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WE REMEMBERED THEM

Thousands of people across the region paid their respects at Anzac Day dawn services last month.

Foggy, cool conditions did not stop a strong crowd from turning out at the Trafalgar cenotaph.

People young and old stood silent to pay their respects as The Last Post rang out and The Ode of Remembrance delivered.

"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old; "Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

"At the going down of the sun and in the morning "We will remember them." Lest we forget.

Local groups came forward to lay a wreath underneath names of those whose sacrifices have ensured Australians enjoy the freedoms they do today.

Trafalgar Lions Club put on a scrumptious gunfire breakfast for those who attended the Dawn Service.

Trafalgar/Thorpdale RSL was one of many in the RSLs contingent where services were held. Showing that the Anzac spirit has remained in places far and wide, services were also held in areas such as Narracan East and Aberfeldy.

The traditions of Anzac Day made a welcome return.

Following formal services, many in the local area made their way to Moe Racing Club to attend the annual Anzac Day meeting, before finding a spot to watch the blockbuster match between Collingwood and Essendon.

Those in Moe saw a Dawn Service with around 80 people making their way to the cenotaph in Albert Street.

RSL president Steve Mayes led proceedings, while his predecessor, immediate past president Ian Caines laid a wreath to remember

the fallen.

Local groups were represented, with SES, scouts and the Ladies Auxillary.

Mr Mayes said it great to be able to once again commemorate Anzac Day with everyone involved, after services in the last two years

were heavily restricted and some sections, such as the post Dawn Service breakfast, closed to the public.

"It is fantastic, really good to have them back," he said.

"With the easing of restrictions we had to rejig the whole thing, but it has gone

well."

As with any year, people young and old know the importance of Anzac Day, something Mr Mayes said was vital to see continue.

"I think it is great to see the kids here, Anzac spirit will never die as long as we

have kids that are involved," he said.

"It is 60 years since the first contingent of army advisors went into South Vietnam, over that 10 year period to 1972 there was 7672 personnel."



People gathered in Trafalgar on Anzac Day to pay their respects.



Trafalgar High School principal Jane Mersey with captains Harry McCabe and Liam Luke on Anzac Day.



Anzac Day services were held in remote locations such as Narracan East.

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Drivers heading east can now fuel up

Words and photo by Liam Durkin

A new service station is now operational in Trafalgar.

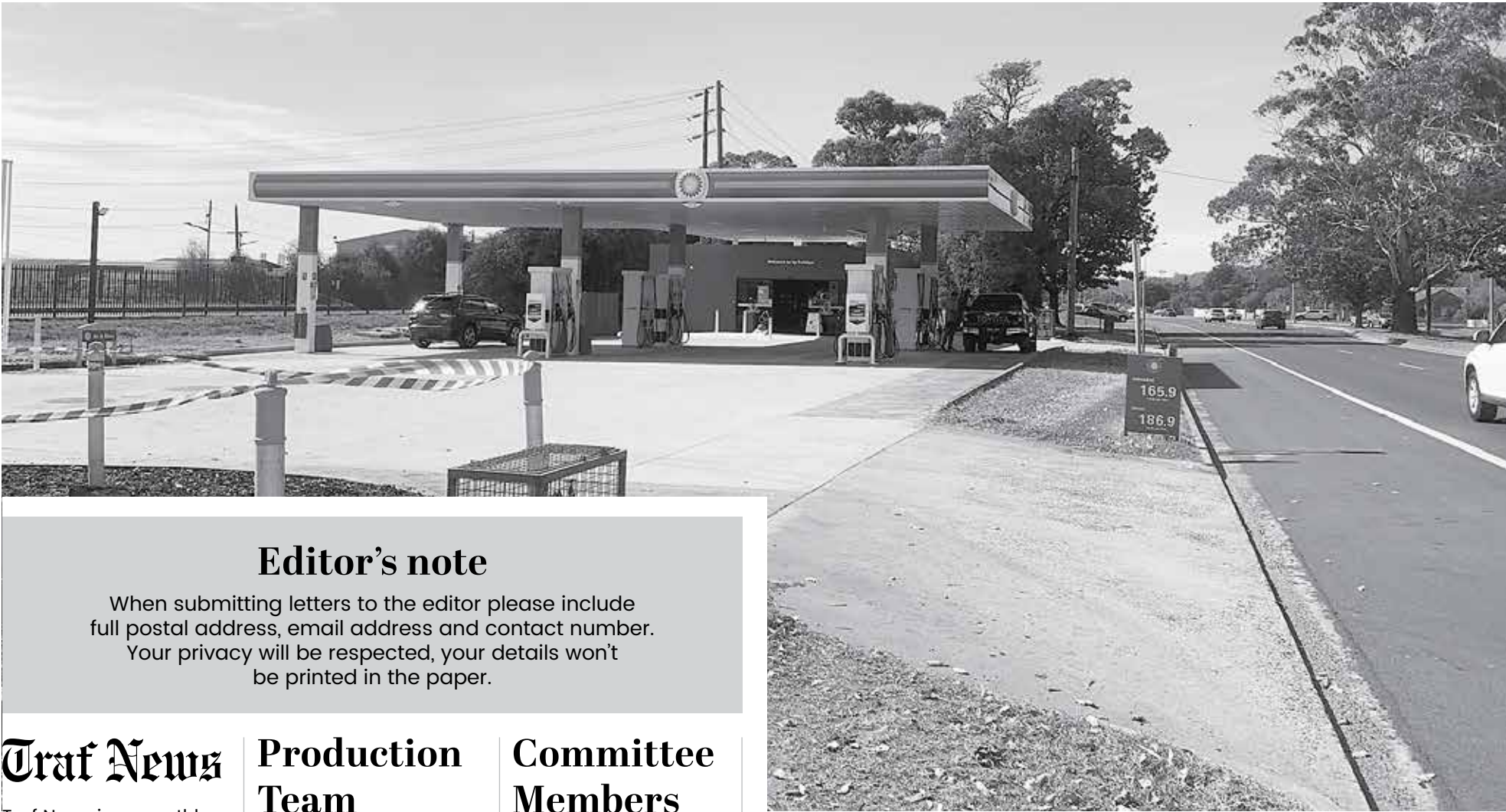
Petroleum giant BP bound traffic on the Princes Highway last month. The new servo is located next to the Trafalgar railway station, at the site of the for-

mer Caltex station. Caltex ceased operating in Trafalgar in 2020. The BP station seemingly sprung up overnight, and

means Trafalgar returns to having three service stations. Other servos in Trafalgar are the Shell and United stations on the other side of the

Princess Highway. The project was completed with an estimated budget touching \$1 million. BP now has stations in ev-

ery town along the Princes Highway from Trafalgar to Sale.



The new Trafalgar BP.

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A note on this issue

Due to technical issues beyond our control, the email server for Traf News was down for a considerable period in the days leading up to deadline

for this edition. As such, we were unable to receive a number of contributions from those who normally supply articles. We will endeavour to in-

clude the backlog of stories in the June issue. Regards, Liam Durkin and Mark Walshe
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December build date for ULAB plant

By Michelle Slater

The construction of a used lead acid battery recycling plant in Hazelwood North is scheduled for December, with commissioning set for September 2023, according to EPA timelines.

Labor Member for Eastern Victoria Harriet Shing said there were a series of processes underway before developer Chunxing could forge ahead with building the controversial plant.

Ms Shing said this included ongoing discussions between a community liaison committee, Latrobe City Council, the Environmental Protection Authority and local community groups.

She said construction was contingent upon the company's ability to meet its obligations about its EPA Works Approval and its consultation requirements.

"There have been a series of meetings with requests for documentation for testing and an understanding for the way in which the company intends to meet its obligations around environmental and risk management," Ms

Shing said.

"It's really important the community's views are taken into consideration and we continue to have discussions with people in and around the Hazelwood North Primary (School) environment and we continue to have conversations around air, soil and water monitoring."

Planning Minister Richard Wynne had signed-off on the plant last year, despite the application being rejected by Latrobe City amid strong community objection.

Mr Wynne said he was confident the EPA could ensure the company abided by its conditions without the need for an independent Environment Effects Statement.

"The government is very satisfied we have in place all the appropriate regulatory oversight and regimes to make sure that when this does proceed, it will be compliant with all the incredibly rigorous conditions put in place on it, and the monitoring thereof," Mr Wynne said.

However, stakeholders including Latrobe City had

been pushing for the state government to fund real time air monitoring for lead emissions as part of the Latrobe Valley Information Network.

The EPA will be carrying out baseline monitoring in and around the plant.

Member for Eastern Victoria Melina Bath backed the calls for the state government to fund a monitoring system.

Ms Bath said locals require an assurance that plant will operate to the highest environmental standards and the community's health and wellbeing will not be compromised.

"Providing access to real-time scientific readings will provide some much-needed transparency and oversight that has been missing from the ULAB project," Ms Bath said.

"Real time monitoring will empower residents to make decisions on their daily activities depending on lead readings and prevailing weather conditions."

Yarragon: Past, Present and Future Expo

If you are a former resident, current resident or prospective resident of Yarragon then set aside a day or both days on the weekend of June 4 and 5 to visit Yarragon's display of Past, Present and Future.

The Past will comprise a historic display of images and some memorabilia.

The present will display information on the clubs and businesses within the present day Yarragon and the future will have information

on the Township Plan currently under development and information on more sustainable subdivisions and housing.

Art society showcases work

Moe Art Society met recently for the first of their Saturday meetings in the Narracan Hall in Heritage Park.

Those members that attended had a relaxing and fruitful time while welcoming any visitors that came through the doors.

The next Saturday meeting is May 14 between 9.30am and 2.20pm. This meeting coincides with "The Dog's Day Out" to be held at the park.

New members are welcome, and we encourage the public to come along and chat to the artists while they are working.

It is a great opportunity to meet us, view our work and pop into the Café next door for a coffee or lunch during

the festivities in the park. The exhibition of members' works at the Moe Library continues.

There was a changeover on April 26 and the works of Ken Downs and John Reeve were exhibited.

The Society meets every Thursday between 9am and 2pm in the Narracan Hall

and enjoy learning from one another and swapping ideas.

We welcome new members, and the public are also welcome to come in and meet our artists.

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Commonwealth Games heading to Gippsland in 2026

By Liam Durkin, Gregor Mactaggart and Michelle Slater

It is destination Regional Victoria for the 2026 Commonwealth Games. More specifically, it is destination Gippsland for a number of sporting events which will be held at the Games.

Latrobe City was slated to be a municipality to host events at the Commonwealth Games as early as February.

This was confirmed recently when Premier Daniel Andrews announced Gippsland, Geelong, Ballarat and Bendigo had been chosen as locations for the Games.

While the announcement was welcome news, there was a degree of uncertainty surrounding exactly what entailed 'Gippsland', although it was later confirmed that the Latrobe City region would act as the hub for Gippsland.

Latrobe City will host rugby sevens, Twenty20 cricket, badminton and road Cycling, drawing thousands of visitors to the Gippsland region throughout the duration of the games.

Latrobe City Mayor Kellie O'Callaghan said it was a significant moment for the area.

"This announcement means so much to Latrobe City and will provide a significant boost to our economy, raising the profile of Latrobe City, the wider Gippsland region and beyond," Cr O'Callaghan said.

"It will build on the Victorian government's significant funding support of major sport and recreation projects such as the Gippsland Regional Indoor Sports Stadium, which has set the stage for this international sport-

ing event.

"Our community has the expertise, passion and enthusiasm for sport and major events and we can't wait to showcase Latrobe City to an international audience.

"Hosting the 2026 Commonwealth Games will build on our reputation as the home of major sporting events in eastern Victoria."

The Games are expected to inject \$3 billion into the economy.

Gippsland has experience hosting Commonwealth Games events, with basketball held at the old Traralgon Stadium for the 2006 instalment.

As well as the immediate benefits of elite athletes from around the world making their way to compete on the same fields many locals have in the past, the Games are set to bring about an abundance of positive flow-on affects for hospitality and tourism.

State Housing Minister Richard Wynne was in the Latrobe Valley last week, and said the Gippsland athletes' village would provide accommodation for 800 people within the area.

"Housing supply in regional Victoria is a really significant issue right across the state," he said.

"I think some of the investments we will see around the Commonwealth Games will be very interesting in terms of opportunities this will provide in the future for the provision of... public and social housing."

While all this seems positive, locals will be hoping the commitment into housing and sporting infrastructure does not leave the area for-

saken in years to come.

There is no shortage of chillingly haunting photos of deserted Olympic stadiums and villages from around the world.

Rugby Sevens will be played at Latrobe City Sports and Entertainment Centre, Morwell (Falcons Park), which looks set to be the kicker needed to inject significant development into the stadium and return it to its former glory.

On the cricket side, Ted Summerton Reserve, Moe, appears a logical choice to be the main ground of opportunity. The venue has successfully hosted many Big Bash matches in the past and has an indoor facility and outdoor turf nets in which to assist players.

That being said, there will need to be multiple grounds with quality turf wickets available to accommodate the number of games, and there is a plethora of options across Latrobe City and neighbouring districts.

Now would appear an ideal time to build a second oval in Traralgar to possibly accommodate some of the game.

It was said the old Yalourn No. 1 Oval was comparable to the MCG for the 1956 Olympics, so the challenge could be on to see if a ground in today's Latrobe can top it.

Cricket has only been played once previously at the Commonwealth Games, in 1998 at Kuala Lumpur.

On that occasion, matches were played as one-day 50 over games and South Africa defeated Australia in the gold medal match.

Women's T20 cricket will be played at this year's Commonwealth Games in Birmingham.

Given all but one Test match playing nation is a Commonwealth country (Zimbabwe being the exception and West Indies the outlier), cricket fans should be treated to some high-quality action.

Those who ordinarily play for the West Indies will represent their own country (e.g. Jamaica, Barbados, Trinidad and Tobago) at the Commonwealth Games.

There might be a degree of interest to see if matches at the Commonwealth Games are granted full International T20 status by the International Cricket Council. Matches were only given List A status at the 98 Games.

The announcement of the Games was met with high praise from local MPs, who all voiced their excitement about what it would mean for the Latrobe Valley.

"Today's announcement of Victoria to host the 2026 Commonwealth Games is

welcomed news, especially with our regional areas to host some of the sporting events," Member for Gippsland Darren Chester said.

"Gippsland is fortunate to have been named as one of the four regional centres that will host sporting events including badminton, rugby sevens, cricket T20 and road cycling events. This is an opportunity to showcase our wonderful region on a world stage and will give our local economy a major boost with athletes, their teams and spectators coming to our region and staying locally.

"To pull off such an event there needs to be major investment in community and sporting infrastructure and all levels of government working collaboratively with the community."

Labor Member for Eastern Victoria Harriet Shing also welcomed the news.

"This highly-anticipated decision is such great news for Gippsland, and now that it's been confirmed that we'll

be playing a key role in the 2026 Commonwealth Games, we can kickstart the work needed to deliver an exciting sports program, a regional hub and athletes' village, and also a lasting legacy for years to come," she said.

"It's such a proud and historic moment for Gippsland

to be chosen as a priority region for the 2026 Commonwealth Games, and one which will give us wonderful opportunities to showcase the very best of all that we have to offer."

Member for Morwell Russell Northe said the Commonwealth Games would be a huge coup for the Latrobe Valley.

"It offers enormous opportunity to host a number of events. It is particularly exciting for our state and region," he said.

"We've been blessed to have some recent investment in sporting infrastructure that all bodes well. There is a range of sports that offer opportunities for Latrobe Valley to host and we're well placed and well advantaged to do that - we're less than two hours from Melbourne."

The countdown is officially on to the 'Gippsland Games', and preparations are sure to reach overdrive as the days approach when organisers say 'let the games begin'.

Just think, the Commonwealth Games in Gippsland might inspire a Latrobe Valley local to become a future Australian gold medallist.

If ever there was an indication of how much potential the Games have for the area - surely that is it.

A look at the Monash, Gippsland race

By Gregor Mactaggart

Latrobe Valley voters will go to the polls on Saturday, May 21 after the Federal Election was called by Prime Minister Scott Morrison last month.

Mr Morrison visited Governor-General David Hurley to dissolve the Parliament and launch the start of a 41-day campaign.

"This election is a choice between a strong economy and a Labor opposition that would weaken it," he said.

"It's a choice between an economic recovery that is leading the world and a Labor opposition that would weaken it and risk it."

Labor needs to pick up eight votes on its current total of 68 to gain government and deliver a new Prime Minister in Anthony Albanese.

"I won't go missing when the going gets tough," Mr Albanese said on Sunday.

Polling has the Liberal National Coalition as the outsider, with Roy Morgan showing a 57-43 gap in favour of Labor on a two-party preferred basis.

Latrobe Valley residents and those in the Traf News readership live in two Federal Electorates, Gippsland and Monash, both held by mem-

bers of the Coalition.

Gippsland has been held by the National Party since 1922 and is one of the safest seats in the country.

Incumbent Darren Chester polled 66.67 per cent on a two-party preferred basis at the 2019 election.

Mr Chester, who has been in Federal Parliament since 2008, confirmed on Sunday he was ready for another election campaign.

"I want to use my experience as your local Member of Parliament to keep building a safer, stronger, fairer Gippsland, where everyone can get ahead," Mr Chester said.

"I have a proven record of fighting for our region to deliver the services and infrastructure we need.

"By working with the community, I've been able to deliver record funding for large and small projects, major improvements to local services, bushfire recovery grants and given our region a strong voice on local and national issues.

"My plan is to keep working, to make our community the best place in regional Australia to live, work, visit and raise a family.

"I love Gippsland and I'm proud to have raised my family in our beautiful part of the world.

"We need to keep putting locals first, supporting one another, and building an even better Gippsland."

As it stands, Mr Chester has four rivals during this election battle.

Traralgon resident Jannette Langley was pre-selected by Labor in December last year and knows she faces a task to build on a primary vote of 23.2 per cent attracted by Antoinette Holm at the 2019 election.

"This seat is a bit daunting as Darren Chester has held it for so long, but people in Gippsland are telling me they want a new ear to tell things to and a new voice from a united party," Ms Langley said when she was announced as Labor's contender.

Marjorie Thorpe will fly the flag for the Greens, which polled 6.04 per cent at the 2019 election.

"In Gippsland we need better access to better services like healthcare and education, and need urgent action to tackle the climate crisis," Ms Thorpe said.

Rosedale's Gregory Forster is the candidate for the United Australia Party, which polled 4.40 per cent in 2019 and is backed by billionaire Clive Palmer.

"It is time for representation in parliament by one of the people, for the people," Mr Forster said.

"The United Australia Party (UAP) is focused on providing workable, long-term solutions.

"We want to keep our minerals and other natural resources in Australia, process them here and promote manufacturing here."

Newborough resident Greg Hansford will represent One Nation.

The race for Monash has more intrigue with sitting member Russell Broadbent (Liberal) up against six contenders.

Mr Broadbent polled 57.36 per cent on a two-party preferred basis at the 2019 election, but all eyes are on what impact his vaccination stance during the coronavirus pandemic will have at the ballot box.

The 71-year-old took a "personal decision" to not get vaccinated against COVID-19 and then used the equine

drug Ivermectin when he contracted coronavirus in January.

Labor candidate Jessica O'Donnell is back for a second tilt at Canberra after running in 2019.

Ms O'Donnell garnered a primary vote of 29.51 per cent in 2019, which after preferences saw her finish with 42.64 per cent on two-party preferred.

The Voices for Monash group is behind the Independent candidate Deb Leonard, a lawyer from Phillip Island.

Ms Leonard has welcomed the announcement of the election date, saying that it finally gives people the chance to have their say at the ballot box.

"It's time that we had a strong, independent candidate that will represent the

communities of the Monash electorate," she said.

"I'm excited by the campaign over the next six weeks and look forward to meeting as many voters in that time to hear about the issues that are important to them."

One Nation, which polled a 7.62 per cent primary vote in 2019, has a new candidate in Allan Hicken.

Christine McShane is representing the United Australia Party, which garnered 4.01 per cent in 2019.

The Greens' hopes rest with Mat Morgan as they look to build on a 7.01 per cent primary vote in 2019.

Meg Edwards is the Liberal Democrats candidate.

State government keeping close eye on Delburn

By Michelle Slater

Planning Minister Richard Wynne is assuring the newly-

approved Delburn Wind Farm will be closely monitored during construction and while it is operating.

Mr Wynne was commenting in the wake of a recent Supreme Court case which found the Bald Hills Wind Farm in Tarwin Lower had to stop operating at night due to noise concerns from neighbours.

The Minister said he was still looking at the ramifications of the Bald Hills case.

"This is a very significant decision, it's not one I'm prepared to provide a running commentary on at this stage, we need to look at quite a level of detail and the implication of that decision," he said.

"(Bald Hills) was older technology. That was conceded in the decision and in the evidence provided. That was older technology and this (Delburn) is new technology, so we are not comparing the two.

"(Delburn) will be monitored. There are strict conditions upon permits, particularly in relation to construction, but also in relation to ongoing operation."

Mr Wynne granted approval for developer OSMI to build 33 wind turbines at a height of 250 metres in

pine plantations to generate enough energy to power 135,000 homes.

The plan had divided local communities including Yinnar and Boolarra, with some locals concerned around noise, fire, and impacts on the surrounding areas.

But the approval did not include the company's plans for a battery energy storage system due to potential fire risks.

"Most of the community concerns around (Delburn) was in fact related to a battery being there and the potential for a fire. This is now not part of the application at all," Mr Wynne said.

"It would be fair to say there had been very significant support for the Delburn Wind Farm more generally. It's always a contested space.

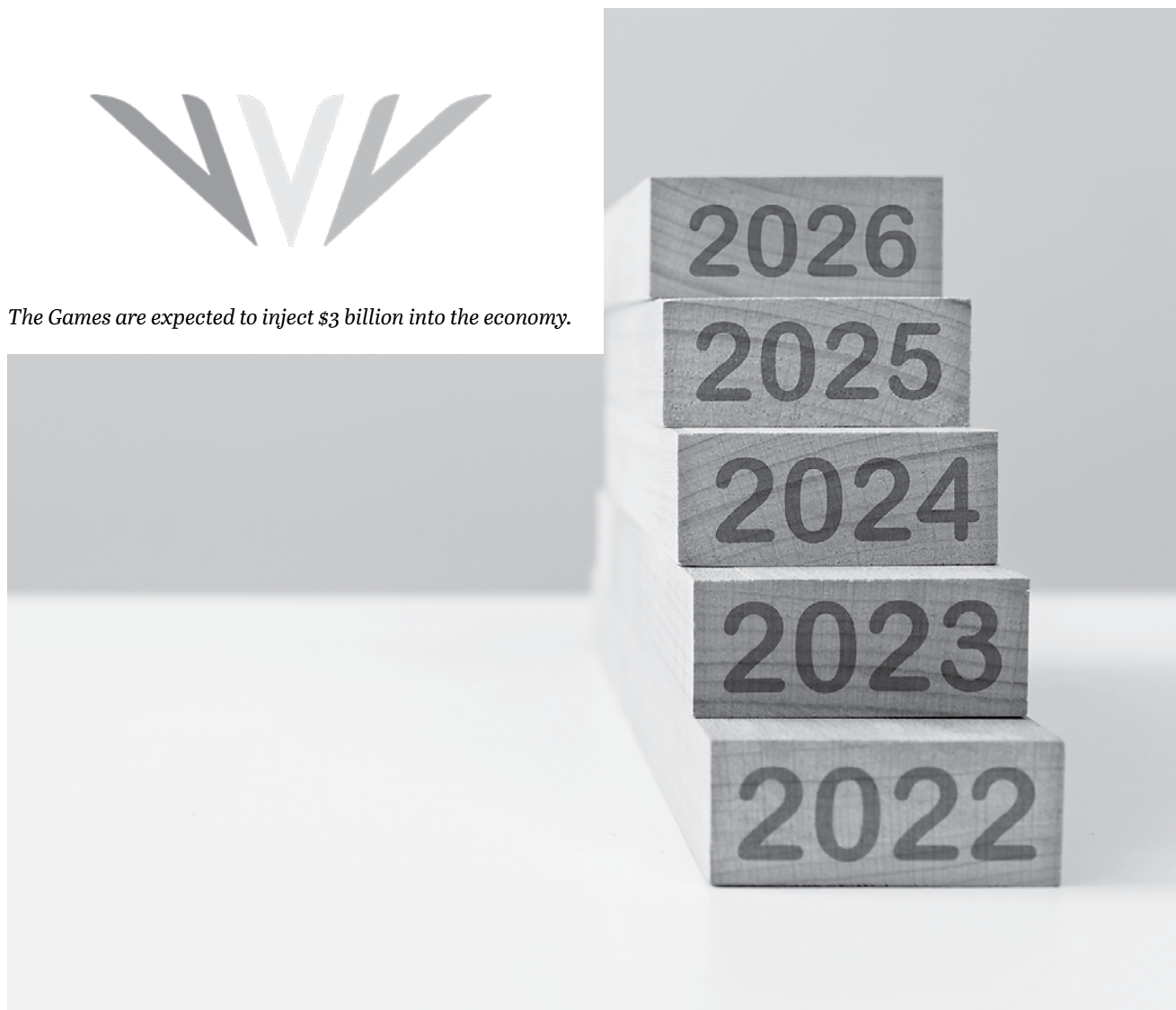
"This area is blessed with terrific wind conditions which is ideal for this type of activity."

Mr Wynne pointed to the state government's commitment to renewables which were "fundamentally" reliant on wind and solar.

He also pointed to the "extraordinary" opportunities that the Star of the South offshore wind project could offer Victoria.

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The Games are expected to inject \$3 billion into the economy.

The countdown is on to 2026 when the Commonwealth Games will make their way to Gippsland.



Australians are off to the polls for the Federal Election this month.



Federal Member for Monash Russell Broadbent.



Labor candidate for Monash Jessica O'Donnell.



Independent candidate for Monash Deb Leonard.



Federal Member for Gippsland Darren Chester.



Labor candidate for Gippsland Jannette Langley

Business awards launched

Gippsland businesses will be celebrated by the 2022 Federation University Gippsland Business Awards which were launched last week before a large crowd of supporters and sponsors.

Awards chair Graeme Sennett said the region's business sector had experienced unprecedented challenges over the last two years and the awards were an opportunity to acknowledge

their determination, innovation and resilience.

"For more than 24 years, these awards have acknowledged incredible businesses from across the region and thanks to local councils and corporate sponsors, this event helps us celebrate them," Mr Sennett said.

As well as the prestigious Gippsland Business of the Year award, other categories are:

Accommodation, Food

Wine Producers, Health and Wellbeing, Hospitality, Manufacturing/Export, New Business, Retail, Business and Professional Services, Beauty and Personal Care, Mechanical Trades and Construction, and Tourism Activities and Attractions.

Winners will be announced at a gala event on Friday, August 26 at Federation University's Gippsland Campus in Churchill.

Mr Sennett told those at

the breakfast launch, sponsored by Latrobe Health Services, that the business sector was vital to the growth, innovation and sustainability of the regional community.

"They not only drive economic growth, but provide employment opportunities for many locals, accounting for a large portion of jobs," Mr Sennett said.

"In the pandemic, many businesses have had to innovate to survive. We continue

to be amazed by their resilience and determination."

Nominations are now open for the awards with entries closing on June 3.

They can be submitted on the Federation University Gippsland Business Awards website - www.gba.org.au

Once a business is nominated, it will receive a unique email link to complete its entry.

All entries are completed online.

"We urge all Gippsland business operators to take this opportunity to recognise their achievements during a very difficult period and celebrate their capacity to overcome adversity by participating in the 2021 awards," Mr Sennett said.



Latrobe Health Services head of Marketing and Business Development Kate Jarvis, Federation University Gippsland Business Awards chair Graeme Sennett and Federation University's head of Gippsland Campus Leigh Kennedy at the launch of the 2022 Gippsland Business Awards.

Holden Museum car of the month

By Bob Moss

Buick EV-1 Electric car

Around 1990 The California Air Resources Board moved on a large environmental initiative, ruled that each of the US's seven largest carmakers - the largest of which was General Motors, would be required to make two per cent of its fleet emission-free by 1998, five per cent by 2001.

In 1994, GM began Pre-View, a program whereby 50 hand built Impact electric cars would be lent to drivers for periods of one to two weeks, under the agreement that their experiences would be logged. Volunteers had to own a garage where a high-current charging unit could be installed by an electric company. In the first year after release, GM leased only

288 cars.

The EV1 was made available through limited lease-only agreements. EV1 lessees were officially participants in a 'real-world engineering evaluation' and market study into the feasibility of producing and marketing a commuter electric vehicle in select US markets. The cars were not available for purchase, and could be serviced only at designated Saturn dealerships.

The General Motors EV1 was an electric car produced and leased from 1996 to 1999. It was the first mass-produced and purpose-designed electric vehicle of the modern era from a major automaker and the first GM car designed to be an electric vehicle from the outset.

Work on the program continued after the end of Pre-View. While the original 50 Impact cars were destroyed after testing was finished, the design had evolved into the GM EV1 by 1996. The EV1 would be the first GM car in history to wear a 'General Motors' nameplate instead of one of GM's marques.

The first-generation, or 'Gen 1' car, which would be powered by lead-acid batteries and had a stated range of 70 to 100 miles; 660 cars, painted dark green, red, and silver were produced. The cars were made available via a leasing program, with the option to purchase the cars specifically disallowed by a contractual clause.

The EV1 was among the first production vehicles

to utilise aluminum in the construction of the frame. The car's body panels were made of plastic rather than metal, making the car lightweight and dent resistant. The vehicle was fitted with anti-lock brakes and a traction control system. Comfort improvements included a keyless entry and ignition system, a special one-way thermal glass for better heat rejection on sunny days, an automated tire pressure loss warning system, electric power steering, and a time programmable HVAC system.

By 2002, 1117 EV1s had been produced, though production had ended in 1999, when GM shut down the EV1 assembly line and all cars on the road were taken back

by the company, under the terms of the lease.

Lessees were not given the option to purchase their cars from GM, which cited parts, service, and liability regulations. The majority of the EV1s taken back were crushed, with about 40 delivered to museums and exhibitions.

The EV1's 3-phase AC induction electric motor pumped out 137 brake horsepower at 7000 rpm

The NiMH battery pack consisted of 26 13.2 volt and 77 ah nickel-metal hydride batteries that held 95.1 megajoules of energy

The EV1 was a subcompact car, with a two-door coupé body style. Dimensions were 4310mm in length, 1770mm in width and 1280mm in height, powered by lead-acid batteries and had a stated range of 70 to 100 miles.



The Buick EV-1 electric car.

Farmer to farmer

NEW FARM TRESPASS LAWS NOW IN EFFECT

Animal activists will now cop some of Australia's heaviest on-the-spot fines for trespassing on farms with new laws that passed through Victoria's Parliament last month.

The Animal Activism Act includes on-the-spot fines of more than \$1270 for an individual and \$8170 for an organisation.

Further penalties of up to nearly \$11,000 for an individual and up to \$54,500 for an organisation could apply for more serious offending.

Agriculture Minister Mary-Anne Thomas said the new fines will be the "toughest in the nation".

"Farmers and workers in the agricultural industry should be able to do their work without fear of being targeted by animal activists," Ms Thomas said.

"This sort of activity is highly distressing for farming families and puts the biosecurity and safety of animals at risk.

"We are backing our hard-working farmers because they are critical to keeping food on our tables and supporting local jobs in regional and rural communities across Victoria." The Act recognises the biosecurity risks from animal activists entering farms and includes a biosecurity management plan requiring consent before anyone can access their property.

But in order for the on-the-spot fines to be applicable, farmers will need to implement a biosecurity management plan.

The new laws were sparked by the findings of a Parliamentary Inquiry into the Impact of Animal Rights Activism on Victorian Agriculture, which recommended fines and biosecurity measures for farmers.

It comes after radical vegan activists stole livestock from the Gippy Goat in Yarragon three years ago, causing the owner John Gommans to close his farm café.

Activists who faced court over the incident were fined one dollar for breaking biosecurity laws.

Mr Gommans was backing the harsher penalties, hoping it would act as a deterrent, but feared the legislation did not go far enough to protect farmers' right to conduct business without harassment.

"There is no protection for the farmer and their property where no significant biosecurity breach is proven," Mr Gommans said.

"There is no protection against covert activity, there is no protection against false accusations and complaint, there is no protection against animal theft, there is no protection against harassment.

"By focusing solely on the biosecurity it becomes the farmers' responsibility to prove that the activists have caused damage to the farm and the farmer."

The government said it consulted with park farming bodies and animal welfare organisations and further engagement will take place while the regulations are finalised.

The Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF) welcomed the new laws after helping to get the Inquiry off the ground in 2018.

VFF president Emma Germano said this was at a time where there was a spate of "unacceptable situation where animal activists were getting off virtually scot-free".

"This is a big step in providing better protection for farmers from law-breaking animal activists," Ms Germano said.

The Nationals had been pushing to double the fines to \$21,800 for an individual in an amendment that was rejected in the Upper House.

Shadow Agriculture Minister Peter Walsh accused the state government of "abandoning" Victorian farmers.

"Doubling the maximum fine would have sent a strong message to anyone considering trespassing on a farmer's private property that Victoria won't tolerate illegal farm invasions," Mr Walsh said.

"Farms are the family home, they're a sanctuary for the people who live and work on them but these fines could have been much stronger to deter militant activities of law-breaking activists." (By Michelle Slater).

AUTUMN FIREWOOD PERIOD

More firewood is being made available this collection season throughout the Gippsland region due to extensive clean-up and bushfire preparations being carried out by Forest Fire Management Victoria.

The autumn firewood collection period runs to June 30 with 79 designated collection areas open to the public in Gippsland.

Collection limits include a maximum of two cubic metres per person per day and a maximum of 16 cubic metres per household per financial year.

Collected wood is for personal use and must not be sold.

FFMVIC Gippsland forest and fire planning manager Peter West said the extra volume would help meet the increasing demand.

"The bushfire preparation work that has been done in Gippsland means there is extra wood available, but it is still a finite resource," Mr West said.

"The felling of trees and cutting of hollow logs for firewood is also prohibited.

"Hollow logs and dead trees provide critical habitat for a wide variety of native species."

Mr West warned that

planned burns could impact firewood collection this autumn, as FFMVIC is likely to close-off some collection areas at short notice, especially in East Gippsland.

Closures will be notified onsite.

He also urged people to consider alternatives to a woodfire for heating and cooking.

"Firewood is an unpredictable resource we strongly encourage people who rely on firewood to plan their needs and explore all energy options," Mr West said.

Fines apply for those who breach firewood collection laws.

For more information including maps and updates, visit ffm.vic.gov.au/firewood, or <https://plannedburns.ffm.vic.gov.au/> for the latest information on planned burns.

MEMPHASYS HITTING THE MARK WITH HORSE FERTILITY TESTS

An Aussie-based biotech company is working with Newcastle University researchers on a device that could revolutionise horse breeding by detecting pregnancy within an hour of insemination.

Memphasys is in the midst of tweaking production prototypes for its Samson device that can slash pregnancy testing from two weeks by analysing stallion data.

Memphasys executive chair Alison Coutts said they had been conducting field tests at a Scone thoroughbred stud and separate trials at a Wagga Wagga Standardbred stud.

It returned 90 per cent accurate readings in Standardbreds with artificial insemination and between a 75 per cent and 90 per cent accuracy in thoroughbreds coupled through natural mating.

"This had been developed for a couple of years in conjunction with a human IVF device called Felix which is undergoing trials at Monash. We used the principles out of that for Samson," Ms Coutts said.

"This separates the sperm quickly and automatically, and it can be used in the field so you don't need a complex laboratory.

"We take measurements from the stallion and combine this with an algorithm including stallion and mare variables including age and serving history. We got a good predictor of pregnancy."

Ms Coutts said the variability was due to the different data collection methods between the two breeds.

Sperm samples were collected from thoroughbred stallions when they dismounted from the mare in a live serve, while better quality samples could be taken from sperm collected for AI straws.

"Each stud had multiple stallions and mares, both studs were very interested and keen to be involved," she said.

"One of the researchers in Scone had to collect at the dismount stage herself, this is not for the faint hearted as you have to really know what are doing."

Ms Coutts said the device could cut out the need for mare owners to wait for the

results of a 14-day post serving ultrasound, and risk missing her oestrus cycle to try putting her back in foal.

She said the device could apply to any horse breed, with the potential to be used for other species such as high value cattle.

Researchers will now take the device back to the same studs for further testing, with the aim it could go to market in about two years.

"This is going to be very important for big studs, and it will be very good for the industry.

We think this would also work with bulls, there is absolutely no reason why it wouldn't," she said.

"It could be a very big change for breeding practice and, if taken up, could coordinate mountings better." (By Michelle Slater).

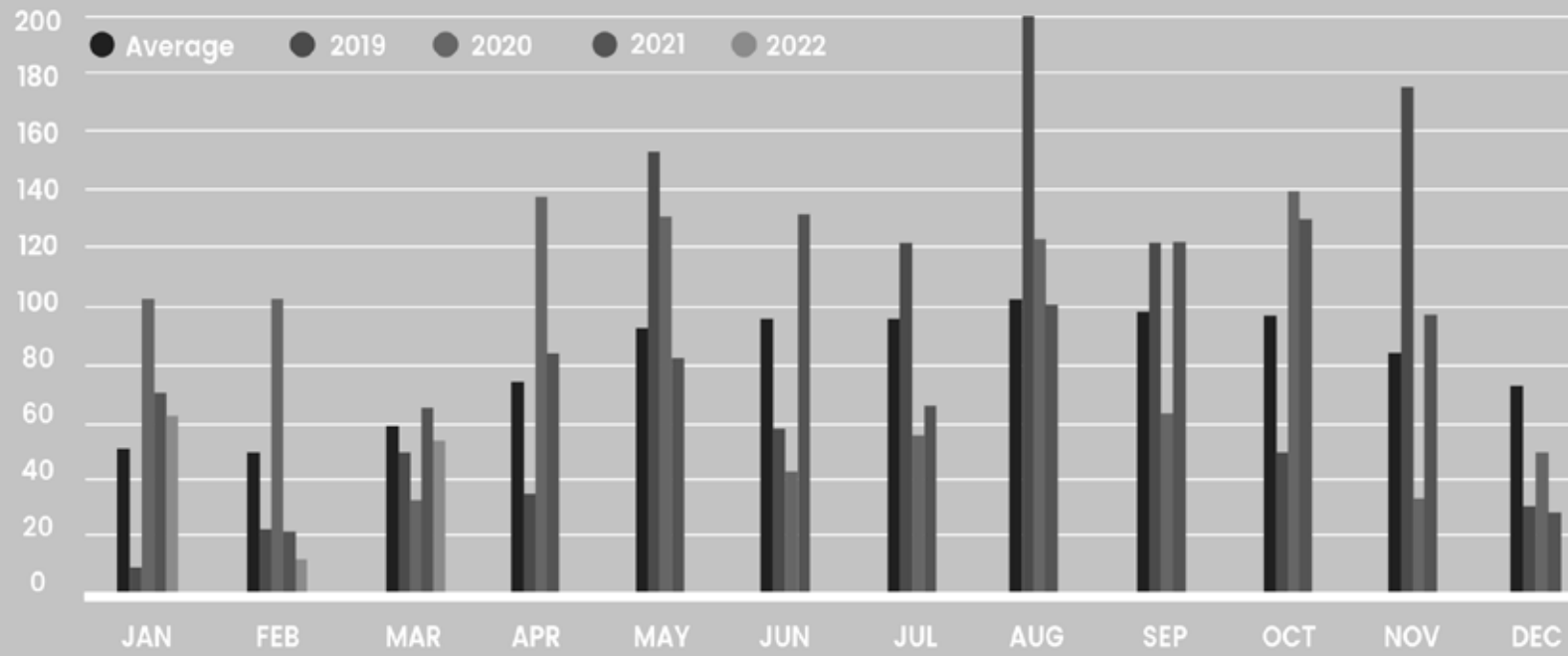
TRIBUTES FOR LATE RADFORDS CHAIRMAN

Radfords Meats chairman Paul Troja was identified as one of the five people who lost their lives in a helicopter crash at Mt Disappointment on March 31.

Mr Troja, 73, has been remembered as a major figure in the global meat industry.

"Our condolences are with his wife, children, grandchildren and extended family, who are treasured by him and friends at this time, and the families and friends of the other people involved in this accident," the company said.

Trafalgar Monthly Rainfall



This graph compares the monthly rainfall received in Trafalgar in 2022 with, 2019, 2020, 2021 and average monthly rainfall since records began. The monthly rainfall for March was 55ml.

Students say bye bye to locks

Words and photos by Liam Durkin

Beanies are sure to be out in force at Trafalgar High School this winter, after a number of students participated in World's Greatest Shave.

Around a dozen students bravely took the plunge and had their heads shaved or hair cut for the Leukaemia Foundation.

Amazingly, students raised more than \$4000 in

their efforts.

The last day of Term 1 concluded with the clippers coming out at school assembly, as fellow students delighted in ridding their classmates of their luscious locks.

Year 12 student Harry Pace led the campaign, and said it had been great to see so many people across the year levels get involved.

"It was really good, last

time we did it at school there was three and this year it was almost four times that ... hopefully we go four times that next year," he said.

"There was a few of us and our hair was getting a bit long so we decided we have to cut it off somehow and thought there was no better way to do it than to raise some money for a good cause.

"As part of the fundrais-

ing at school we had a crazy hair and casual clothes day and everyone put it on their Instagram and Facebook and things like that."

For Harry, who had been two years without a trim, he even had his hair braided for the occasion.

The Trafalgar High School World's Greatest Shave was indeed a whole school effort, as even teacher Daniel Born

underwent the buzz cut.

Mr Born, who teaches maths, said he was feeling "half a kilo lighter" after the shave.

"Harry asked me last year while I was teaching maths methods, somewhat agreed to it, six months later here I am supporting the guys," he said.

"Really, really, proud of their efforts."

While it might now be a little chillier above the shoulders, students will at least not have to worry about styling their hair until some length grows back.

Those who have had long hair in the past will agree the novelty of spending half an hour every morning brushing your hair does wear off after a while.



Participants and organisers of Trafalgar High School's World's Greatest Shave raised more than \$4000 for the Leukaemia Foundation. Pictured are Jasmine Zelley, Callan Hawke, Ryan Soutar, Ruby Bates, Harry Pace, Julia Bates, Daniel Born, Nathan Ferguson, Alex Kelly, Ethan Bundy and Jacob Boelem.



Trafalgar High School Year 12 student Harry Pace can afford to smile as his hair comes off for World's Greatest Shave, joining Harry in shaving his head was teacher Daniel Born (right).



Trafalgar High School students Ryan Soutar, Callan Hawke and Nathan Ferguson start to feel the buzz of the clippers.

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Leaders attend conference

On Friday, March 25, Trafalgar High School captains Ruby Bates, Liam Luke, Harry McCabe and Sydney Blackshaw attended the GRIP Leadership conference in Melbourne.



Trafalgar High School captains Ruby Bates, Liam Luke, Harry McCabe and Sydney Blackshaw.

The team learned new skills and ways to refine their leadership style, and had the opportunity to identify and discuss future areas for improvement within the school.

Storytime at St Joseph's

Sharing and enjoying picture storybooks with our children is one of the best ways to set children up for school success.

At St Joseph's School, Trafalgar, young families gather on a Friday morning to listen to stories and to sing and dance to boppy songs.

Learning Support Officer Sabrina Shaw said, "we start with a greeting song where we sing each person's name to welcome them. The chil-

dren love listening to the stories and we have so much fun singing and dancing".

This kind of service is especially important considering the last two years of restrictions and not being able to gather.

It is a COVID safe activity with lots of ventilation, together with an air purifier in use, in a spacious room. Visitors to the school need to show their double vaccination status.



Toddlers enjoying Storytime. From left Eva Finken, Dylan Parker, Sabrina Shaw (instructor) and Sophie Dilger.



Amy Finken (right) enjoying Storytime with her daughter Eva.



Dylan Parker listening carefully to the story.

Celebrating St Joseph

Students at St Joseph's in Trafalgar recently celebrated the feast day of St Joseph.

The day commenced with a whole school liturgy where the students recognised St

Joseph as the patron saint of the school.

Ezra, from 'Dance Curriculum' visited the school to help the students celebrate through dance. He conducted two 40-minute workshops

with each class and then he organised a whole school performance for the finale.

Ezra engaged all the students and everyone had an energetic, fun day dancing and learning together.

The parents were thrilled with the performance at the end of the day. The students also celebrated with free icy poles at lunchtime.



Students enjoyed working with Ezra. From left: Ella O'Connor, Summer Oldham, Ruby Myrteza, Ethan Paul, Kaitlyn Pedemont, Ava McCutcheon, Ezra from Dance Curriculum, Alex Jacobs and Robert Arbrect. Front from left: Stephanie O'Neill, Jacob Morrison and Anton Istraty.



Foundation student Mackenzie Williams-Garmson dancing along.



Grade 1 student Mia Schellhout-Duncan in action.



Ellie Dilger (right) enjoying stories with Sophie.



Senior students pictured with Ezra in the front. Students from left: Kaitlyn Pedemont, Ava McCutcheon, Anton Istraty, Steph O'Neill and Ruby Myrteza.



Student leaders Ruby Myrteza and Ethan Paul with Ezra from 'Dance Curriculum' in the centre.



Parents loved the show. Pictured from left: Sophie and Ellie Dilger, Kate Westbury, Megan Deppeler and Mia Scanlon.

Aths Carnival is ace

St Joseph's Primary School recently held their school Athletics Carnival. The day started with

a warm-up with You and Mia Fitness which was followed by the hurdles and running races at Joe Carmody Athlet-

ics Track, Newborough.

The students then participated in a range of jumping, throwing and running activi-

ties in their year levels.

The students came dressed in their team colours and created chants for their team

which were very creative and built team spirit.

The students, teachers, parents and families had a

wonderful day which was enjoyed by all.



Archie Brown, Sonny Harvey, Suze Huang, Lucas Farbus, Kaleb Jamieson, Reuben McCartin, Bobby Hicks and Odin Treyvard.



Ivy Chapman, Tahlia Pedemont, Lorelei Withers, Scarlett Murto, Miranda Upston.



Warm up with You and Mia Fitness.



Payton and Steve Bowles.



Maycee Shankar, Katie Balfour, Ivy Kidd and Tia Jamieson.



Mia Schelfhout, Lola Carpinteri, Ivy Kidd, Willow Oldham, Evie Deppeler, Chloe Marinus, Nyah Hicks and Eleanor Harrison.



Amelia Oldham, Evie Deppeler, Willow Oldham.



Marck, Lorelei and Jo Withers.

Region's 'risky' alcohol consumption

A high proportion of people in Gippsland consume alcohol at risky levels compared to the rest of Victoria.

This was revealed in one of two issue papers, titled Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD), released by the Gippsland Primary Health Network (Gippsland PHN) as part of addressing priority issues in the region.

A second paper, Sexual and Reproductive Health, identified that COVID-19 has impacted service provision in Gippsland with reductions in antenatal care and a change to more telehealth service delivery.

Gippsland PHN chief executive officer Amanda Propesch said the organisation was committed to Population Health Planning as an ongoing core function.

"We gather data and information from many sources including the local community and health professionals to identify the unique health priorities of our region," Ms Propesch said.

"The purpose is to make informed decisions about the

best way to achieve our vision of a measurably healthier Gippsland."

The AOD priority issues paper showed a high rate of ambulance attendances in Gippsland are related to alcohol and drugs.

Latrobe City has the highest call-outs for alcohol intoxication and illicit and pharmaceutical drug use with 674, 465 and 367 attendances respectively (rates per 100,000 population).

The main needs identified by people with lived experience include improved availability of services both in acute care and follow-up support.

People also identified barriers to access are more significant for Indigenous people, older people and geographically or socially isolated people.

The paper on Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) identified that the COVID-19 pandemic impacted on service provision with access to affordable abortion services more difficult and delays in accessing Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) testing,

contraception and cervical cancer screening.

From a community perspective the paper identified stigma, discrimination and racism as the main barriers for seeking information, support and referral for SRH while clinicians are not always willing or confident in providing patients with SRH information.

Chlamydia was identified as the most common STI in Gippsland with the highest rates in Baw Baw with 28.1 notifications per 10,000 females compared with the Victorian average of 18.5 and 17.3 notifications per 10,000 males compared to 16.8 for Victoria.

People aged 15 to 29 years account for around 80 per cent of notifications while modelling suggests that 77 per cent of chlamydia cases remain undiagnosed.

More information is available in the two priority issues papers on the Gippsland PHN website at <https://gphn.org.au/what-we-do/health-planning/population-health/resources-ph/>.

What is a Section 32 and why do I need one?

By Jade MacGregor, Trafalgar solicitor

A Section 32, or vendor statement, is a legal document that is provided by the vendor to a prospective purchaser before the contract of sale is signed.

It is required by law to disclose important information about the condition of the property, particularly if it is material enough to affect the decision of the buyer to purchase.

The Section 32 gets its name from the section of legislation that governs vendor statements, which is Section 32 of the Sale of Land Act 1962 (Vic). It is not to be confused with the contract of sale, which is a separate document that confirms whether both parties agree to the sale.

The vendor statement is made up of several documents including: a cover document with the particulars of the property and the vendor's details, a copy of the title, a copy of the plan detail-

ing any easements, covenants or other restrictions on the property, council and water rates notices and owners corporation fees, planning and property reports, and any building permits or owner builder insurance policies (if applicable).

A Section 32 is necessary to ensure the rights of both parties when entering into a property transaction. It protects the purchaser by allowing them to rescind the contract after the cooling off period if a vendor statement is not provided, or if it is incomplete or defective. When inspecting the property, it is not always immediately obvious whether there are defects or faults to the property. As such, it is critical that you review the vendor statement closely or engage a lawyer to review it for you.

The Section 32 allows the purchaser to examine these details more closely, and even

disclose things that may not be visible, such as an easement. It is important for the vendor to provide a statement that is accurate and meets legal requirements to ensure that they have the right to retain the balance of the deposit should the purchaser choose to walk away after the cooling off period has expired.

All properties sold in the state of Victoria are subject to Section 32 requirements. You are not required to proceed with a purchase if a vendor statement is not supplied. Speak with one of our friendly solicitors on 03 5644 0000 today to assist with the preparation or review of your Section 32 vendors statement.

J MacGregor Legal are excited to announce that they have moved into their new office at 65 Princes Highway, Trafalgar and look forward to meeting clients in their new office space.

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Probus adds to membership

By Elly Fallon

Trafalgar and District Probus Club welcomed two new members to its ranks this month - Julie Phillips and Glenda Henry.

They were inducted by our new president Maggie Attwell. It's wonderful to see our numbers growing and that retirees are looking for fun, friendship and fellowship after two years of COVID.

If you are wondering about joining Probus but are a bit shy about encountering a large club for the first time why not come along and meet a few members at our coffee mornings held 10.30am at Coffee Life on the second Thursday of the month and Gracie's Bakery on the fourth Thursday of the month. You will then become familiar with a few and find it so much easier when you attend a general club meeting.

The Probus walking group met at Mt Worth State Park recently. They enjoyed their ramble along the rainforest walking trails and were able to take in the picturesque views of Gippsland, as well as the Latrobe Valley and the mountains in the distance. Of course a walk always includes a much needed cuppa and chat afterwards. Pierre (Wayne) our 'French' guide entertained us with a humorous account of the trek.

Garden Group ventured out to the Trafalgar Community Garden and were met by Rod Boon one of the founding members. Rod has been part of the hardworking group that grow vegies to share in our town. Rod explained how the garden came about in 2013 and the hard work it took to create a garden on what was once partially a tennis court. There are 20 wicking beds plus individual pots and shared garden spaces. The raised beds and watering system make gardening easier. It also provides a place of friendship and sharing. Volunteers meet each Wednesday morning to maintain the gardens. For those who have never visited this town asset, it is next to the Men's Shed on Wellington Street. Probus members were most impressed with the good work being done there.

Those who love music and theatre were spoilt for choices in the last month. Twenty-six members attended the West Gippsland Art Centre to enjoy a concert that showcased Andrew Lloyd Webber, West Side Story and Porgy and Bess. This had people singing in their seats and entertainers happy to be back performing to audiences. A bus trip to Melbourne saw a group of our happy trippers enjoy Moulin

Rouge. All agreed the day had been so worthwhile. Amazing how clever producers are at putting musicals together these days and transporting us to another era.

Dine-outs are ever popular and 32 members enjoyed lunch and friendship at the Club Hotel in Warragul. There was a wide choice of delicious meals and plenty of chatter. Members are keen to return there in the future.

The speaker at our recent meeting was Bob Venables, one of our Probus members, who shared with us his trip to Antarctica, which included visits to Easter Island, The Falkland Islands and the Galapagos Islands off the coast of South America. He spoke in awe of the beautiful scenery, the many rock formations and the extraordinary amount of wildlife that he and his wife Wen encountered on this magical trip. The slide show he prepared made his words come to life. What a wonderful experience for anyone to have!

If you are interested in coming along to see if Probus is for you, phone secretary John Attwell on 0419 701 331 or come along to a meeting.



Julie Phillips and Glenda Henry being welcomed by Probus president Maggie Attwell



Enjoying the walk at Mt. Worth.

Composed by Matilda Ott – Year 7 Trafalgar High School Answers will be posted in June edition!

Rearrange the letters in each row to form a word. Write your answers into the blank grid. The first letter from each word reading down, will spell the mystery word.

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1.	R	L	C	A	O
2.	N	C	A	O	E
3.	A	E	A	G	L
4.	D	Q	I	S	U
5.	R	U	O	T	T

How many words of four letters or more can you make from these nine letters? Each letter **MUST** be included. No slang, foreign or capitalised words, hyphens, apostrophes, or plurals ending in 'S'. Only one form of a verb can be used. Eg. Sing, but not Sings or Singing.

A	U	N
M	E	I
S	R	B

Good 26
Very Good 34
Excellent 40+

Find all the words in the grid below. Words can be written forwards, backwards, up, down, diagonally. The remaining unused letters will answer the question. Theme: Ocean
Question: What is the deadliest shark?

Abalone	Lighthouse	Swordfish
Anchor	Marine	Tide
Antarctica	Mermaid	Treasure
Atlantic	Penguin	Trident
Barnacle	Rig	Walrus
Beach	Salmon	Wave
Boat	Salt	Whale
Clownfish	Sand	Yacht
Coast	Scuba	
Coral	SeaAnemone	
Cruise	Seahorse	
Dolphin	Seal	
Fishing	Seaweed	
Hammerhead	Shipwreck	
Iceberg	Sonar	
Keel	Swim	

Swordfish

Tide
Treasure
Trident
Walrus
Wave
Whale
Yacht

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C	L	O	W	N	F	I	S	H	T	I	S	O	I	A
I	Y	A	C	H	T	I	E	T	I	T	E	N	D	C
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Across

- 1 Claw wielding ocean animal
- 2 What ocean is named after a
- 3 country?
- 4 Thin area of water
- 5 What type of fish was Nemo in
- 6 'Finding Nemo'?
- 7 Which 'unsinkable' ship sunk
- 8 in 1912?
- 9 X marks the spot for what?
- 10 Ocean going vessel
- 11 System influenced by the moon
- 12 What is the worlds largest
- 13 fish?
- 14 Where the tide meets the
- 15 stream
- 16 Dangerous, fast moving
- 17 current
- 18 Healthy seaweed
- 19 A warship
- 20 Atlantic species lives in
- 21 deep oceans
- 22 Long living shelled reptiles
- 23 Popular crustacean
- 24 Sailors greeting
- 25 Falling tide

Down

- 1 Reef forming animals
- 2 Speed measurement
- 3 SCUBA is used in which sport?
- 4 Beach guardian
- 5 Jack Sparrows profession
- 6 Salty water
- 7 Best view point on a ship
- 8 Worlds largest reef system
- 9 Fur and Leopard are types
- 10 What's the worlds largest ocean?
- 11 Grows in an oyster
- 12 Windless waters around the equator
- 13 Collective noun for fish
- 14 A group is called a raft
- 15 Person in charge of a ship
- 16 Ruler god of the sea
- 17 Give fish lift
- 18 Commonly canned fish
- 19 Fish eggs

Fill in all the squares so that each column, row and each of the nine 3x3 squares contain all digits from one to nine.

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Baw Baw Shire Council is inviting community submissions in response to the recently published draft Annual Budget 2022/23, Long Term Infrastructure Plan, Council Plan Annual Review, Revenue and Rating Plan, and Long Term Financial Plan.

Together, these 5 key documents detail Council's strategic direction and financial allocations for the upcoming budget year. The drafts are now on exhibition for community review.

To ensure each document aligns with the community's expectations and long-term aspirations for the Shire, Council is inviting all residents, community groups, clubs and organisations to provide their feedback and make submissions in response to any or all the documents until Sunday 8 May 2022.

To view the documents in full,
and to make a submission
online or in writing, scan the QR
code below or visit
**[www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/
DraftBudget](http://www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/DraftBudget)**.

Continued major investment in Capital Works projects throughout the Shire is a key theme. Totalling \$41,367 million – an increase of \$2,690 million on the previous year – the Capital Works program's significant projects include:

- Baw Baw Culture and Connection Precinct Stage 1 – \$6.500 million*
- Warragul Indoor Stadium Stage 1 – \$4.050 million
- Rokeby Noojee Trail – \$1.500 million*
- Bellbird Park East Multi Use Pavilion – \$2.170 million
- Roads reconstruction program – \$2.000 million

*Subject to State and/or Federal Government grant support.

The draft Budget also funds a series of new initiatives to a net cost \$1.2 million to address the pressing needs and service delivery expectations of the community, including investment in Statutory Planning and Enforcement, Strategic Planning, Infrastructure Planning and Maintenance, Waste and works that relate to Vegetation Protection.



Apply now for a Community Development Grant up to \$5,000 for equipment or environment projects.

Community groups and non-profit organisations are now invited to apply for Baw Baw Shire Council Community Development Grant support of up to \$5,000 for equipment or environment-related projects.

Under the 'Environment' category, applications will be accepted to support activities that enhance sustainability efforts within the Shire, including works to build on the community's skills, knowledge and awareness.

Under the 'Equipment' category, applications will be accepted to support the purchase of portable items such as furniture, maintenance tools and sports accessories that can be securely stored on site. This refers to items that do not require installation or fixing to an existing structure.

2021 grant recipients included the Buln Buln East Community Association, who were awarded a \$4,493.50 environment grant to support works towards weed control on Buln Buln East school block, and Jindivick Progress Association Inc, who received a \$3,185 equipment grant towards publishing equipment for their community newsletter and a lawn mower.

"I look forward to this program each year," says Mayor of Baw Baw Shire Cr Michael Leaney.

"It is all about supporting our local people to deliver local projects that have an invaluable effect on our local community."

"Last year we granted over \$140,000 in funding support to a diverse range of projects and upgrades all throughout the Shire. This year we want to beat that figure! I encourage all non-profit organisations, groups and associations across the Shire to investigate this grant opportunity and I look forward to seeing the array of applications that come through."

Applications for this round of funding is open until Tuesday 31 May 2022. **Scan the QR code for more information.**



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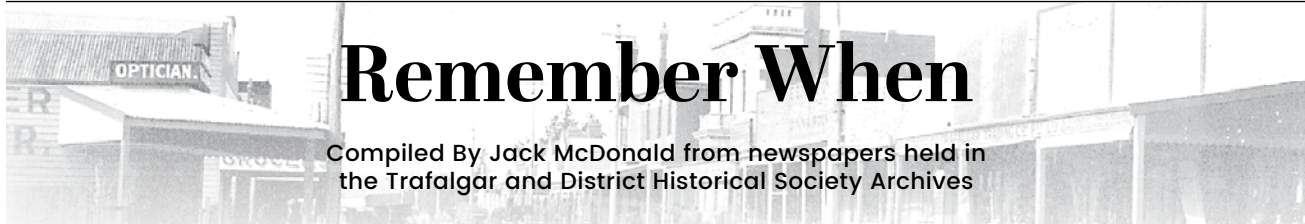
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THE TRAFALGAR, YARRAGON & YALLOURN NEWS, MAY 1932

5 MAY – CONVENT SCHOOL AT TRAFALGAR
Plans are now finalised for the building of a new Convent School at Trafalgar.

Present arrangements are that the school is being held in the church building, but it has been deemed unsatisfactory, hence the new school.

The contractors are to commence work at once.

HOSPITAL OVER-CROWDED

An unusually severe outbreak of diphtheria has broken out in Central Gippsland. The West Gippsland Hospital at Warragul is overcrowded.

Temporary wards have been provided in iron lean-to's, and beds have had to be placed on the verandahs.

YARRAGON SCOUTS BALL

The committee of the 1st Yarragon Group of Boy Scouts held their first annual ball on Friday, 22 April.

The large gathering of Scouting and dancing enthusiasts who attended this function were unanimous in voting the ball a great success.

A S M Edmonds, assisted by Scout Jack MacQueen, dispersed ginger ale and lemonade at 3 pence (\$1.25 today) per glass during the evening.

OVER THE AIR

The last broadcasting from Radio Station 3TR Trafalgar took place last night (Wednesday).

Today (Thursday) the station is to be dismantled for removal to Sale.

Mr Frank D Berkery, of Trafalgar, was the first to broadcast from the original station 3FB, and last night gave the last message over the air from 3TR.

The main cause of its departure is that Trafalgar is not a suitable area for broadcasting purposes, and lack of financial support and advertising revenue.

ED NOTE:

A small plaque indicating the site of the original 3FB Trafalgar radio station is attached to the bottom front wall of the hairdressers shop next to the opportunity shop in Contingent Street.

THE GIPPSLAND NEWS, MAY 1962 3 MAY – ANZAC DAY IN TRAFALGAR

Anzac Day for the 47th occasion was suitably observed at Trafalgar on Wednesday last.

A brief but solemn commemoration service at the cenotaph at dawn was attended by some twenty returned men.

The Last Post revived the sad memories of the original dawn and the many other times when their comrades laid down their lives that we who remain might live in peace and security.

TRAFALGAR MARCHING GIRLS RETURN

Ideal Easter holiday weather, perfect organisation and record entries in all sections combined to make the 11th Annual National Marching Girls' titles the best ever staged and the most colourful display ever witnessed in Perth, WA.

The entry of 164 teams was the largest ever received.

The Trafalgar 'Latrobettes', in their first year in junior competition, put up a fine performance to finish 16th in display and 28th in the championships from 63 entries.

10 MAY – BEARD GROWING CONTEST

If you notice a few locals getting about sporting a fair growth of whiskers, don't think that there aren't any razors left in Trafalgar.

The fact is that these locals are entrants in the local beard growing contest being conducted by the Trafalgar Car Club.

Pat Young, Ken Columbine, Larry Walker and Noel Somerville have all got away to a good start.

SAW THE FUNNY SIDE

Noted for his happy and friendly nature, one of the town's clergymen saw the funny side of the incident when his friends brought up the matter of his slipping and falling on his face outside the local 'pub'.

17 MAY – KINDERGARTEN BALL

One hundred and fifty people attended the Infant Welfare and Kindergarten cabaret ball held in the Trafalgar Public Hall on Friday night last.

The bright sound of Dick Winter's music did much to make the evening a successful one.

As always, the success of the ball was due to the wonderful co-operation of the

Kindergarten mothers who donated, cooked and served the supper.

24 MAY – SEPTIC TANK AT SCHOOL

The installation of a septic tank system at the Trafalgar State School has been in progress over recent weeks and will be ready for complete use shortly.

The sanitary arrangements at the school have been a constant worry for many years.

WHEELBARROW PUSH

On 17 June, the Trafalgar Car Club members will again be staging the wheelbarrow push from Trafalgar to Warragul in aid of the Hospital Appeal conducted by radio 3UL. It is hoped that the grand total of £80 (\$2380 today) collected last year will be passed.

31 MAY – TRAFALGAR BOWLING CLUB

An attendance of almost 100 players and friends gathered at the Trafalgar Bowling Club's spacious clubrooms on Friday evening, 18 May, to celebrate the wind-up of a very happy and successful season.

Trophies were presented to the various winners, and as an extra, Mr "Digger" Cummings delighted the gathering with several vocal items, whilst an exhibition of modern ballroom dancing by Mr and Mrs Alwyn Mitchell of Trafalgar merited well earned applause for their efforts.

TRAF NEWS, MAY 2004 HIGHWAY BLOCKADE

A highway blockade in Trafalgar on 13 April may be the first of rolling protests across the nation as a group of young West Gippsland dairy farmers desperately plead for improved milk prices.

Almost 100 dairy farming families from the Trafalgar and Willow Grove district and some further a-field took their protest to the community with a controlled protest on the Princes Highway.

ADULT RIDING CLUB

Age is not a barrier! Trafalgar Adult Riding Club is holding a Dressage and Combined Training Day at the Trafalgar Equestrian Park on Sunday 16 May and a Gymkhana on Sunday 13 June.

Due to the small membership we would like to invite members of the community who may be interested in horses or horse activities to

assist in helping to make both days a success.

LIONS AND LIONESS' CELEBRATE

The members of the Trafalgar Lions and Lioness Clubs held a joint dinner at the Moe RSL Club recently to celebrate the 34th anniversary of the Lions Club and the 24th anniversary of the Lioness Club.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of Life Memberships to the five original Charter Members who are still active members of the club.

They are: Wally Webb, Norm Rouget, Max Erbs, Bob Hoare and Graham McKenzie.

RUSS TURNER AWARD

Applications for the Russ Turner Apprentice/Trainee Encouragement Award are now open. This award is organised each year by the Lions Club of Trafalgar.

The award is held in memory of the late Russ Turner who was a member of the Lions Club and ran a local automotive business.

There is a \$1000 (\$1435 today) prize for the winner.

FOOTBALLER TURNS IRON-MAN

Craig McGarrity, a former footballer and resident of Trafalgar and son of Brian and Pam, participated in the Australian Iron-man Championships at Forster, NSW, on 4 April.

Craig finished 101st in his category (30-34 yrs) and 342 overall.

There were 1541 competitors of which a number were professionals.

NETBALL NEWS

A new feature to the Traf News will be news and gossip from the netball courts.

Coaches for the season are: A - Vanessa Hasthorpe, Luana Brock. B - Sharyn Paulet, Belinda Franke. C - Debbie Byrn. D - Kerrie Dawson. 17U - Luana Brock. Brony O'Meara. 15U - Brenda Lincoln.

TRAFALGAR PARK BOWLS

On 8 April, 32 people enjoyed a meal of pies and vegetables before playing in two games of bowls.

The winning team was Lisa Farmer (playing her first game), Trevor Farmer, Rae Brown and John Whitten (skip).

REFLECTION

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St Mark's Church, Thorpdale

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5th Sunday - 9.30 Combined Parish Holy Communion Service

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NEWS

My Valley, My Home receives Latrobe City Council Community Recognition Award

My Valley, My Home received a Latrobe City Council Australia Day Community Recognition Award recently during an award ceremony at the Gippsland Regional Performing Arts Centre.

Presented by Latrobe City Mayor Cr Kellie O'Callaghan, the award was accepted by choir manager Tineke Thijs Westwood and acknowledged the extraordinary community effort made to come together virtually during a difficult time.

Latrobe Health Assembly Chair, Miss Tanya Rong said of the award "a wonderful recognition of such a beautiful and emotional connection for the Latrobe Valley community at a time that we needed it the most - during lockdown. Congratulations to you all."

The My Valley, My Home project was a collaboration

between the Latrobe Health Assembly, Play It Forward, and the Latrobe Valley Community Choir. The initiative brought together a virtual choir to rehearse and record a music video to accompany the world premiere of Jonathon Welch AM's original song, My Valley, My Home. The project sought to bolster local pride and provide opportunities for social connection during the COVID-19 lockdowns.

My Valley, My Home engaged over 270 Latrobe Valley residents to create the music video which was launched in November, 2020 and now has over 20,000 views on social media. Feedback from the choir members showed that the majority felt that the project made them feel more socially connected during the lockdown period, and that they felt proud when they saw the video online.



Assembly Chair Tanya Rong, Jonathon Welch AM, Tineke Thijs Westwood, Assembly executive officer Ellen-Jane Browne and Stella Rong who were pivotal in the choir initiative.

Startup Gippsland launches 2022 Business Igniter Program for regional startups

Startup Gippsland launched its 2022 Business Igniter program at the Morwell Innovation Centre recently.

The celebration of 21 budding

entrepreneurs into the program, including six from Baw Baw Shire, was attended by Melina Bath Member for Eastern Victoria, Chris Buckingham, Latrobe Valley Authority CEO and Cr Kellie O'Callaghan Mayor of Latrobe City Council.

Now in its fourth year, the Business Igniter program provides hands-on education and mentoring for Gippsland founders to transform their business idea into a robust, market-ready business plan.

The program fosters innovation in the Gippsland region, supporting the development of new business ideas across a wide range of industries, and helping to grow a robust network of successful Gippsland entrepreneurs.

Over the next 12 weeks, the cohort of 21 participants will attend six weekend intensive workshops held across all six Gippsland shires, where

they will learn business essentials through hands-on workshops with local mentors and industry experts, as well as gaining access to one-on-one mentoring and extensive networking opportunities with both industry figures and their peers. The program concludes with the Pitch Final, where startups will present their final concept, now armed with the skills and confidence to fully launch and manage their new business.

"I love working with startups, because to a founder, their business isn't just a business, it's a vehicle to achieving their future hopes and dreams for themselves and their families. I'm very proud and excited to be a part of the Startup Gippsland Business Igniter Program for an opportunity to encourage and support founders at this early critical stage of their journey," said Jack Clayfield,

Startup Gippsland Program Facilitator

Since its inception in 2019, Startup Gippsland has supported over 140 local startups to build and launch their businesses. Baw Baw Shire success stories include Laura Eddington, part of the 2019 cohort and founder of her sustainable beeswax food wraps and has begun exporting internationally since her time in the program.

Startup Gippsland is a project by the Bass Coast Shire, Baw Baw Shire, East Gippsland Shire, Latrobe City, South Gippsland Shire and Wellington Shire councils, co-funded by Launch-Vic, and delivered by Gipp-sTech.

To learn more about Startup Gippsland and its range of programs, visit <https://startupgippsland.com.au>.



Attendees at the Startup Gippsland Business Igniter Program.

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State honour for Sharp

Words and photo by Liam Durkin

Local soccer identity Adam Sharp was recently inducted as a life member of Football Victoria.

Sharp was bestowed with the honour at Football Victoria's annual meeting, where his services to the game were officially enshrined for generations to come.

The Morwell resident has spent more than four decades as a referee, not only officiating but also developing and assisting those coming up through the ranks.

Such length of service has seen him chalk up more than 700 matches, rubbing shoulders with countless number of Latrobe Valley Soccer League players, coaches and staff.

If you have played in the LVSL in the last 30 years, there is a good chance Sharp has been your referee.

The man himself said he was thankful to soccer for the journey it had provided him.

"I am very honoured, you get a lot of enjoyment out of refereeing," he said.

"Refereeing is a way of giving something back."

Sharp was brought to the Latrobe Valley in 1987 through his work as a teacher, continuing a refereeing career that started five years earlier.

Prior to taking up the whistle, he played soccer in Melbourne and Bendigo, making appearances for Golden City and Prahran Slavia.

Over the years Sharp said there has been no shortage of highlights, with the progression of a number of local

referees to greater levels and the days of the Morwell Falcons playing in the National Soccer League standing out.

"It was very exciting, I remember these stands (at Latrobe City Sports and Entertainment Stadium) full of 5000 people, it was brilliant," he said of Falcons' NSL games.

"I wasn't refereeing in the centre at that stage, I was doing some lines and mainly Premier League.

"Several of the A-League referees I've mentored one way or another.

"We've been lucky enough to have two women referees from the branch who have gone onto women's A-League in Catherine Hoffman and Jasmine Steger.

"The standard of refereeing here (in Latrobe), some of it is as high as anywhere in Melbourne."

Sharp retired from refereeing six years ago, but is still contributing to the discipline through coaching, continuing in a role he has served since 2002.

A particularly noteworthy initiative Sharp introduced was the 'Green Shirt Program' for learning referees.

Sharp said it was gratifying to know the soccer community was becoming more aware of how important referees were to the game.

"We have to give credit to Football Victoria, the resourcing has improved out of sight," he said.

"Football Victoria has not only resourced more referees they've given us better training, what they have done has made sure everybody is on the same page – all of Victo-

ria, the training materials are very consistent.

"Without referees there is no game - and without good referees there is no good game."

In terms of his own refereeing style, Sharp said it was a matter for others to evaluate, although he did provide a few insights into how he has gone about his business.

"A good referee allows the game to flow, takes sanctions when they should and most importantly, a good referee manages people," he said.

"Cards are there only when you need them. I don't believe that you use cards to control, you use other means.

"It can be hard which is why all referees are thankful for the support they get

because it is lonely in the middle sometimes.

"You can only please half the team, half the time and half the spectators.

"Professionalism, integrity and teamwork are so important in refereeing, we have each other's back and the idea is that we develop a standard."

Sharp was nominated for the life membership by Latrobe Valley Referees Group Referees Appointment Officer Branch Executive Andrew Riess.

"All the work he has put in developing younger referees in our region, but also statewide, I thought he deserved that recognition for all the work he has put in," Riess said.

"When I first started I had a number of coaches and Adam was one of them, he helped me develop into the referee I am today, and probably the person I am today as well."

Possessing a calm demeanour which has undoubtedly allowed him to thrive as a referee, Sharp joked others told him he needed to "get a bit angry" over the years.

Nevertheless, when asked what makes a good referee, Sharp said a number of vital factors would always hold true.

"What makes a good referee is respect for the game, understanding the stakeholders, that is the players, the club, the spectators, and

knowing what is expected from them as well as the ability to sell a decision. The idea of selling a decision is to do with positioning and fitness, to be able to be there to be able to sell it.

"A good referee is one that isn't noticed – same in any sport. You are there to facilitate a really good game, you are not there to take over."

Sharp said he would love to see more people take up refereeing.

If you are interested in becoming a referee visit <https://www.footballvictoria.com.au/resources/referees/become-a-referee> or phone Adam Riess on 0422 024 288.



Referee Appointments Officer Branch Executive of Latrobe Valley Referees Group Andrew Riess congratulates local soccer legend Adam Sharp on his life membership to Football Victoria.

Thorpdale's great legacy

By Barbara Butterworth



Thorpdale Bowls Club ended its 2021/22 season with a tournament for Legacy.

On Sunday, April 10, Thorpdale Bowling Club hosted its last tournament for the 2021/22 season.

This is regularly the clubs Legacy Tournament and this year it was sponsored by the Trafalgar/Thorpdale RSL. Representing the Trafalgar/Thorpdale RSL at the presentation of the awards, president Jim Crowe made mention of the fact that great grandfather of Thorpdale Bowling Club's president Geoff Savige, Lieutenant Commander Sir Stanley Savige was the instigator of Legacy in Victoria, following an example set in Hobart in

1923.

Thorpdale Bowling Club voted to donate the proceeds of its very popular spud and onion raffle to Legacy this year, exceeding \$600.

It was a glorious warm autumn day from start to finish and the club had the added excitement of a visit from a drone taking shots from different angles.

Winners on the day were fought closely between Trafalgar and Yinnar with Trafalgar winning on a count-back - but nearly everybody won because so many people went home loaded up with potatoes and onions.

Bloods begin new season

A number of presentations were made at the Trafalgar Football-Netball Club prior to the first match of the season last month.

Hannah Davis was presented with her 2021 15 and Under league best-and-fairest in front of her fellow teammates on Thursday, April 7. The 15 and Under team was undefeated in their inaugural season in the Ellinbank District Netball Association so to also come away with a league best-and-fairest is a great accomplishment for Hannah who now

graduates to our 17 and Under netball team.

Local publican Michael Patterson was awarded the club's No. 1 ticket holder for season 2022. Michael has been a great asset to the club for many years with generous sponsorship and support. After an extremely tough couple of years through the COVID pandemic the club looks forward to helping Michael and the Criterion Hotel get back on their feet.

Brett Tonkin has taken over the club presidency from Ray Wall who has gov-

erned the club to a high standard over many years including the 2017 A Grade netball and 2018 Senior football premierships, and will continue serving the club on the general committee. A number of younger club members are serving on the club's committee for the first time and are keen to provide members with an enjoyable full season throughout 2022.

Our first round of matches against Ellinbank produced some great results with A Grade netball handing Ellinbank their first de-

feat since 2019 by three goals. Our A Grade team has undergone significant renewal from former junior players over the past two years so the result was a great reward for a hard preseason. Over at the footy, our Seniors defeated last year's undefeated minor premiers by 25 points with a best-on-ground performance from Tyson Leys in the ruck. Tyson was not expecting to play as the main ruck until last year's league best-and-fairest Dylan Farrell came down with COVID earlier in the week and

missed the game through health and safety protocols, so the performance was extra important with such a vital player to team structure missing. Damian Mann kicked four goals from full forward and debutant Hardy Kenny (2021 Under 18s club best-and-fairest) was a solid contributor in the back half. The return of triple-premier-ship player Blake Slater following an extended stint at Churchill gave Trafalgar a strong target at centre half forward and he also contributed on the scoreboard with

two goals.

On Anzac weekend Trafalgar hosted Longwarry which included an Anzac ceremony before the Senior football and A Grade netball matches.

The day also doubled as our sponsor's day who had the pleasure of listening to guest speaker and 1970 Brownlow medallist Peter Bedford. Best on ground in the Senior match and best on court in A Grade netball both received Anzac medals supplied by the Trafalgar-Thorpdale RSL sub-branch.



Trafalgar 13 and Under netball with coach Jess Burslem.



Trafalgar 17 and Under netball with coaches Ellie Farmer and Tara Potts.



A Grade netball with senior netball coach Megan Howes.



Trafalgar 15 and Under netball with coach Lucy Findlay.



Under 16 football with coach Fred Dyke.



Hannah Davis (left) receiving her 2021 league best-and-fairest from last year's coaches Tara Potts and Jess Burslem.



Trafalgar Football-Netball Club kitchen staff Dianne Brock, Kath Holdsworth and Donna Noonan, who are retiring from Thursday nights following well over 10 years cooking up dinner for players after training.

New era for Traf junior footballers

Trafalgar Junior Football Club begins a new era in 2022, heading west into the Warragul District Junior Football League.

All three teams Under 14, Under 12 and Under 10 are looking forward to competition after two interrupted seasons.

The WDJFL is a well-

established 12-club competition and most clubs have alignments with the senior Ellinbank League, including Trafalgar.

Round 1 was played under lights away against neighbouring Yarragon on Friday April 22. This match was followed by a series of home games which gave teams a

solid start to the season.

One of the highlights early in the year will be in Round 3 when Trafalgar hosts Buln Buln, this will be a day when all Traf footy teams both junior and senior will play at the one venue on the one day.

It will start with the Under 10s at 8.15am, followed by Under 12s, Under 14s, Under

16s and Reserves, with the Seniors to start a little later than usual at around 3.30pm, finishing under lights at around 6pm.

With a full complement of netball being played as well it will be a big day at the Trafalgar Recreation Reserve. There are plans in place for other activities on the day as

well.

Junior coaches this season are Troy Gill (Under 14) assisted by Jamie Marslen, Stuart Jennings (Under 12) assisted by Ben Johnston, and Matt Hoiles (Under 10) assisted by Steve Fallon.

New players are still welcome, the Under 12s in particular have room for

a few more players so join in if you're keen. Trainings are held each Monday and Wednesday from 5pm to 6pm.

Finals action for Ships

By Liam Durkin

The Trafalgar Cricket Club had two grades participate in the Latrobe Valley District Cricket League finals series for season 2021/22.

In A Grade, the side made it through to the grand final, while B Grade featured in the post-regular season.

The A Grade semi-final was a low scoring affair against Centrals.

The Ships elected to bowl first at Burrage Reserve, Newborough, sticking to a formula that had served them well in matches against Centrals during the regular season.

Jackson Noonan struck in his first over, and from there all bowlers were able to hit good areas to create chances.

A diving catch down the leg side from wicket-keeper Col Parnall gave the Ships even more of a spark, as Centrals collapsed to be all out for 104 inside 40 overs.

Noonan took 3/34 while Aiden George added to his championship points with 4/19.

The Trafalgar ship was in a fierce storm early as it set about chasing the runs, falling to 2/15.

Fortunately for Trafalgar, Aydan Connolly and Riley White were up to the task, and put on a vital 45 for the fourth wicket.

Birthday boy Connolly pressed on and got to 36 and took the team total to 4/93.

Connolly's dismissal triggered a few brain explosions as Trafalgar tried to get the game over and done with, only to lose 3/6.

Somewhat fittingly, the captain of the entire ship in club president Daniel Heathcote made sure of the result with a trademark flick for

four reminiscent of VVS Laxman to see Trafalgar into the grand final.

In the decider, Trafalgar lost the toss and was told to have a bowl against Moe at Yinnar.

Moe made a slow but steady start as it looked to keep wickets in hand for the back-end.

Trafalgar's bowlers maintained a disciplined length early in the piece, although they weren't really able to create any chances.

With wickets not coming from the hand of bowlers, it was left to the right hand of Connolly to get the first pole as he threw down the stumps with an insane bullet from deep mid-wicket.

A 128-run partnership then ensued and the Lions ended up adding 50 runs in the last five overs to take the total past 250.

Trafalgar got off the ground and needed 254 in order to win the premiership. While it was an imposing total, it was virtually identical to the 253 the Ships chased when they last played Moe only five weeks ago.

The Ships started promisingly in reply, with George and Liam White putting on 59 for the first wicket.

The pair got to the first drinks break well ahead of where Moe was at the same stage, but then the game turned in Moe's favour.

The Lions took the ascendency when Rhys Holdsworth was dismissed with the score 3/86. The White brothers Liam and Riley then set about getting things in order.

A 51-run partnership was made, but when Liam was dismissed for 45, it set about a quick procession that took

the Ships from 4/137 to 7/161.

Riley played positively for a run-a-ball 40 but by the 40 over mark the result was all but determined and Trafalgar was bowled out for 196.

A commiseration party was held back at the club rooms that night, which eventuated in attendees congregating at Bay 6½ and then into the paddock where the new oval will be built to toast new adventures.

The following morning, chef Noonan cooked up a breakfast storm on the club room deck, before players made their way to the Criterion Hotel to share a drink with their Moe opponents from the day before.



The Trafalgar Cricket Club A Grade team before the grand final. Pictured (back) Brendan Dawson, Jackson Noonan, Daniel Heathcote, Aydan Connolly, Liam White, Zack Brown (front) Liam Durkin, Aiden George, Col Parnall, Rhys Holdsworth, Riley White and Olly Hennessy.

Aydan abroad

By Liam Durkin

Trafalgar Cricket Club youngster Aydan Connolly has embarked on an exciting journey, playing cricket in the UK this winter.

Connolly arranged with former Trafalgar Cricket Club international Nick Gurney to play for the latter's club over there.

Connolly had a breakthrough season in 2021/22, winning the Richard Errington Medal as first grade best-and-fairest for Trafalgar.

He scored 322 runs and took 14 wickets with his medium pacers.

Heading into next season,

Connolly will take over the captaincy of the Ships from Rhys Holdsworth.

Connolly spent part of the season just gone learning what was involved in captaincy and was given the opportunity to led the team a couple of times. He also sat in on selection most weeks after Christmas.

Holdsworth departs after giving 10 seasons worth of service over three stints, during which time the club won two A Grade premierhips and an All-Gippsland one-day title.

While Damien Mann proved difficult to get away as well, conceding just 18 runs in nine overs.

The ultra-late inclusion Brent Claridge took two wickets bowling at the death.

The Ships were able to take wickets at semi-regular intervals following the first wicket which fell when the score was on 40.

From there, Boolarra lost 4/44 and then 3/4 toward the end going for quick runs.

The batting never really got going for Traf, as the team sunk to 4/35.

A few starts plagued the

innings, but in the finish only Cooper Burgess with 24 was able to make much of an impression.

From 5/55 the Ships then sank even further underwater, and were eventually bowled out for 94 after losing their last five wickets for nine runs.

Generally you get what you deserve in cricket, and seeing as though B Grade went into this final with a form line that read L, W, L, L, D, L, it probably wasn't all that surprising they didn't last too long.



Trafalgar Cricket Club's Aydan Connolly is currently playing in England.

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Push for second oval continues

Words and photos by Liam Durkin

Baw Baw Shire council and Trafalgar Recreation Reserve user groups are continuing to advocate for the construction of a second oval in the town.

A new double-sided multi-use pavilion (named after local family the Turra's) was recently opened at the Trafalgar Recreation Reserve. The current facility services soccer and boxing, but football and cricket cannot operate because their designated changerooms are located on the side currently facing a paddock.

While the construction of a second oval is not a case of 'if' but 'when', it is the 'when' Baw Baw Shire and the Trafalgar Football-Netball Club and Trafalgar Cricket Club are trying to expedite.

Baw Baw Shire East Ward councillors Darren Wallace, Peter Kostos and Mayor Michael Leaney met on site recently at the Turra Pavilion with shire recreation staff and representatives from the football and cricket club to discuss the way forward. Mayor Leaney said the oval would provide a great boost for the Trafalgar township.

"The development of the new oval is part of the master plan for the recreation reserve, now that we have built the Turra Pavilion, which is a great facility, we now need to move onto building and creating the oval to match it," he said.

"Some people said it was a bit out-of-sync (building a pavilion without an oval) but of course when the opportunity arose to build this pavilion we took it, and now it gives us great leverage to get the money to develop this oval.

"It is not going to happen overnight, it is going to cost about \$4 million to get the whole project done, there is a lot of work that needs to be done in terms of drainage and lifting the land to do it right."

The benefits of the new oval will be far reaching, most notably in alleviating foot traffic during winter and providing capacity for a long-awaited turf wicket in summer.

Currently, the Trafalgar Recreation Reserve football ground is reduced to a mud pit within a matter of weeks once the season starts, as senior and junior football use the ground most days of the week.

The Trafalgar Cricket Club has also faced an uphill battle in its bid to get a

turf wicket, with its A Grade team needing to travel away every week to play matches on grass.

While there is growing impatience among user groups to see the second oval come to fruition, Leaney said there was more to construction than just bringing in excavators and graders.

"Initially we actually need to do the planning for this. We have some very high level plans in terms of the master plan but we actually need to do some detailed plans," he said.

"For this kind of facility it would cost between \$200,000 and \$400,000 to develop that, so the planning is the first structure that needs to be done, once the plans are done we can go off to government and hopefully get the money needed to create it.

"The oval is certainly not forgotten about, the mere fact that we've invested a lot of money into developing the Turra Pavilion means it is not forgotten about. "It was important that part of that master plan incorporated this building to be the central hub of the recreation reserve. We weren't just going to build a small facility to suit the soccer club, it was about creating something, planning for the future. This is a case where we actually have built for the future, now we need the oval."

There are a number of factors that should make the task of construction easier, not least the fact Baw Baw Shire own the land on which the oval will be built.

"We are lucky that we were granted this land by the Turra family, it is in councils ownership, it is not like we have to purchase land," Leaney said.

"We have the ability to expand it - that is not the issue. It will need a fair amount of work to be built to a high standard, we need drainage and car parking, we don't want to do something that is underdone, we want to get it right.

"One of the advantages Trafalgar has is it is flat. In Warragul and Drouin we have a number of master plans in play for development of various recreation reserves but in some ways they are constrained because a lot of them are in valleys, they have streams running through them, whereas we have great open space around Trafalgar that really makes it easy to put in these facilities.

"This will be a fabulous facility, all we need now is the money and support from the state and federal government to make it happen. It is certainly what I will be aiming and my fellow Councillors will be aiming for."

Given Trafalgar is now

the third biggest town in Baw Baw, it would appear vital there is appropriate infrastructure to support the growing population, which will only increase once more people move into The Range subdivision.

With a state and federal

election looming, Trafalgar cricketers and footballers will surely be waiting with baited breath to see if any election promises are made in relation to a commitment for the oval.

Ultimately, as the second oval looks like being a sim-

ple case of dollars and cents there is of course one more option - surely there is a rich farmer up in the hills with a spare \$4 mil.



Baw Baw Shire East Ward councillors Darren Wallace, Peter Kostos and Michael Leaney overlook space where the long awaited turf wicket for Trafalgar will be laid.



Baw Baw Shire Councillors Michael Leaney, Peter Kostos and Darren Wallace in front of the recently opened Turra Pavilion at the Trafalgar Recreation Reserve. The pavilion will only operate at half capacity until the second oval is completed.

Red and white delight

Trafalgar Bowls Club celebrated recently, after its Division 6 team won the premiership, defeating Newborough 58-33. Greg Sephton and his rink of Graeme Ralls, Robert Connell and Margaret Moss had a 25-20 win over Betty Williams and her rink of Phil Zappelli, Frank Andrews and

Bob Hall. Anthony Mitchinson and his rink of Kyan Jenkins, Dennis McGrath and Billy Nesbitt had a 29-13 win over Joan Lee and her rink of Ray Mellon, Ron Carswell and Charlie Amos to give Trafalgar (3) a well-deserved victory and a chance to go up to Division 5 next year.

It has been a buoyant time for the Trafalgar Bowls Club in recent times. Members and guests are set to benefit from year-round play, thanks to the installation of a synthetic green. Not only will the new addition allow bowls to be played during winter, but players

will be able to enjoy consistent speeds and conditions regardless of heavy rain. Additionally, the synthetic green is set to lower maintenance costs and volunteer hours associated with maintaining a traditional grass green.

Trafalgar Bowls Club has kept one grass green to complement the synthetic. The synthetic was formally opened recently, with club chairman Ian Miles, bowls section president Helen Brodie and Parliamentary Secretary for Sport Danielle Green cutting the ribbon. Amazingly, the Trafalgar Bowls Club raised more than \$60,000 for the project.

Trafalgar Bowls Club now has close to 150 members and added extra teams to Saturday and midweek Penant competition within the Strzelecki Bowls North Region during summer.



Trafalgar Bowls Club Division 6 premiership team Rob Connell, Dennis McGrath, Tony Minchinson, Billy Nesbitt, Marg Moss, Graeme Ralls, Greg Sephton (front) Kyan Jenkins and manager Lyn Sephton.

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