of this car from the beginning.

More than 100,000 kilometres of real-life testing had been bility that the next Commodore conducted here in Australia at after the VF wouldn't be built at Elizabeth, Holden (along with Buick) began lobbying their GM Holden's Australian engi- counterparts in Europe, that 2829, weight: 1737, height:

suspension setup, the adaptive minimum. dampers - a first for Commo- Eventually the Insignia's Ger- At this time we have a 2020 Even the availability of a tion. But it wouldn't be enough.

3.6-litre V6 as the perfor- 'No V8, no Commodore' was the mance engine is a decision that Holden strongly fought for. The VXR's equivalent in Europe and America will be receiving a turbo four-cylinder.

The reaction to the ZB was never going to be pleasant. Not only was it not built in Australia, there would be no rear-drive option, and the most powerful variant would be fit- The 2020 VXR Holden Opel.

ted with a thirsty and somewhat battle cry from the keyboard torque-shy V6 235kW engine.

To its credit, Holden at-The blow may have been tempted to make the best of a softened if Holden had rebad situation with the ZB. Beceived its first preference, the fore it was announced that local manufacturing would come to CT6. Instead, its most powerful building the next Commodore engine was the 235kW/381Nm 3.6-litre HFV6. Ouch!

However, even if the local Ultimately, the ZB would be ment on the VXR has been con- car industry had survived, the the shortest lived generation in ducted by Opel at the brand's follow-up to the VF was always the Commodore badge's history, completing less than two years Wheel Drive/All Wheel Drive of service, with the announceand transverse engine E2 archiment of its demise hidden several paragraphs deep in a late When it became an inevita-

It wasn't even given the dig-

1873, length: 4857, wheelbase: neering work has influenced were leading the ZB's develop- 1455. Engine: V6 cylinder, camber of characteristics ment, for a V6 engine option to pacity: 3649cc, 3.6 litre. Trans of the VXR. They include the fit to the VXR flagship at a bare mission: nine speed automatic floor shift all wheel drive.

dore - the steering feel and the man engineering team conced- VXR Holden/Opel on display in ed and included a V6 engine op- the show room.



Patrons enjoy return of famous country pub

brief hiatus.

The pub underwent a staged reopening earlier this year, which back, the response has been faninitially only consisted of the bar tastic ... we never thought we'd operating while the restaurant be doing 75 to 80 meals on Frisection was being finalised.

bar in June in order to recalibrate its business plan following at future, Mr McCarthy said the a few teething problems turning pubs team was waiting in an- as well. the old-school knockabout pub ticipation for restrictions to ease into something more up-market. further. Since then, owners of the Travellers Rest Hotel have gone back to not having so many restrictions we want this venue to be able to basics, with a more traditional in place because at the moment menu and some tried and true we can really only have 10 peo- but it is really a local meeting pub philosophies reaping the ple in the dining room," he said.

putting their lips around an ice ment requirements but at the towners. cold beer or grabbing a takeaway moment we seem to be able to feed to enjoy at home.

Amazingly, despite COVID, the pub reported more than 100 been really good. People under- well, will open its doors for more By Carol Monson meals had been sold across a stand that we are subject to limirecent Friday and Saturday peak tations.'

he iconic Travellers Rest upstairs, co-owner Sean McCarpeople come to the area for the Hotel, Thorpdale has re- thy said it was pleasing to know harvest, which usually begins in L turned with a bang after a locals saw a place for the pub in January. such a small town.

day night and then 20 to 30 take-However, the pub closed the away as well." he said.

With an eye to the immedi-

churn people through fairly well.

Moving forward. Mr McCar-While there are still grandi- thy said the pub would play a Rest Hotel Facebook page, or to manage exhibitions in its ose plans to install a distillery vital role in the potato farming call 03 5634 6240. downstairs and accommodation community, especially as more

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"All in all the business is in "We're really pleased to be a great space and it's all looking really optimistic," he said.

> "We're really looking forward to daylight saving, the picking season and summer when we'll be able to offer extended hours. think about having music offerings and maybe some functions

"It (the pub) really is an institution. I think one of the lessons "We're looking forward to that we've learnt is not only do attract people from out of town point, socially it is important as "We're going to be asking for a local stopping point so it is re-Locals have flooded back in a vaccination certificates down the ally important we cater for the COVID-safe manner, once again track according to local govern- local people as well as out-of-

> The Travellers Rest Hotel is currently serving patrons on Fri-"People's compliance has day and Saturday's, but all going days in coming weeks.

> > To keep up to date with trading hours, visit the Travellers

Op-Shop benefits

his is one young girl who Fashion Footprint we can look for in our **_** newspapers in the future. If 12-vear-old Adele can write like this already surely she can become a journalist without

Adele loves Girl Guides and local community charities but her passion for the environment it is a more sustainable fashion is also to be commended.

I read the article transcribed the impact a simply daily requirement could have. Thank you Adele for making

trawling through the aisles Did you know that 6000 looking for amazing pieces that kilograms of fashion waste is pep up my style. Not everyone produced in Australia every 10 wants to soley shop in an Op-Shop and that is okay, but if ev-Choosing to shop at an Operyone chose to buy a few items Shop not only supports your from an Op-Shop instead of a commercial shop, the impact

option for the environment. I Anne Marie Bonneau, a Zero love that I can generate my own Waste Chef said "we don't need below and I really had no idea style around the unique pieces a handful of people doing zero I find, instead of buying what is waste perfectly, we need millions of people doing it per-I have made a choice to buy

> Every little choice we make can make a difference.

Station gallery remains open

on show in every single store.

most of my clothes from Op-

gallery space at the Station Gallery, Yarragon. Try to catch the regularly changing exhibitions that commence at the beginning of each month.

Cheryl Cook is a felter of considerable renown having completed advanced certificates in Creative Textiles and Feltmaking with the London, City and Guilds organisation.

At present she is the only

This will be a wonderful display of the range of colours that can be obtained from nat-

the smaller gallery space known from both past and present memwork of the regular 'Fibre Friday cannot be viewed. Hopefully there Members of this group have Centre is able to reopen. been experimenting with a range

this exhibition of rather eclectic of art. Visitors to the exhibition will be able to understand and see the process that leads up to each completed work of art.

While the small galleries re- ready for Christmas. main open unfortunately the West Gippsland Arts Centre has had to close its doors. Sadly this means the Baw Baw Arts Alliance's 10th

The second exhibition is in Present', an exhibition of work will still be time when the Arts

While the popular Baw Baw of different creative textile ap- Arts Alliance's Summer Market proaches and materials. Some was due to commence in this have experimented with used tea month, it had to be cancelled due bags as an alternative to fabric. In to extreme weather predictions.

However, the Arts Alliance and works each artist presents three the many new stallholders plan to samples with a final, major piece be at Civic Park Warragul on Saturday November 20, 2021.

This will be an opportunity to 'shop and go' with a huge range of creative art gifts at the market

Details are on https://www. bawbawartsalliance.org.au.





tions the Baw Baw Arts Alliance is continuing as 'On the Wall', and this is the bers of the Baw Baw Arts Alliance,

Coming up in November are two vibrant and exciting displays of textile work, one from felter and painter, Cheryl Cook, in the main gallery section and the other, a selection of work from the 'Fibre Friday

person in Australia able to teach with these qualifications and is currently studying natural dveing from native vegetation in Gippsland for her PhD.

The exhibition therefore moves away from her major medium of felt into painting on watercolour paper with nks created from her natural dyeing explorations.

Travellers Rest Hotel, Thorpdale co-owner Sean McCarthy has reported steady business in recent Trafalgar Self Storage · Open 7 days a week, 365 days a year 2 Sale Yard Road, Trafalgar 읇 Call Strzelecki Realty Ph: 5633 2858 Strzelecki Realty

Avoid the pitfalls of contracts

By Trafalgar solicitor Jade MacGregor

fter a long search you ing the contract as a 'take it or and you will not be able to rely to grow old in. The agent and vendor have been friendly, flex- obtaining legal advice. ible and approving of all your other shoe drop?

If this sounds like you, the tract of sale. While the word of the agent or the vendor seems trustworthy, the contract of sale is what will be ultimately be receives the contract, the contract lied upon by all parties to the does not contain all the terms

ferred to for the process of buy- and the contract includes unfair ing and selling homes and the work required in between. Over received advice, would have the past five-10 years, process- been removed. Amendments to can make for a very expensive es and legislation has modified and, as a result, so too has the contract of sale.

Gone are the days of fairness and equality in a contract as set by the legislative bodies. Contracts are now rewritten to contract is the entire agreement sist you. solely protect the vendor leav- between you and the vendor

have found your properleave it' transaction. Further, as on any promises, assurances or ty, the one you see your- the property market intensifies, agreements made by the vendor self in for the next 20 years or you may feel pressured to sign or their agent unless that are inon the dotted line without first A contract reflects the entire

requests. Sounds like the per- negotiations between you and fect purchase. The question to the vendor. A common mistake always ask is - when does the of agents and purchasers is that they sign the contract of sale as a way of making their offer withother shoe is hidden in the con- out first obtaining advice and the purchaser becomes locked into the contract.

Once the lawyer finally reagreed to by the vendor (who Conveyancing is a term re- is now denying ever agreeing) terms that, had the purchaser the contract are part of the negotiations and should be completed prior to your signing any

A standard clause now

It is also important for the contract to be reviewed so you are aware of your obligations. The worst contracts will see you not being able to make any claims against the vendor for damage caused by the vendor or for their failures to comply with building regulations or contamination of the land. Further, the penalties applied for delayed settlements, delayed

serted into the contract. It is.

therefore, very important that all negotiations with the vendor

are disclosed and inserted into

If you need any advice in relation to your purchase or potential purchase, please get in touch with us on 5644 0000 placed in contracts is that the and we would be happy to as-

paperwork and requests for

finance approval extensions

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Vendor contracts can be complicated, see the team at Jade MacGregor Legal if you have any

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Scamwatch exceed \$211 million, phone scams exploding

Scamwatch is urging people to be extra vigilant about scams Ms Rickard said. after Australians reported a re- "In August, the new Flubot Flubot. cord \$211 million in losses to malware scams masqueradscams so far this year, an 89 ing as fake voicemail and par-people out of more and more per cent increase compared cel delivery scams exploded, money, so it's really important to the same period last year, which have resulted in more that everyone knows what to according to new data from than 13,000 reports in just look out for and how to protect Scamwatch.

tween 1 January and 19 Sep- larly concerning in our cur- know who you are dealing with tember, have already surpassed rent climate, as many people online. Scammers often prethe \$175.6 million reported to are turning to online shopping tend to be from a well-known Scamwatch across all of last because of the COVID-19 lock- organisation, such as a bank or

coming more sophisticated to phishing scams (261 per cent), claim that you are in trouble." steal even more money from remote access scams (144 per "Do not click on any links

loss has dropped this year, the in 2021.

from phone based scams, report it to Scamwatch, even their banking details to a scamwhich accounted for over if you haven't lost any money. mer should contact their bank \$63.6 million (31 per cent) These reports are extremely or financial institution as soon of the losses. Additionally, of important to us as they pro- as possible. the 213,000 reports that Scam- vide key information about any People who suspect they watch received so far this year, emerging scams or trends." may be a victim of identity

to be from companies such as people can protect themselves. Amazon or eBay and claim- For example, the ACCC has ng large purchases have been been sharing alleged scammer

card. When they pretend to munications providers for inhelp you process a refund, they vestigation and potential blockactually gain remote access to ing, and has been working with your computer and steal your the banks to raise awareness personal and banking details," with their customers who may

eight weeks."

downs," Ms Rickard said.

Ms Rickard said.

113,000 were about phone Information from these theft should contact IDCARE reports allows Scamwatch to on 1800 595 160 or via www. Scammers call or text peo- work with a number of private idcare.org. IDCARE is a free ple and claim to be from well- and public organisations in- government-funded service that known businesses or govern- cluding government agencies works with individuals to dement to steal people's personal and law enforcement to help velop a specific response plan disrupt scams and provide the to their situation and support "Scammers are pretending best possible advice about how them throughout the process.

have been compromised by

themselves," Ms Rickard said.

The losses, reported be- "These scams are particu- "Remember, you never the government, and they will "It's very concerning to see Scamwatch has noticed a pretend to offer you something these scams evolving and be-significant increase in losses to such as money or a benefit, or

unsuspecting people," ACCC cent) and identity theft (234 in messages that come to you Deputy Chair Delia Rickard per cent). As explained in Au- out of the blue, and never progust's media release, losses to vide any of your personal or "While the proportion of investment scams have also ris- banking details to someone reports involving a financial en dramatically (172 per cent) you don't personally know and trust," Ms Rickard said.

people who do lose money are "The rise in identity theft re- "If you think something losing bigger amounts. The lated scams is particularly con-might be legitimate, call the oraverage loss so far this year is cerning as scammers can use ganisation or government agenabout \$11,000 compared to the personal information they cy back using details you find in \$7,000 for the same period in obtain for use in other crimes," an independent search, rather than the details provided."

Meet the man who builds castles

By Liam Durkin

hey say a man's home is here: 'Don't praise me because in which Mr Fazzani has lived his Melbourne and soon became athis castle, but for Willung I'm no different to you'. ■ South man Reg Fazzani, his home is actually a castle.

Situated off the Hyland Highway, just a short drive from Gorneed. mandale, Mirabilia Castle sits on five and a half acres overlooking is all self-taught. bushland below.

falgar South from the movies, from arched and an outdoor courtyard. well as a great hall.

secret escape - although only one artworks - all meticulously posi- lodge, which was the remains of building plan. man knows where it is.

That man is Mr Fazzani, who

some 10.000 bluestone blocks, king. equating to five household bricks each, to construct his castle, the castle, its name roughly trans- wife and five-month-old baby.

which has stood since 2009. there is not much to it.

"It's just like building a giant at the castle's entrance. LEGO set," he said.

"Whatever I do, you can do if vou want to do it.

Traf News readers might rec- your hands', they show me theirs,

Understandably, Mr Fazzani is rather particular about his castle, There is even a dungeon and a and has an array of antiques and to play in Henry VIII's hunting screens on all windows' on the no intention of digging one out.

tioned throughout the rooms. Pre-COVID, Mirabilia Castle dinners in its great hall, with Mr Mr Fazzani estimates he used Fazzani fittingly taking the role of

lating to 'reflections of the past'.

The motto means 'actions, not experience as a boxer.

Astoundingly, Mirabilia is in owner in return for a 10 pound tively working on maintaining his \$1.5 million. fact the third castle Mr Fazzani deposit. "Just determination is all you has built.

It is now one of the state's most

The two-storey castle boasts builds castles, Mr Fazzani said like a castle than a house. The castle boasts everything six bedrooms, a private lounge it stemmed from his childhood

a castle." he explained.

not only lives in Mirabilia, but was a great tourist attraction, thinking about Robin Hood, I've then set about building his castle. built it all on his own - stone by and also hosted themed medieval always loved things from the past ... I'm still a child at heart."

Some 5000 people have toured rived in Australia in 1961 with his three and a half hours' sleep for has earned through hosting wed-

He came with nothing, except Visitors will also notice the a steely resolve from his experimotto 'Facta Non Verba' inscribed England with an Italian surname, ally paid off in a big way. time in the Royal Air Force and

"I tell everyone that comes words' and is symbolic of the way He found work as a welder in \$10,000 a week in cash.

castle in Willung South.

Taking the deal to buy land

ognise Mr Fazzani. He is the man I show them mine and go 'they sought-after wedding locations. of what he wanted to build, the On the question of why he design ended up looking more itable piece of land at Willung al," he said.

Mr Fazzani took his design to Mirabilia Castle that stands today. a council office in Pakenham, and in a sign of the times, was given "Coming from England, I use the all clear provided he wrote 'fly although Mr Fazzani said he had

He was given a quick tutorial "As a young boy growing up in bricklaying from a friend, and Incredibly, Mr Fazzani would

work as a welder during the day, labelled as quite eccentric. Mr Fazzani's foray into castle knock off, and then toil away at building came soon after he ar- building the castle - surviving on that highly, giving most of what he land Highway. completed in 1972.

Years of slogging it out creatsmall feat, the man himself insists Fazzani coat of arms and family ences living through a war-torn ing the castle at Cockatoo eventu- confessed he didn't see himself The castle became a booming bilia, and has previously put the

restaurant that took in more than property on the market.

Close to 50 years and three like a king or queen, it is tipped tracted to the idea of being a land castles later, Mr Fazzani is still actively will need to fork out at least

South and transform it into the

"I get pleasure out of people

Like all great thinkers, innova-

He has never valued money all

living out his final days at Mira-

If any readers so desire to live

tors and inventors throughout his-

enjoying it," he said.

away to charity.

For someone who left school at Although his balance is slightly 15 and is still yet to read a book, He built Avalon Castle at Coo- in Cockatoo without quite know- off, his fitness has stood the test Mr Fazzani's castle stands as testa-"I'm not trained at anything; it katoo in the Dandenong Ranges - ing what he was getting himself of time, something he attributes to ment to just what can be achieved and rebuilt it after the devastating into. Mr Fazzani was greeted with an active lifestyle and a diet of raw if someone truly sets their heart

This active lifestyle has enabled "Most of the experiences I've him to take a previously uninhab-

"I've been close to death several times, but I always just keep The only thing missing at Migoing because I'm a positive rabilia is a moat and drawbridge,

> out there better than you - anybody can do anything if they just

> yourself and do it."

bilia Castle, pending restrictions,

In true Italian fashion, Mr Fazseven years until his project was dings and running a restaurant zani always has a glass of wine ready for visitors on the dining The 86-year-old pensioner room table.



Reg Fazzani built Mirabilia Castle, near Gormandale, with bis bare bands.

Playgroup is meeting again Trafalgar's Adele talks

he Trafalgar Playgroup is a Playgroup have a large array of rules, playgroup usually meets at have fun in a different environment. restrictions. Outside of pandemic

vital part of our community toys and equipment, with art and the Scout Hall on Kitchener Street. and can be a placed for lo-craft activities available as well. cal mums, fathers and/or carers
Currently (writing this on 24 Oc- on Facebook by searching Trafalto get together. The group offers a tober 2021), playgroup is meeting gar Playgroup or email trafplayplace for support and a chat, while at McGregor Park on Thursdays group@hogtmail.com the children learn social skills and 9:30am to 10:30am, due to covid

At Playgroup you can be anything! An artist, a doctor, or even a builder. Let your imagination run wild.

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Adele is one young girl who a passion for the environment, we can look for in our news her voice is sure to be listened to you realise the impact that a headlines in the future. At 12 and commended.

With a love of Girl Guides and port harities at the same time.

ready write with such maturity, have Op Shops in Trafalgar,

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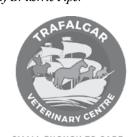
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Desexing dogs and cats

By Dr Kerrie Piper



SMALL ENOUGH TO CARE, EXPERIENCED ENOUGH TO TRUST

Tt was almost 100 years ago when desexing surgeries for **_**cats and dogs became routinely available across veterinary

The desexing procedure had long before that been available for farm animals and horses. Dogs and cats prior to this time were desexed primarily with the aim to treat select health condi-

promoting the routine desexing of pet dogs and cats in the 1930s due to the number of homeless animals. Today the community considers owning a pet who is desexed as a responsible deci-

Animal welfare groups began

The benefits of desexing have long been promoted and include:

 Benefits to the individual animal such as the prevention of reproductive tract cancers

• Benefits to the owner includhaviours in males (such as urine marking and seeking to roam) and increased affec- in dogs. tion towards people in cats,

animal is desexed make a differ-

will have the same benefits from has almost completely formed. desexing no matter the age of the For other breeds there may be cat at the time of the procedure. an increase in the chance of uri-But dogs are different. There has nary incontinence if the female is ing reduced masculine be- been some correlation between desexed very young. certain health conditions and the

• Benefits to the community dog depends on the breed and factors to consider, including:

including fewer pets at large gender of the dog. To generalise, and fewer unwanted litters of puppies and kittens, taking the pressure off shelters.

But does the age at which an bone growth - so for large and giant breed dogs like Labradors, ence at all? Veterinary science is Mastiffs, Rottweilers and Rholike every other branch of sci- desian Ridgebacks we usually ence, knowledge changes over recommend that the desexing procedure is performed after 18 Both male and female cats months of age when the skeleton

Your veterinarians are the timing of the desexing procedure best people to talk to about the timing of desexing for your dog. We currently know that the It may be a complex decision for recommended age to desex your your family and there are many

in large breed dogs we know that

hormones of the reproductive

tract play an important role in

• The cost of the procedure cial maturity?), and; (it costs less to perform the

Social dynamics of the dog's regular doggy friends (entire males are more likely to find themselves in trouble in multi-dog families).

There isn't a 'wrong time' to desex your pet, however for some dogs, delaying the procedure may bring some benefits. Although we no longer routinely recommend pediatric desexing in dogs, and the old fashioned 'desex at six months' rule of thumb has long been debunked, we try to recommend desexing at the time which is going to work out best for the dog and the

Are you at higher risk for Pneumonia?

By Dr Lisa Gilbert, GP and Monash University Lecturer

Trafalgar Medical

o, you've had your COVID • A previous episode of invavaccinations, or are plan-Uning to, and you probably think you are up to date with all the immunisations that you need,

Did you know, that many Australians are at an increased risk of developing what we call 'Invasive Pneumococcal Disease', and we have a jab to help reduce this

One of most common causes of bacterial pneumonia in the • Chronic kidney disease; community is caused by a bug • Chronic liver disease; called Streptococcus pneumoni- • Cardiac disease including ae also known as pneumococcus

nesses including ear infections, • Down syndrome; or more severe infections such • Diabetes, and; as blood sepsis, meningitis and • Are a smoker or drink more pneumonia, that we collectively call 'Invasive Pneumococcal Dis-

The bacteria may be found in the nose and throat of five to 90 What can I do to per cent of healthy persons, so **protect myself?** they are around us all the time.

disease burden, and it also dis- National Immunisation Program second dose of Pneumovax 23 proportionately affects Aboriginal and are provided at no cost to and this the full lifetime doses and Torres Strait Islander chil- you through GP clinics, schools required. It doesn't matter if you dren and adults.

Pneumococcal disease is This can vary in certain states, more common in people with $\$ but in Victoria this includes child- $\$ How do I know if I certain risk conditions.

Some people are at higher risk of severe disease.

The list of those that may be at higher risk of these severe in- What has changed? if you have:

sive pneumococcal disease, responses and loss of or no in life.

Brain shunts or cochlear implants that may cause leaking of cerebrospinal fluid;

Chronic respiratory disease including COPD or severe

heart attacks and heart fail-

- It can cause of host of ill- Extremely premature birth;

 - that four to six standards drinks of alcohol per day (depending on your sex).

Infants and elderly people some pneumococcal vaccina- a dose of Pneumovax 23. Five nave the highest pneumococcal tions to all Australians under the years after that you can have a and community centres.

> hood vaccines at two, four and am up to date? 12 months, and a single booster dose offered to Indigenous Aus- about your personal circumtralians at age 50, and non-Indig-stances to see if you need anyenous Australians at age 70.

fections or death is extensive, so The rules around who needs for a long time. you should talk to your GP about what vaccinations changed in your personal risk, but in general 2020. So, you may have previout of pocket costs depending terms you may be at higher risk ously been up to date, but now on your personal circumstances are recommended for further and risk factors. You may find

category, you will need a total of three lifetime doses of pneumococcal vaccine (in addition immunocompromising conto the usual childhood vaccines) ditions, including medica- and these may occur much eartions that suppress immune lier than other people get later

What vaccines are available to me?

There are two pneumococcal vaccines available in Australia -Prevenar 13 (known as 13-valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccine or 13vPCV - protects against 13 types or 'Valents' of pneumococcus) and Pneumovax 23 (known as 23-valent pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine or 23vPPV which protects against 23 types).

These vaccines vary in the way they are made, and the way they stimulate the immune system, so a combination of both

Usually, when you are found to be at higher risk, you can be offered a single dose of Preve-The federal government offers nar 13, and then one year later have these in a different order.

Best to chat with your GP thing more.

These vaccines are safe and effective and have been around

Additional doses may incur

record of previous doses on your

With many states looking at visit the doctor, make sure you

COVID and pneumonia are ex- jab?" pected to rise, so, next time you

procedure on a younger dog;

more if the dog is in season

ments and costs (entire ani-

mals can cost a lot more than

desexed animals to register);

and any known health statis-

has access to (are they likely

to fall pregnant too young or

• Who is living in the family

have an unwanted or high

home (can the family safely

manage the behaviour of the

adolescent entire animal as

they navigate puberty and so-

Current health of your dog

tics of the dog's family;

• Which other dogs your dog

Council registration require-

or pregnant);

easing restrictions soon, rates of ask "have I had my pneumonia

VOX-POP

By Kyen Jenkins



What has been the best part of a tough year for business in Trafalgar?



Alley from Gracies

The support from the com-



Ben from Murphy Meats

have been really good.



Gary from Home Timber & Hardware

Local support, our customers The level of support from our community, and the way our Trafalgar locals are really trying to support all of Trafalgar's small businesses.





What's most important for economic growth?

Council is seeking input on the draft Economic Development and Visitor Economy Strategy 2022-

The draft Strategy seeks to develop and deliver sustainable economic growth and a bright, thriving future for the region and its businesses.

Feedback received will directly inform a range of Council actions over the next three years aimed at driving Baw Baw's economic development.

Tell us what you think!

Scan the QR code above or complete the survey on Council's website.

Make sure to have your say before time runs out!

This consultation will close on Monday, 15 November 2021.

To complete the survey online go to www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/HaveYourSay



Over \$100,000 in Community **Development Grants Awarded**

Council is set to deliver more than \$143,836 in Community Development Grants to 34 non-profit organisations and associations across the Shire.

Grants were awarded to a diverse group of applicants including community groups, historical associations, sporting clubs and playgroups.

Grant funding will go towards projects, programs, equipment or events that have a positive impact on the whole community.

Applications were received across three categories:

• Environment Grant - up to \$5,000 • Equipment Grant -up to \$5,000

Minor Capital Works - up to \$10,000

Further information can be found at www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/ CommunityDevelopmentGrants

Congratulations to the Early Bird Prize Draw Winner!



Congratulations to the Longwarry couple who have won the \$1000 Early Bird Prize Draw for paying their rates in full by 30 September.

This incentive has been run in accordance with the Declaration of Rates and Charges.

For more information on Council's rates services visit www.bawbawshire.vic.gov. au/rates

Book your COVID-19 vaccination.

Residents can book to have their vaccine at the COVID-19 vaccination centre at The Goods Shed, Warragul by:

Calling the Department of Health Vaccination Hotline on 1800 675 398

Visiting the website www.portal.cvms.vic.

You can also book at a participating GP clinic. Check your eligibility and a list of participating GP clinics at www.health.gov.au.

To find your nearest COVID-19 testing site please visit www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/

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Nominate a local legend for a

Each year, Council's Australia Day Awards

heroes and organisations who selflessly give

Community Organisation of the Year

their time and expertise to help others and

2022 Australia Day Award!

program shines a light on the unsung

make Baw Baw a better place.

Citizen of the Year

categories:

November 2021.

Australia Day Awards.

Nominations can be made in three

Young Citizen of the Year

Entries are now open until Monday 22

For more information or to nominate

go to www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/

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

Trafalgar, Yarragon & Yallourn News. November, 1931

November 5 – **Pantomime For** Unemployed

The eagerly awaited Pantomime in aid of Trafalgar's unemthe green and clubhouse. ployed, took place last Thursday before a "bumper" house. The **Car Club Scramble** colouring effects, clever acting and smooth unwinding of the gar Car Club conducted its anshow, aroused unstinted appro- nual marathon event for the last bation from all who were for- scramble of the 1961 season. tunate to witness it. To mention This event was won by Hayden every part of it would be impos- Somerville in his Hudson-Terra- Scouts, Mr Russ. Savige, of Moe sible, for all were very good, but plane. The first event was held in the ballet girls are deserving of thick dust and the track had to special praise for their part. Mrs be watered for the rest of the day. H. M. Campbell was producer. Ed. note: The club track was ad-This district is indeed fortunate jacent to the Trafalgar cemetery. shake – the handshake of friendin having a lady of her ability who is at all times ready to assist November 9 – Bakerv a worthy appeal.

Big Sports Meeting At house situated in Waterloo Road. Yarragon

big sports meeting is to be held damage estimated to be over on the Yarragon race-course. 12,000 pounds (\$353,100 to-For this meeting the program day). The fire created terrific consists of four trots, two wood- interest and many people had a **Traf News, November,** chops, a tug of war, motor cycle birds-eye view of the conflagrarace, and other novelties. The tion from the vantage point of the Trafalgar brass band will be in near-by overhead railway bridge. attendance and render items during the afternoon.

November 26 – Girl **Thrown From Horse**

face and head were torn by the reported. barbs and bled a good deal. Dr. Swain attended to Miss Thomp- **November 16** – son at his surgery in Trafalgar.

Rechabites Meet

Gippsland News, November, 1961

November 2 – Opening Of Park **Bowling Club**

ident of the V.L.B.A. spoke of the ceedings whilst those assembled very fine achievement which near training at various points on the course T.P.B.C. members in completing rades who did not return.

On Sunday last the Trafal-

Gutted By Fire The old established bake-

Trafalgar, was on Saturday night On New Year's Day the usual gutted by a fire which caused

Guy Fawkes Night

On both Saturday and Sunday evenings last week bonfires Shire last week agreed to adverwere ablaze in all parts of the tise its intention to sell the prop-A young lady at Thorpdale township, and for the most part erty in Saleyards Road. Cr. David was fortunate to escape serious crackers of all types and descrip- Balfour said there was no further injury as a result of an accident. tions could be seen and heard Miss Thompson was thrown exploding. Fortunately no uncould be sold to an industry that from a horse and came down foreseen incidents concerning could use the site for future de-nity service. Frank was described heavily on a barb wire fence. Her exploding crackers have been

Holiday For Junior Legatees

Legatee Wal Tanberg, of Trafalgar Rechabite Lodge the questile task of obtaining hosts and the entrance to the toilets due to tion of the proposed second ho- hostesses for 27 junior Legatees the ongoing and mindless van- Record Breaking tel at Trafalgar was the first item from the 6th to 20th of January, dalism to the toilet block. As re- **Angels** of interest. It was decided to co- 1962. Wal has already placed 17 ported in earlier editions, more operate in any move to prevent of these children but there are vandalism takes place at the Tra- have helped break all records any extra hotel being erected at still ten boys and girls for whom falgar Railway Station block area in this year's Guardian Angels hosts are sought. Very few of than anywhere else in the Baw these children have ever enjoyed Baw Shire, a record we should already donated 549 knitted gara holiday in the country, so if you not be proud of. can help you will be greatly assisting the work of Legacy.

A Grand Day

The 1961 Diggers' Golf Day Saturday, 28th October, 1961 conducted by the Trafalgar R.S.L. Small Rural Committees Health was a memorable day for mem- sub-branch on the local links Conference at Omeo on 15 Ocbers of the Trafalgar Park Bowl- on Saturday last, must surely go tober. The "health" aspect of the

November 30 – its own paper. Honour To Thorpdale

On Tuesday night the 21st inst., history was made at Thorpdale in the R.S.L. hall, when the District Commissioner for presented the Queens Scout Badge to Derek Blackshaw, a Thorpdale Scout. He then gave St. Joseph's School him the traditional left-hand

Apex Helps Trafalgar

Trafalgar Apex Club began work on Sunday last on its latest civic project – A new brick toiletblock and storeroom for the Tra-

November – Saleyards To Be Sold

The disused Trafalgar salevards will be sold. Baw Baw use of the site and he believed it lev received a "Recognition of velopment. Ed. note: This action as a reliable and committed inended a long history of saleyards spiration in the Trafalgar comin Trafalgar.

Railway Station

that Council has had to barricade

Traf News Editor Speaks

Traf News editor Mick Bourke

ing Club, for this day marked the down as one of the most suc- conference relates to how well official opening of the club house cessful and enjoyable yet held. At communities are functioning, and green, Mrs Bloomfield, pres- 11 a.m. a siren hushed the pro- but not from a medical perspec-

Mick spoke on the history of cessitated so much love and la- observed the two minutes silence the Traf News, the issues generbour that had been made by the as a tribute to those of their comated by publishing a community paper and the vast benefits that the community gets out of having

The common theme that emanated from each speaker was the importance of a local paper for the community and for the community to be involved in that paper, whether as a volunteer, a contributor of articles, an adver-

In recent weeks the children have received a certificate of participation from the Tidy Towns Organisation. At the end of term three, a representative committee of the Tidy Towns Organisation came to visit the classrooms and were shown around the school by our school captains. They were very impressed with the enthusiasm of the children and the commitment they demonstrated in keeping our school

Frank Gridley – Quiet Achiever

Baw Baw Shire honoured a number of community members on 14 October for achievements in community service, youth and sport. Trafalgar's Frank Grid-Achievement" award for commumunity. He has been a significant support to the Trafalgar Basketball Association for over 35 years and more recently has volun-It is very disappointing to see teered twice a week for the local

Guardian Angels in Trafalgar World Vision program, having ments for children and women in developing countries around the globe. Special congratulations should go to Carol Bourke, who was the main coordinator of spoke at the recent Victorian the Guardian Angel project at the

CHURCH **SERVICES**

CATHOLIC PARISH Father Bernard Buckley, Phone 5633 1166



St John's Trafalgar, 54 Waterloo Road

Saturday Night Mass: **Sunday Mass:**

10.00am 2nd & 4th Sundays St Jarlaths Yarragon 10.00am 1st, 3rd & 5th

UNITING CHURCH Phone 0447 957 772



St. Andrew's Uniting Church, Trafalgar

9.15am Sunday, 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month 9.15am 2nd Sunday of the month

Coffee & Chat Thursdays 10.00am

St David's Uniting Church, Yarragon 9.15am Sunday - 1st & 3rd Sunday

of each month

5.00pm on the 4th Sunday of each month with shared tea to follow

St Stephens Darnum

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

Youth Group is in recess.

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

3.30 -5pm JAFFAS

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

Phone 5634 6413 or 5633 2758



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

Larming News

VFF requests urgent support for agricultural freight

workers

The Victorian Farmers Fed eration (VFF) requested urgent support for agricultural freight workers to comply with COV-ID-19 interstate border crossing requirements in the lead up to harvest recently.

With limited access to freightfriendly testing and vaccination sites in regional Victoria, the VFF was deeply concerned by the impact the cross border requirements would have on the significant additional movements of freight workers required to cross state borders.

contract harvesters farmers delivering grain and machinery across borders and heavy vehicle operators transporting grain to open 24 hours a day. stockfeed mills, bulk handlers or port for export.

The VFF was calling for: Increased opening times for existing freight-friendly testing sites; Additional freight-friendly testing sites in regional Victoria; Targeted vaccination for agricultural freight workers in regional areas, including the provision of Pfizer vaccines for freight work- keep our country moving and fed ers under 60; Extensions to the throughout the pandemic and it's remained crucial missing infor-

frequency of testing for freight operators who have visited red zones from every three days to every seven days in line with the National Freight Code if freight operators have been vaccinated.

VFF president Emma Germano said there was a number of concerns that needed address-

"Currently, the majority of freight-friendly testing and vaccimetropolitan Melbourne which isn't feasible for agricultural freight operators to access durin the delivery of essential goods. ing harvest time," she said. "There's only five freight-spe-

cific testing sites within Victoria, none of which are in Northern Victoria, and these are only open during limited times of the day. Our industry doesn't just operate from 9am to 5pm and it should be a no-brainer to expand the

"We need freight-friendly vaccination centres in regional Victoria near key agricultural freight routes, instead of mostly within metropolitan Melbourne.

"Every day we wait to implement these changes, the harder we make it for people to follow "These workers have helped

time they are looked after."

The VFF recently wrote to Victorian Minister for Health. Martin Foley to convey their con-

sures to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the community, however it says it is crucial that the agricultural freight industry nation sites are concentrated in is given the appropriate support tinue providing essential services we need it now," she said.

Industry groups want urgent vaccine mandate clarification

Leading agriculture advocacy VIC, Fruit Growers Victoria, Food number of sites and make them & Fibre Gippsland, GrainGrow- and support our growers in a ers. Citrus Australia and Melons Australia called on the state govdatory vaccine deadline.

> While recent briefings bereported as constructive, there cination status?

mation on the vaccine mandate

the VFF was clear on its support of measures to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the community, The VFF has continued to however an alarming sense of champion public health mea- confusion within the agriculture severe labour shortages. Are we industry ahead of the mandatory staring down the barrel of fur-

huge angst in the community.

"Industry representatives

into force and many of our basic questions seem to have been placed in the too hard basket.

"Industry groups have been talking to farmers non-stop since groups including the Victorian the announcement was made Farmers Federation, AUSVEG and all of us just want to be able to pass on accurate information timely manner."

Questions raised by agricul-

clarify the confusion around unwere: Will employers be left in employer and employee obliga- workers can work? Are employtions ahead of the looming maners going to be at risk under industrial relations laws? And how do we avoid breaches of work- the perfect time to review your tween industry representatives er's privacy and who can request insurance policies, and part of and Agriculture Victoria were this personal information of vac- this review is making sure you they are not necessarily getting

"We are also seeking urgent

Victorian Farmers Federation clarity on the types of exorbitant is missing but they don't know

> sue them." Ms Germano said. "It's well known the agriculture industry is currently facing you go to use it again." dling workforce?

"In parts of Victoria harvest from across Victorian agriculis here and this is the busiest it requires to comply and conture are calling for clarity, and time of the year. Our farmers' job

Take stock of your assets before the fire

A good insurance policy is and in your shed.

Insurance and risk adviser have a good asset inventory.

"An asset inventory doesn't have to be longwinded or difficult." he said.

"It can be as simple as taking cord of your assets.

ence theft, they know something gov.au.

president Emma Germano said penalties and exactly who can is- what it is. It's the same with tools and equipment if your shed has burnt down. You won't even know something is missing until

Mr Myers said along with a current asset inventory, it was vaccine deadline was creating ther reducing our already dwin- also important to have a clear understanding of the replacement value of the assets.

"Typically, most farmers will think about what it will cost to is to help put food on the table rebuild the fence themselves. "We're only days away from and the less workers we have to They will calculate the material the vaccine mandate coming do this, the harder this becomes. costs but won't factor in labour "The Victorian government costs. We try to tell them that if a must publicly release further infire does go through their propformation and they need to do it erty, the last thing they will have time for is fencing," he said.

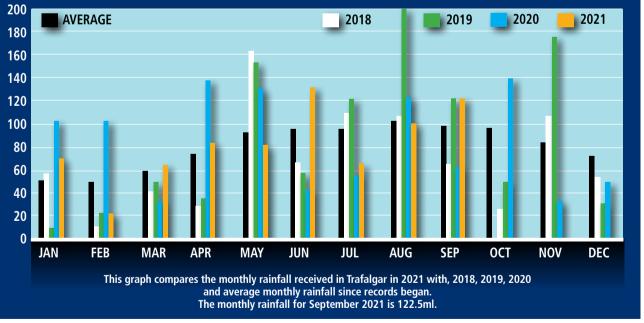
Mr Myers said spring is the perfect time to review insurance policies

"Often people won't take the time to review their insurance. They will pay it year after year, important when it comes to pre- and they'll compare the price but ernment last month to urgently tural industry representatives paring for the fire season, but they need to review the details to just as important is knowing ex- make sure they have adequate fair dismissal, privacy rights and the lurch about whether their actly what you have on your farm insurance." he said.

> "Farmers need to look at things like hav value, stock value Michael Myers said spring was and stock numbers to make sure they are accurate.

"Farmers should make sure the cheapest insurance but getting the cover that is going to do what they expect it to do when it comes time to put in a claim."

For more information phone pictures or a video of your shed Paul Simpson, North East Agrior house, so you have a clear re- culture Recovery Extension Officer on 0455 750 605 or email "Often when people experipaul.simpson@agriculture.vic.



TRAFALGAR MONTHLY RAINFALL







Are you 16 years or older and looking for seasonal work or a Summer holiday job?

No experience needed other than a 'can do attitude' and availbility December through to late January.

Please contact the farm to register your interest on 0428 626 932 or email info@sunnycreekorganic.com

69 Tudor Rd. Trafalgar Sth. VIC

Phoenix to play in

the Valley

AROUND THE HISTORICAL

By Dianne Ireland

Time, age and the pandemic Christmas takes it toll on all our volun-

The first and third Fridays of the month are designated working bees but with the volume of work to be done, a small band of the most dedicated workers pleased at the extent of inforcan be found at the old kinder mation held by the Society. on most Friday afternoons. We can certainly find a job for any-published are the Marino Fam- 1594 or address mail to T7DHS. one with time on their hands.

of our work has been on col- numerous others. lecting articles from previous 100th edition of the Society's the society's archivist Jean day, November 18.

Family histories abound, family or organisation would be

Among the family histories ily, the Jolly Family (five genera- PO Box 128, Trafalgar 3824. Recently the major focus tions), the Rankin Family and

Gazette which is due in time for Huffer on 5633 1960 or 0438

Even the workers are The recent annual meeting amazed at the wealth of infor- of the Trafalgar & District His-Trafalgar & District Historical mation which has been pubtorical Society agreed to keep lished since the very first edi- fees and subscriptions at exist-

> The Gazette costs \$4 per and anyone researching a local copy, \$20 for an annual posted

> > is \$15 annually. Phone the treasurer, Glenys Ralls on (03)5633

The November general meeting of the society will be a Should you wish to investidinner meeting, COVID restric-Gazettes for publication in the gate this further, please phone tions permitting, held on Thurs-

By Moira Dodsworth

Moving

own place and I hope I won't nove again for a long time. There are challenging things

moving, however hard I try to be organised, when I get to the new place, somehow there is al-

ome, so do my animals. They

The cat spends his time ding them and the paper - more like the furniture to make life fit

it, a familiar comfy place. COVID has made our lives are not in order, patterns have

Others, like the dog, hang on content in that place.

I keep trying to make order light at the end of the tunne limbing into boxes and shred- out of the chaos, moving things keeps getting brighter.

to the familiar, her person has

better with me, making struc-The dog is just glued to my tures that I hope will not move. ankle. There will be a time when Although it does not feel like

the house is my home, as I want it, life with COVID will become familiar, there will be comfortlike this. Our world and lives We must hold on to the certainty

boxes like the cat and shred the write lists, I envy those who just

Traf Aems

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

FOLDING AND DISTRIBUTION VOLUNTEER ROLE

Traf news needs someone for the distribution of the paper each month.

This role involves monthly arrival of the paper from the printer, sorting of the paper for relevant rounds, delivery of the paper to local businesses, as well as monitoring all staff that deliver the paper.

There is also one round of residential deliveries, which is a paid component of the role.

> For more details, call Scott Draper on 0419 537 369

Traf News

Advertising Officer Position available

Traf News is seeking an advertising officer to be responsible for the administration of advertisements for the *Traf News* newspaper. This includes building the advertisement level to ensure the ongoing profitability of the paper. The advertising officer reports to the editor.

This position is part-time, with an estimated 15 hours per month; and is located in Traf News premises, Trafalgar

As the *Traf News* advertising officer, you will:

- be part of an energetic community group producing a high quality newspaper for its local community;
- have a love of community newspapers;
- have empathy with small communities;
- · have experience working with local businesses, staff and volunteers;
- have innovative new ideas to increase the level of advertising;

Specific skills required:

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Maskiell's feature success

rafalgar jockey Jason watched the race on the phone can ride a bit lower. Maskiell celebrated a ma- from the Caulfield car park due to COVID-19 restrictions, but nered Bon's A Pearla to victory in the \$300,000 Thousand Guineas Prelude (1400m) at Caulfield

The three-year-old filly belied her \$31 starting price after producing a slashing finish to run down favourite Heresy (\$3.60) in the Group 2 feature.

"I really liked this horse before she went to the races," Maskiell said post-race.

"I've believed with her a lot and I'm happy to get the result. Maskiell, 31, has had his

share of off-track challenges during his career, most notably a drug addiction which he has overcome with the support of his

His wife Candi and son Colt ward, my weight's getting better, I

By Liam Durkin

with Richmond.

ormer Trafalgar

⊢ footballer Jess McGrath

was named Gippsland Pow-

McGrath benefited from time

Other award winners in-

cluded Traralgon's Luis D'Angelo

who came runner-up in the best

and fairest, which was won by

Phillip Island's Mitch Moschetti.

Nathan Noblett, from Mor-

well, won the goal kicking

award. Taking into account the

shortened season, Noblett's return was modest compared to

did manage a four-goal haul

Traralgon's Chance Doultree

against Western Jets.

er's most professional player for three games.

in the VFL this season, playing six games. However, a late sea-

previous winners, although he country's best young players.

back, it's a great thrill," he said. He credited his move to Gippsland in recent years as an important factor behind his ca-

mind post-race.

reer renaissance.

"I'm in a really good head-

"I've got a new manager, Rob tastic job. I've just felt, mentally and physically, I'm in a really good space and I think going for-

McGrath among

award winners

was named most determined.

Gippsland Power only got on the

park 10 times in 2021, winning

early days, as the side lost its first

son rally saw them string some

Ultimately, the stop-start

nature of the COVID season de-

railed any chance of continuity,

but a win over second-placed

Greater Western Victoria proved

Gippsland Power's worth and

standing against some of the

Most Gippsland Power play-

ers also returned home to their

local club at some stage in the

of their last four games.

and they were able to win three award).

good performances together, Island's Max Walton (coaches

Things were not looking good

"I live in Trafalgar. It reminds me a lot of back home in Tassie, they were front and centre of his it's quiet, everyone knows everyone, it suits me, it suits the whole "This is really up there, evfamily, it's a really lovely town."

Maskiell had to get down to ervone knows about my downfall, but to come back in a big 56kg to ride Bon's A Pearla, a daughter of Bon Hoffa, a Group 1 way - my wife is out in the car park with my son - it is the biggest race I've won since I've been Trained by Kevin Corstens at

Cranbourne, the bay filly first came to wider attention when she won a 1400m Maiden at Sandown on September 1.

Maskiell has been aboard in all four career starts, with the Caulfield success her second and lifting her earnings to just shy of

season, slotting into various se-

Other award winners were

Yarram's David Brinker-Ritchie

who was judged most improved,

The Gippsland Power wom-

en's team best and fairest was

won by Traralgon's Matilda Van

Joint runner-up was Yasmin

The Power women's team

didn't have much to crow about

this season, winning just one

Duursma (Foster) and Grace

McRae (Wonthaggi).

L to play host to a National son match featuring the South East Melbourne Phoenix.

By Liam Durkin

winner during his own racetrack for a marquee fixture on Austra- had access to high level referees

A motion that Latrobe City well. Council fund the game by providing \$50,000 in cash and \$5000 in-kind was moved unanimously

> This motion followed a recbring NBL games to the region.

Dale Harriman and seconded by Deputy Mayor Cr Darren Howe. Speaking at the council meet-

exciting prospect to have elite well. basketball right on our doorstep.

ing sport in Australia," he said. "I think it has been well thought out and I have to thank the Tourism Major Events Advisory committee who were very, very supportive.

"We've seen before in the tional League basketball teams redevelop those relationships. Warragul's Rhys Gavin (best first come down, and this goes back year player), Drouin's Tom Evans 20 years when we had both the but also our domestic players are (support staff award) and Phillip Melbourne Tigers men's and being exposed to high level play-

he Gippsland Regional In- women's teams playing pre- ers, having that drive to promote door Sports Stadium is set competition games, we've had an active lifestyle. Melbourne United come down "It's also going to bring down

been that they've come down in to those kids who might not be The 3000-seat Traralgon sta- advance, they've run training driven to play on-court but drivdium will welcome the Phoenix, clinics, not only for players, but en to be involved in basketball who will make the journey down also for coaches and we've also off-court. training our junior referees as kids involved is great."

getting with the South East Mel-said it was important the Latrobe bourne Phoenix is they are actu- Valley weren't the ones doing all at the most recent council meet- ally going to come down for an the giving in this instance. in-season game.

"This is absolutely massive. Events Advisory committee to people from Melbourne down to Latrobe City's Gippsland (In-The motion was moved by Cr door) Regional Sports Stadium.

> you'll want to get them early." Cr Harriman said there was

ing, Cr Harriman said it was an bound to be other benefits as "The bonus we've got with

> number of local basketball associations have already done, with the Phoenix." he said. "They are situated on the south-east of Melbourne, they

Not only are our elite players

see this (Latrobe Valley) as their

Basketball League regular sea- and play pre-competition games. those high level off-court offi-"A huge advantage of that has cials and open that training up

"I think anything that gets our

While all signs appear to be "What we are going to be positive, Cr Graeme Middlemiss

"I'd be looking to see their supporter base coming from ommendation and strong sup- This will bring people from Melbourne and bringing their Kingston, he's been doing a fan- the \$180,000 first-prize cheque port from the Tourism and Major across Gippsland and also bring wallets with them (to support local business)," he said.

> "I look forward with interest to see if we get the support that "If you're going to get tickets this report (from the Tourism and Major Events Advisory committee) points at."

The South East Phoenix has already reached out to local basketball associations, and is "This is a huge input from this is to begin developing a re-expected to hold any number of Latrobe City into the fastest grow- lationship, which I have to say a coaching and school clinics once COVID restrictions ease.

The regular season NBI match is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, January 26, 2022.

The Phoenix's opponents was

not known as the fixture has not

home territory and again it gives been finalized when Traf News past we've had a number of Na- us an opportunity to reignite and went to press.

Funny Sign



Ray Pickering will again coach Thorpdale next season.

Blues lock in coaches for 2022

ball-Netball Club in 2022. teams in the new-look Mid even more reason to celebrate Pickering has coached the Gippsland Football-Netball Blues senior team for the last League, and took it up to some Joining Pickering on the

less a write-off, and the 2020 in early May when Thorpdale call the shots for the reserves and season did not eventuate, Thor- notched its first win in 1001 after will be assisted by Simon Lawson pdale showed promising signs defeating Tarwin by 17 points. and Nick McIntosh. this season, winning three of 11 "It felt like we won a grand

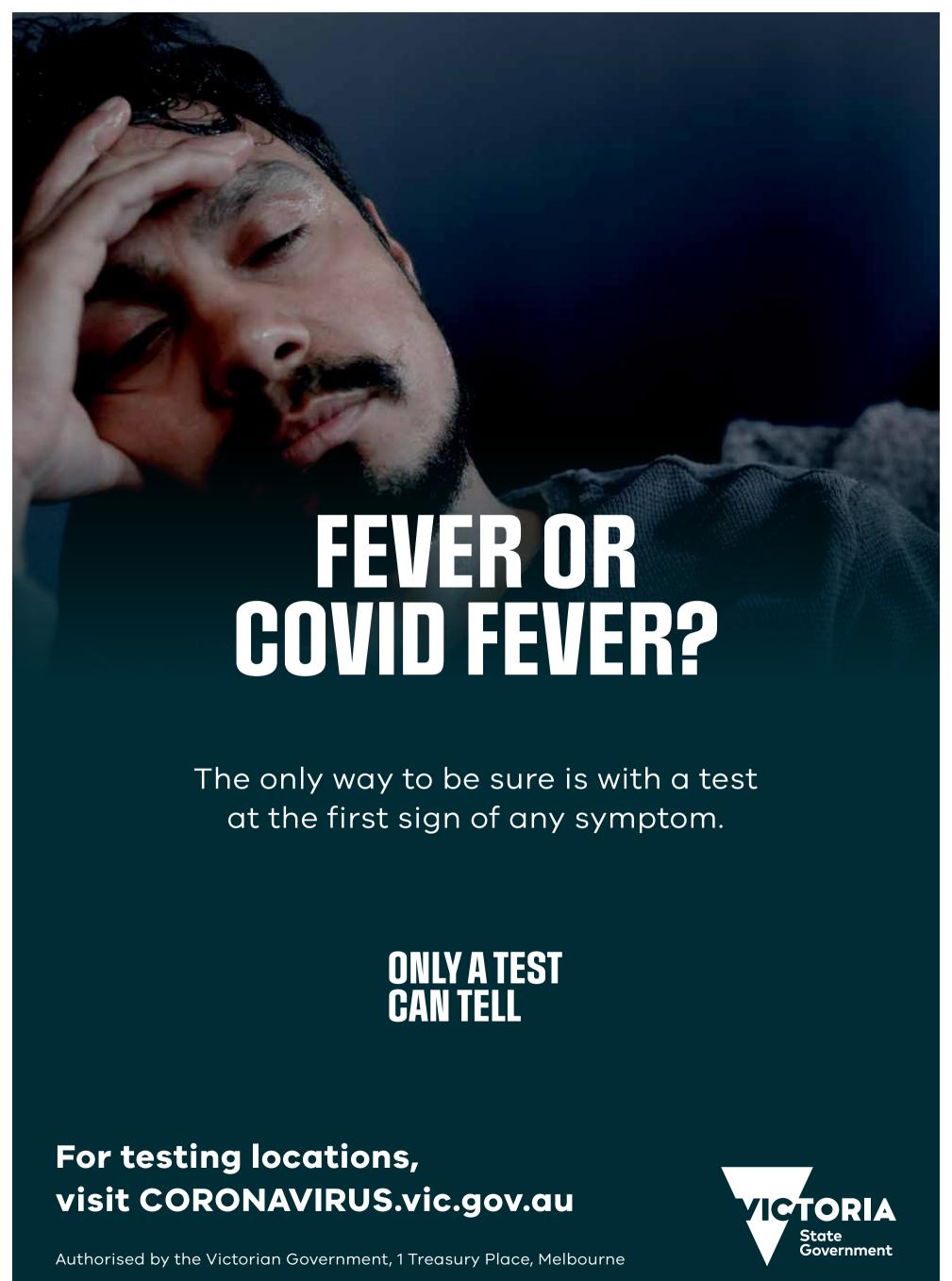
of the competitions better sides.

coaching front is long time club

coach Thorpdale Foot- The Blues ran ninth of 13 The Blues will be hoping there is

Although 2019 was more-or- Wild celebrations erupted person Daryle Brennan who will

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Celebrating the Dee-lightful Demons

elbourne supporters across the Traf News readership no doubt interesting to hear Po screamed, cheered and probably even shed a tear when it became clear their team was going to win the AFL premiership.

After 57 long years, the Demons finally gave those supportsomething they perhaps thought they would never see in their

that momentous victory, former it and it worked out. Melbourne player Declan Keilty was good enough to provide some thoughts on the Demons turned into a

Keilty played for Melbourne between 2017 and 2019, a time that paved the way for the glory

(Questions by Liam Durkin).

Has it sunk in yet that Melbourne are AFL premiers?

It has now. It took me a couple of weeks. It was amazing to watch, I did get a bit nervous in the third quarter.

How was it watching the game as an explayer?

It was exciting. I did get a bit emotional towards the end. I've spoken to some of the guys since, it is pretty special for them to be able to win the flag after so long. It was special for me to be able to watch it because I played with most of them. There was a little bit of me that wished I was still there but at the same time I was just thrilled they won.

What were you thinking when Bontempelli kicked that goal in the third quarter to take the Dogs lead to 19 points?

I thought that momentum shift the Bulldogs had in the second quarter might have put Melbourne in a position where they wouldn't be able to come back. There was probably that defining moment when James Harmes running alongside a won on the wing, kicked it to shirtless Max Gawn. Bayley Fritsch who kicked a goal He just looks like a from the pocket. From there they **country footballer** just piled the goals on. That was **who hasn't forgotten** potentially could have lost the **ruckman in the AFL?**

It was like a tsunami came in off the Swan River toward the back end of the third guarter. Melbourne kicked seven goals in under nine minutes. Could you honestly believe what you

interesting to hear Petracca talk about it after the game when one of the coaches grabbed him and said 'you have to take hold of this moment'. Instead of them going safe with the way they were playing their footy they really ers something to crow about, as attacked and that was the main reason they won, they weren't afraid to put it to the Bulldogs. Because they were down by 19 points it was basically the only With the dust settled since option they had, they stuck with

It was amazing. It was really

The last quarter formality. When did you call it?

I'm always a bit sceptical. It was probably about five minutes left when I saw Goody (Simon Goodwin) start shaking everyone's hand and giving big hugs purpose. That is something that that's when I was like "we've stuck with me. It is the reason won it, we've definitely got it in why we play footy and one of

What was your overriding emotion when the siren sounded?

I was just happy. Joyful, a bit relieved, I was pretty nervous during the day. I did get a bit teary watching everyone celebrate and the boys running onto **nature just part of his**

Who did you feel happiest for? Nathan Jones surely?

Simon Goodwin. The way he presents himself in the media that's exactly what you get as a person. He's a genuinely nice guy, he sacrificed a lot for the club. There was a tipping point where they almost got rid of him once we finished 17th in 2019 I think a lot of people wanted him out. To the clubs credit they you been able to understood his importance to the group, I was just happy for him that all his effort showed

Jones will have to unfurl the flag next year. There is that great photo of you probably the defining moment, if where he's come from they had of lost that contest they and now he's the best

> He is unbelievable. His character, he is an amazing person, a great leader. I was really excited for him when he was named captained, it's in his nature to lead,

It really was a watershed moment been through. I don't think any other club

for Melbourne

has tormented their supporters for so

had a period of time where they struggled as a club. Culturally they had to fix things up. I'm sure every club has gone through that stage, probably not to the extreme that Melbourne had to go through. It almost takes the club to get to the bottom to be able to turn around and get to the top.

Was the drought spoken about during your time at Melbourne?

It was mentioned. Goody was big on the idea of a higher those high purposes was ending the premiership drought.

I liked Goodwin at halftime, there is some audio of him speaking to the players and he says 'put a smile on your face". Is that positive

It is. He's in a position where if he is doubtful that they are ever play. What's your going to win then that carries enduring memory of through the whole group. If he your time in the AFL? showed signs of negativity that would have taken onto the field. That's what I like about Goody, the type of vibe he creates is compelling and you take that energy out onto the ground.

Away from the emotional side have piece together how Melbourne won the

Their game style has changed since I was there. I was intrigued by that. Their biggest thing now is their ability not to cough up the ball. To be able to under pressure, just to be able to keep the ball alive and keep it in their bourne had a tendency to just give up the ball to the opposition.

Heading into this year most of the talk was around who can stop Richmond. How did you honestly think Melbourne would go?

My hope was just Melbourne would finish top eight. I honestly he's so passionate about the didn't think they would have won club. He was probably the sec- the grand final. I probably would ond person I was most happy for. have put my money on someone

Granted Melbourne

was on top of the ladder for most of the season but was there a moment vou thought they would be good enough to win the whole thing?

It was actually the second time they played Adelaide (Round 22). Throughout the year they were beating a lot of teams but they weren't flogging teams, but then when they versed the Suns, belted them by 98 points, and Adelaide, belted them by 41. It was probably at me the biggest corky in the quad a really good spot.

That preliminary final was just breath-taking. I said afterward Melbourne could have walked on water that's how well they played. Have you ever seen a Melbourne side play that well?

just seemed like no matter what they did it would work and viceversa anything Geelong did they couldn't do anything right. I think it was just one of those level.

Your own Melbourne career, just the two games, but two more than most people will

The thing I'm most proud of is being able to share the first game with mum and dad. That was pretty special. I had some family and friends out in the crowd. To be able to see them an eye and calmness under presafter the game and share that experience with them made it all worth it. That was definitely number one. It might have only been two games but to me it was

You beat Hawthorn by Collingwood in the VFL one day **Spotify.** five points on debut

in 2019. What are vour memories of the game itself? I was pretty nervous. I was okay leading up to the game but

> just before the bounce the nerves started kicking in. The game itself I thought I did alright, the nerves got me a fair bit. I didn't think they would get me that hard but I still enjoyed the day. I played up forward and switchcontest Jarryd Roughead gave against? once so I'll claim that.

Every AFL first gamer says the speed of the game is what stands out. Was that the case for you? Yes, 100 per cent. If you try

running out onto the MCG and

to react you are too slow, you almost have to predict where the ball is going to go. If you are watching the ball your defender or the opposition is already on the move. It was lightning quick. I played in a couple of VFL grand finals before, I thought they were

You played with Jordan Lewis, who had won four flags at Hawthorn before joining Melbourne. Was there anything he demonstrated that showed what it took to get to that level?

Just his ability to understand different situations, most of the time to be able to make the right decision without even blinking sure. He just seemed to have all the time in the world. It was unbelievable to watch.

Who is the best player you've played with?

Christian Petracca. Playing

tracca was the one and he man aged to win the ball and hit this beautiful lead up inside 50. I remember standing there thinking 'this kid is going to be something special'. The reason he is such a good player is he works hard, re-

gardless of how talented he is he

wouldn't have got anywhere near

the calibre of player he is without

the hard work that he's done.

And the best player ing into the ruck. In my first ruck **you've played**

Dustin Martin. I played a pre that point I thought they were in of my life. I think I beat McEvoy season game against Richmond he stiff armed me once and I felt it for about a week. Just the X-Factor, you know when he's got the ball something special is going to happen. It's almost that David and Goliath situation, he makes you feel small.

I take it 2018 was your most enjoyable vear at Melbourne? The AFL team made the preliminary final and the VFL team made the grand final?

That was a great year. The quick, but this was on another club was successful, obviously ended not the way we wanted to in both regards. The Hawthorn and Geelong final had 90,000, they were unreal.

> The best on ground for Casey in that VFL grand final was **Bayley Fritsch. Goes** from playing in a reserves grand final to kicking six goals in an AFL grand final three years later. Maybe there is a lesson there.

To listen to the full interview with Declan Keilty, visit the Original Go-Getting Podcast on



Declan Keilty runs alongside future Melbourne premiership captain Max Gawn during his time a

Bloods appoint coaches

he Trafalgar Football-Netthe 2022 Ellinbank and District coach. League season.

Megan Howes has been appointed A Grade netball coach.

Howes takes over from Be-falgar senior football coach. linda Parise, who steered the Netball League.

Fellow premiership coach Devon. ball Club has made a num- Alesha Hallinan has been reap-

> It will be a coaching house- along the way. hold at the Hallinan's, with Ale-

Bloods to the 2017 premiership senior captain Fred Dyke will have a familiar face again on the in the Mid Gippsland Football- coach the under 16 football sidelines. team, and will be assisted by Matt

Dyke played 221 senior Let be of announcements for pointed to her role as B Grade games for Trafalgar from 1989 to 2003, winning four premierships

> Devon was an assistant sha's husband Tom the new Tra- coach for the under 15 team in 2021 and his move to the next Club legend and former age group will ensure players

Cricket forced to play the waiting game

By Liam Durkin

he Trafalgar Cricket Club 2021-22 season to begin. would be well and truly underway, COVID has put a stop to that.

begin on the weekend of Novem- can get on grass the better.

season has meant all A Grade November. games will be played as one day-

for the Ships three senior grades, ing. as people are keen to get out and

14 teams.

menced, with an array of regular hopeful of having 2014-15 pre- joy cricket. and new resources now at the miership player Aiden George clubs disposal.

The nets have received a huge possible. upgrade, and the addition of an automatic feeder on the bowling

The club also has access to While ordinarily the season will be aiming to make the most committee positions. of these this season.

There appears to be light at any exposure to turf at training Brendan Dawson serving as vice. the end of the tunnel however, harmed Trafalgar last season, and all going well, cricket will and the more practise players Pace (junior co-coordinator),

As with all things COVID, the enough time to blow out the cob- Brent Claridge (grounds managcricket world has had to adapt. webs given the five week lead-in er). Rhys Holdsworth (sponsorand the incredibly shortened to the season starting in mid-ship director), Scott Moorhouse

numbers look to be very healthy pleased with how things are go- (general committee).

Junior teams are also looking on board, as is Col Parnell who extremely grateful. strong, with ample players mak- will add some experience to ing up the Under 16 and Under the senior squad. Jack Hart and low the club to execute its core Senior training has com- while the first grade team is also place for people to play and en-

machine has been a very good Ryan Bishop who has gone fish- or visit the clubs public Face-

Off the field the club is foris still waiting for the outdoor turf wickets just a short tunate to have senior players drive down the road in Moe and putting their hand up to take on

> Daniel Heathcote is into his There is no doubt not having second term as president, with

Other office bearers are Billy Liam Durkin (secretary), Rea-Players should also have gan Montgomery (treasurer), (recreation and council liaison), Junior teams have started Zack Brown (social coordinatraining, and coaches Zack tor), Jackson Noonan (merchan-Despite the delayed start, Brown and Billy Pace have been dise coordinator) and Jeff Thege

> The club receives great sup-Some new and returning port from local businesses and tion this season. Brett Tonkin is around the district for which it is

Sponsors and supporters al-Kaleb Chapman have returned, business which is to provide a

If anyone is interested in joinavailable for as many games as ing a great family club, please phone club secretary Liam Dur-Departures are Blair Clymo kin on 0402 556 338, email trawho has joined Morwell and falgarcricketclub@gmail.com,

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enjoy the great game that cricket players will also be seen in ac-spectators who follow the teams Trafalgar Football-Netball Club legend Fred Dyke will coach the Bloods under 16 team next season.

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