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## HIGH HONOUR FOR TRAF LION GRAHAM MCKENZIE

By Trevor Byrne

At the 52nd Anniversary Dinner held on Wednesday, April 20, amid much secrecy and 'high ranking Lions in attendance' the lights dimmed and Lions Past International President Barry Palmer popped up on the big screen via Zoom, where he extolled the in-credible effort that Graham McKenzie has devoted to The Lions Children's Mobility Foundation through his involvement with the Lions Stamp Club. The Award was sponsored by District 201 V3.

Barry J. Palmer AO, of Berowra, NSW, Australia,

was elected president of Lions Clubs International at the association's 96th International Convention, held in Hamburg, Germany, July 5 through 9, 2013.

A member of the Hornsby Lions Club since 1976, he has held many offices within the association, including club president, zone chairperson, cabinet secretary, cabinet treasurer and district governor.

The Lions Club of Trafalgar celebrated its 52nd Charter Anniversary recently with a dinner at Trafalgar Community Centre. The club still has two of its original

members who have served the club and the community for the past 52 years. They are Max Erbs and Graham McKenzie.

During the meeting Graham was totally surprised when a Skype link was set up with Sydney where Barry Palmer appeared on screen to announce that it was his great pleasure to present the prestigious Barry Palmer Honour Award to Graham on behalf of District Governor Steve Boyce and the Lions of District 201 V3. Other special guests at the presentation were 2nd Vice District Governor Kim Ainsworth

and Past District Governor Norma Barnard.

Graham received the award for his outstanding work over more than 10 years serving as a coordinator for the Australian chapter of the Lions International Stamp Club where he was responsible for receiving, sorting, trimming and packing stamps for auction from Lions Clubs, businesses and individuals in Victoria, South Australia and Tasmania. He was also treasurer of the chapter.

Past International President Barry added that Graham spent many weeks of

more than 60 hours processing the stamps and he was honoured to be asked to make the presentation.

Over the past four years the Australian chapter has raised \$233,000 from the sale of stamps and in May this year will present a further \$60,000 to the Australian Lions Children's Mobility Foundation. All of this money is used to purchase walking frames for children born with cerebral palsy.

A stunned Graham sincerely thanked his club, District Governor Steve Boyce and Past International President Barry Palmer for all the

planning and scheming that went into the award presentation. He added that apart from receiving such an honour, the only reason that any of the stamp club members worked for such long hours was to be rewarded when they saw the smile on the faces of young children and their families at the presentation of a walking frame to a child with cerebral palsy.

"We only do it for the kids" he said.



Traf Lion Graham 'Macka' McKenzie proudly displays his Barry J Palmer Recognition Award. Pictured with McKenzie are Lions District Governor Steve Boyce, Past District Governor Norma Barnard and Vice District Governor Kim Ainsworth.



Barry J Palmer appeared via Zoom to congratulate McKenzie.

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## Council seeks input into industrial land use for Baw Baw's future

Baw Baw Shire Council is seeking community and local business input to help shape an Economic Land Use Strategy that will outline sustainable economic development within Baw Baw Shire focusing on future land use policy and land use settings.

With Baw Baw Shire having become one of the fastest growing regions in Victoria, this strategy will be key to proactively responding to the changes and pressures stemming from this significant growth.

A discussion paper has been prepared by consulting company Charter Keck

Cramer to help facilitate the development of the strategy. Community members, particularly local business owners are invited to share their views on the issues and options outlined within it.

Mayor Cr Michael Leaney said "Council is aware of the pressures arising from the ongoing growth throughout our region, which is why we are seeking community input into the preparation of this important document.

The Strategy will provide a planning framework to guide Baw Baw through its growth over the next 5-20 years. It details how land may be allocated and rezoned in the future to assist key indus-

tries and support a flourishing economy.

I encourage our local businesses and community members to review the discussion paper and provide a submission via email."

The discussion paper details strategic planning initiatives and opportunities to address the emerging challenges and ensure that land is appropriately zoned to support the expansion of key industries, manage land use conflicts, facilitate local jobs growth and attract future investment.

Written submissions can be made via email to Strategic.Planning@bawbawshire.vic.gov.au by 5pm Friday 10

June 2022.

When providing feedback via a submission, it is beneficial to consider the following:

Identify the initiatives you support and the reasons you support them

Identify – if any – initiatives that concern you and why

Are there additional initiatives or other issues that need to be considered in the development of the economic land use strategy?

As the Shire's population grows, what do we need to do to help its economy prosper and to retain economic gains in the community?

**POTATO FESTIVAL**  
 EST. 1977

**Time to go forward or time to give up again?**

**Our next meeting, to either commence the WIND UP of the Potato Festival Committee OR for the new committee to commence organising the next Potato Festival, will be held at the CFA meeting room in Station Street Thorpdale, commencing at 7.30 pm on Tuesday, 7 June 2022.**

**It's going to be a very hard decision to make - Is it going to be one made by the few or the many?**

**We need as many people from our community and neighbours as possible to attend this meeting - to have your voice heard.**

**A decision will be made on this night and it may be the hard one.**

**If it's the good one, it's heads down, tails up to get the 2023 Festival up and running!**

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## Trafalgar Lions raised funds at IGA for flood disaster

A massive thank you to everyone, who generously supported the recent flood appeal and donated \$4867, Trafalgar Lions rounded the amount up to \$5000.

All Funds donated to the NSW and QLD Appeal managed by the Australian Lions Foundation are provided back to the Clubs & Districts in the affected flood areas through a grant application process.

These grants are determined by the local on the

ground Lions based on identified needs of those impacted and assessed on an individual bases to ensure their entitlement.

Grants have been provided for three areas and more are being processed at the moment for both NSW and QLD areas.

Support has been provided in the following way:

- Vouchers for immediate essential needs not covered by the initial Government Grants.
- Vouchers to purchase

food, clothing, medical needs and small household items.

- Provision of assistance in the supply of medicines to families where local pharmacy area cannot supply.
- Assistance for school children to replace uniforms, school books, equipment that may have been damaged or destroyed.
- Provision of small household items including bedding, linen, kitchen needs and whitegoods.



## Baw Baw Arts Alliance has successful Easter Art Sale in 2022

By Carol Monson

Impressively the Baw Baw Arts Alliance has recently presented an even more successful Easter Art Sale than 2021. Prime movers of this very successful Art Show in the Exhibition Hall in Warragul were Anita George, president of the Arts Alliance and Prue Barridge, treasurer. The two managed to generate enough enthusiasm to gather a team of Alliance members who collected and hung or displayed over 300 works of Art.

Many of these works sold to people who just happened to be passing through Warragul and expressed interest in the high quality of work. The concept was originally developed during lockdowns in Victoria to help assist Artists in sale of their work when regular exhibitions were not taking place. Each Artist had the opportunity of entering three pieces that were hung or displayed immediately with a fourth one held over to take the place when a work was sold.

The Warragul Rotary Club, who generously partners with the Baw Baw Arts Alliance in this exhibition, also donated the use of display boards, assisted with the set-up of these and provided members to help staff the table at the entry along with Bbaa members.

As always there is an inspiring range of new exhibitions in the Yarragon 'Station Gallery' where individual Artists regularly exhibit their work. Do not miss the May exhibition of portraits by members of the Baw Baw Arts Alliance (Bbaa). Expect to be surprised by the many ways members manage to interpret the title 'Portraits' through a wide range of media from painting to mosaics, drawing to fibre, ceramics to print. While this takes place in the main gallery space at the 'Station Gallery' in the discrete space called 'The Wall', painter Lynne Hall, has hung her delicate floral paintings for which she is so well known.



President, Anita George and right, treasurer, Prue Barridge somewhat weary during the massive Easter Art Sale.

## Probus action aplenty

By Elly Fallon

Probus welcomed Lieutenant Colonel Bernard Mulholland as its guest speaker for the month of May.

Bernard spoke about the life and accomplishments of World War 1 veteran General Sir John Monash, one of our great Australians leaders that led our forces to victory on the Western Front.

Sir John was knighted on the battlefields of France in 1918 by King George V. After the War he worked as a civil engineer involved in bridge and railway construction. One of his earliest projects being the Princes Bridge in Melbourne. He also oversaw the planning for the Shrine of Remembrance in Melbourne.

Sir John was appointed Chairman of Victoria's State Electricity Commission after World War 1 which saw power for Victoria being produced from the Yallourn Coal Mine. Probus members were enthralled by the slideshow which accompanied Bernard's stories. An Australian to be proud of.

Probus welcomed two new members to its ranks in May, Rosemary Turra and Dawn Moore. We hope they enjoy all the fun, fellowship and friendship that being part of our Probus Club provides.

Joan Hull also marked a milestone moment. Joan joined Trafalgar & District Probus club in 1997, so celebrated a membership of 25 years. Over those years Joan has enjoyed numerous bus trips, dine-outs, coffee mornings, meetings and made many friends.

Garden Club had a wonderful day out visiting Broughton Hall Gardens in Jindivick. The beautifully terraced gardens with their extensive garden beds and pathways cover over four acres and overlook the Tarago Reservoir. It truly is a garden for all seasons with its autumn colours, winter clipped hedges, spring bulbs and blossoms, summer roses numbering over 1000 bushes plus all the many other flowering plants along the walkways. There are plenty of benches to sit and reflect

plus a nursery and garden shop ensuring Probus members were able to purchase a momento for their home gardens. Phil Hunter, one of the owners and creators of these beautiful gardens was our very informative guide.

The walking group met locally to walk and explore the Uralla Reserve in Trafalgar, a gem in our own backyard. Its tall trees, ferns, vines, nesting boxes and walking

paths are kept in order by an enthusiastic team of local volunteers. It was beautiful weather and an enjoyable way to spend a morning with of course the customary cuppa at the picnic grounds afterwards in the sunshine.

Dine-out this month was attended by 34 members who met at the Mirboo North Hotel where a separate area had been set aside so Probians could dine together. It certainly was a delicious lunch and well organised by Bob Jones, our dine-out specialist.

Tour events are on the agenda again with a 'Camp-Fire' concert to enjoy at the West Gippsland Art Centre, a week's holiday in Yarrawonga, and a trip to the Port of Sale and the Museum of Timeless Memories in June. Something for everyone.

We sadly remember some of our past members who have died in recent times, Thea Durkin, Peggie Currie and Nita Stoneman and acknowledge their wonderful contribution to Trafalgar & District Probus Club over many years. Our deepest sympathy to their families. Wonderful ladies!

Those wishing to find out more about Probus can phone secretary John Attwell on 0419 701 331.



Rosemary Turra and Dawn Moore are inducted into Probus by president Maggie Attwell who is centre of photo.



Probus guest speaker Bernard Mulholland on the topic of Sir John Monash.



## PRG appointed for Baw Baw Culture and Connection Precinct

A project Reference Group (PRG) has been formally appointed by Council to help guide design, advocacy and delivery of the proposed Baw Baw Culture and Connection Precinct.

The appointed PRG includes members representing key community groups including:

- Baw Baw Shire Deputy Mayor Cr Annemarie McCabe
- Baw Baw Shire Central Ward Cr Danny Goss
- Baw Baw Shire Central Ward Cr Joe Gauci
- Baw Baw Shire Ratepayers & Citizens Association member Jan Pickburn
- MyLi (West Gippsland Regional Libraries Corporation) CEO Leanne Williams
- MyLi (West Gippsland Regional Libraries Corporation) Facilities Manager Jenny Dunn
- Baw Baw Arts Alliance member Sue Acheson
- West Gippsland Arts Centre Manager Rowenna Dunn
- Regional Development Victoria or Victorian Government representative
- Baw Baw Shire Council Manager Major Projects Luke McGrath

- Baw Baw Shire Council Senior Project Manager (including PRG secretariat) Wayne Hewitt

Two additional community members will complete the PRG, with a second-round application process now open and welcoming submissions. Applications will close on Thursday 12 May and the final two members will be formally appointed at a future Council meeting.

The PRG's role is to provide local insights, contribute to discussions and provide recommendations to Council in the spirit of achieving the best project outcome. Council is seeking to include members of the community to ensure a fair and equitable representation of local voices.

"It's great to see this project take another giant step forward with the appointment of PRG members. We're now in a position to commence critical planning meetings with the architect and design team which will give the project real momentum" said Mayor Cr Michael Leaney.

The PRG will meet on a semi-regular basis to consider and discuss selected and arising topics throughout all stages of the project. This

is a great opportunity to be involved in Council's largest ever single project which will have a positive impact on the community for generations to come.

The project is the largest in Council's history valued at \$30 million and includes a multi-level facility with new community library with reading/study zones, a gallery and cultural space, community meeting rooms, co-working areas, cafe, rooftop terrace - all with accessible amenities and pedestrian connections to surrounds. The facility aims to address the lack of community facilities and ageing and underutilised community spaces.

Baw Baw Shire Council has pledged \$10 million towards the project - the largest investment in a single project in Council's history. Advocacy to both State and Federal Governments to secure further funding for the project remains at the forefront of Council's priorities with efforts ramping up ahead of both upcoming elections.

To learn more about the project go to [www.bawbaw-shire.vic.gov.au/Cultureand-ConnectionPrecinct](http://www.bawbaw-shire.vic.gov.au/Cultureand-ConnectionPrecinct)

## New ABS statistics highlight Baw Baw's exploding population

Baw Baw Shire's exploding population growth has been highlighted in new regional statistics released by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) solidifying Council's major focus on advocacy for improved local infrastructure and services.

According to ABS, during the 2020-21 financial year period Warragul and Drouin experienced an annual growth rate of 3.7 per cent with the towns combined population rising from 40,631 to 42,115.

Overall, Baw Baw Shire's population grew by 3.1 per cent to 56,583 giving Baw Baw Shire the third highest growth rate in regional Victoria. Comparatively, this figure far exceeded the overall growth rates of neighbouring metropolitan areas Casey and Cardinia who experienced growth of 1.2 and 2.2 per cent respectively.

This growth data confirms what is evident to local residents and businesses and is a key driving force behind Baw Baw Shire Council's concerted advocacy efforts to secure more State and Federal Government funding support for local infrastructure and com-

munity services. With both the Federal and State Government elections fast approaching, Council's advocacy push is ramping up.

Earlier this month, Mayor of Baw Baw Shire Cr Michael Leaney met with the incumbent Federal Member for Monash Russell Broadbent MP, Labor candidate Jessica O'Donnell and Voices for Monash candidate Deb Leonard to discuss Council's key advocacy priorities and seek their support ahead of the election

Council's key advocacy priorities and focus areas include:

- Baw Baw Culture and Connection Precinct: A new \$30 million state-of-the-art library and learning facility including a gallery and cultural space, community meeting rooms, co-working areas, cafe, rooftop terrace, underground car park in the heart of Warragul.
- Warragul and Drouin Bypass: Council is advocating to the State Government to allocate \$3 million of funding to Regional Roads Victoria to design a mod-

## Quality providers announced to support Aged and Disability Transition

Baw Baw Shire Council's Home Support Program and Home and Community Care Program for Younger People are set to transition to new appointed providers in July 2022.

Last year, Council made the difficult decision to cease delivering Aged and Disability Services as of 30 June 2022. The decision was the result of significant Federal reforms following the 2018 Royal Commission into the quality and safety of aged care in Australia. The reforms have significantly impacted funding models and local government's suitability for delivering aged and disability services.

Council has maintained discussions with both State and Federal levels of government throughout the transition period and has received notification from the relevant departments regarding the transition of funding from Baw Baw Shire Council Aged and Disability Services to new providers.

The Federal Government has selected Benetas as the new provider of Aged Care services within the Commonwealth Home Support

Program for people aged over 65 for both Baw Baw Shire and Latrobe City as of 1 July 2022. Benetas is a not-for-profit agency and part of the Anglican Aged Care Group.

The State Government has appointed Uniting Vic. Tas as the new provider of Home and Community Care Program for Younger People. Uniting is a community service organisation operating across Victoria and Tasmania and is locally known as Uniting Gippsland.

Council is working with both Benetas and Uniting Gippsland to ensure effective transition of services for Commonwealth Home Support Program clients and Home and Community Care Program for Young People clients by 30 June, 2022.

Mayor Cr Michael Leaney stated "We support the Federal and State Government's appointment of Benetas and Uniting Gippsland as the new service provider and are confident in their ability to deliver high-quality care and service for Baw Baw Shire clients.

Council will continue to work with all impacted clients, staff and community

throughout the transition process to ensure all parties are supported."

We understand and acknowledge that these changes will result in a period of uncertainty for our clients, their families, and carers, along with our staff and volunteers, who are valued members of our Aged and Disability Services team.

Residents who currently receive services do not need to do anything. Individual clients will be directly contacted before any changes occur and Council will work with clients to ensure they are supported through the transition.

At this stage, Council is waiting for notification from The Department of Families, Fairness and Housing regarding a provider announcement for the Carers Support Programs (carers of all ages).

Council's main priority has always been, and will continue to be, supporting its resident's wellbeing and ensuring their ongoing access to quality aged and disability care providers and services.

## Around the Historical Society

By Di Ireland

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Trafalgar & District Historical Society with the purchase of our Gazette. Another edition, the 101st, is now on sale at the Trafalgar newsagency and at the Post Office. The cover of this latest Gazette shows Trafalgar in the snow in 1977. Subscriptions are available through the Treasurer, Glenys Ralls, on (03) 5633 1594.

There was no response to the request for information on the photo of six young men which was published in the April edition of Around the Historical Society in Traf News. So, we still would like the names of these young fellows. Please don't assume that someone else will tell

us. If you can contribute anything at all, don't hesitate to phone Dianne on 0439 655 172 or Jean at (03)5633 1960.

So many changes are taking place in what was once a small town! We are trying to collect as much information as possible on the history of Trafalgar and District before it's too late.

Now that we have a Facebook page - Trafalgar and District Historical Society - please like us and add comments or any information you might have on the current topic. This is a recent development, so it's still a work in progress, but already comments posted are providing new information.

Working bees are held officially on the first and

third Fridays of the month, but on most Fridays there is someone in attendance at the rooms situated at 30 Contingent Street, Trafalgar. Should you wish to come at other times, please phone Jean.

Thanks must go to Larry Heenan for his donation of a glass fronted display cabinet. This will allow us to display some of the many artefacts we have been donated. The Mens Shed have been willing helpers too so many thanks to their members.

The next general meeting of the Society will be on Thursday, June 16 at 2pm in the old Kindergarten located in Contingent Street.

## Sew it, grow it, make it, bake it market comes to Yarragon

Trevor Colvin, SilkRoad Community

The SilkRoad Community Group ran its first monthly market at FozzieGobble Organic Cafe in Yarragon from 9:00 until 1pm on Saturday May 7 and the plan is to run the market on the first Saturday of every month. Stands ran up the side of the cafe and around the back and occupied the classroom at the rear of the property.

SilkRoad Community is a not-for-profit development which sprang from the uncertainty of the last two years. It was formed in Trafalgar, but is finding its way across Gippsland.

The organisers have a specific philosophy about the markets they run which can be summed up as 'meet the people who make it, bake it, grow it or sow it' so the stall holders are most often directly responsible for making or growing the products they sell.

What you won't find at a

SilkRoad Community Market is car boot loads of second hand tools or table after table of cheap imports. We don't accept such vendors in order to keep the SilkRoad philosophy alive. What you will find is products that have been homegrown or handcrafted by the people selling them.

You will find children's clothing, art, fruit and veg, seedlings, plants, fresh flowers, breads and baked goods, home made cakes, jewellery, knitted goods made with naturally dyed fibres, handmade gift cards, doggie treats, artefacts and more.

You will also find excellent organic food and coffee at FozzieGobble for the duration of the market and beyond.

The markets are just part of the SilkRoad philosophy which is also to assist communities become more self-reliant and better prepared to survive and thrive in the face of the challenges we all

face.

We are growing food, forming special interest groups, encouraging trade and barter while pulling it all together with a powerful

community and trading platform - [SilkRoad.community](http://SilkRoad.community) - which is nearing completion. So, for more information: [contact@silkroad.community](mailto:contact@silkroad.community).

**NEXT YARRAGON MARKET - SATURDAY JUNE 4 - 9AM TO 1 PM**

Other SilkRoad Markets:

- Yarragon - Saturday June 4 (every first Saturday)

- Rosedale - Saturday June (every third Saturday)
- Warragul - Saturday June 25 (to be confirmed)



Yarragon Easter weekend market was a great success

## How our railways are run – Published 1889

edifice's erected by the Railway department, until we

arrived at Toongabbie, when a stay of about twenty minutes was made to give us a view of our young and gallant (not necessarily gallant) defenders, in a march past (or run) in their new uniforms, and the alacrity with which they covered the distance between their carriage and the water tap was worthy of a better cause.

But it was at Glengarry that the kind consideration of the department was shown us. Here we were allowed to rest for a full three quarters of an hour (no exaggeration here), many of the passengers availed themselves of the opportunity to inspect the buildings and promenade the platform, some of the ladies dresses being a marvel of \_\_\_\_\_. But there!

Being a crusty old bachelor, if I attempt a description. I shall inevitably come to grief; suffice it to say, that there was a perfect coruscation of youth and beauty, such as has not been seen for many a long day. In the course of time we arrived at our destination, where we were allowed another fifteen minutes to take a bird's-eye view of the show ground from the top of the bridge, before drawing alongside the platform, when we were allowed to alight.

Of the show itself I will say nothing at present, but will give you another grumble later on.

The return journey was another triumph of departmental incapacity—I mean good management. The trains advertised to start at 6.20 p.m., started punctually at 7.30. Why the delay will never be known to the vulgar public who pay and smile, or swear—

\_\_\_\_\_.

The platform was thronged with would be homeward bound visitors, the carriages were there and the engines also, but no move was made till the above hour. Here let me note a novel feature in what is termed the barrier system, which shows an amount of management worthy of Confucius.

Two porters were stationed at a side gate to allow those only to reach the platform who had tickets to show that they were going by the then outgoing train, while passengers going in the opposite direction were very properly kept back, but it gradually leaked out that the porter stationed at the gangway at the end of the platform was kindly allowing all to pass who could produce any ticket at all; thus producing a most delightful confusion, and accomplishing a

most difficult task, that of pleasing everyone.

Now, in company with two ladies, I was bound for Stratford, but from no one could I learn whether the Sale and Maffra trains went to that town. Positively no one knew for certain. Presently a porter shouted "next train for Sale," and a train drew up to the platform. Then a porter shouted, "Sale, Stratford and Bairnsdale."

So, in company with my friends, I took my seat. Again a porter shouted the names of the above places, and yet a third time; so my troubled mind was eased, and away we went, there not being more than twelve passengers in our compartment.

Now whether the engine got tired or wanted a drink, or whether the driver and fireman wanted to discuss with the guard the merits of some of the exhibits at the show, I am not in a position to say; but certain it is that about three miles before reaching Rosedale we came to a sudden halt for about fifteen minutes, and the above men did confer together.

Thoughts of a second Windsor mishap floated through my brains, together with a nice little annuity from the Government to console me for a scratched nose; but I never was lucky. Again

we started and reached Sale without any mishap, at about a quarter to nine.

But judge of my dismay when I was coolly told that the train was not going to Stratford, and that I would have to go by the ordinary passenger train. Now, observe the dodge.

It was evident that the train to Stratford would be overcrowded, and so a number of the Stratford passengers were decoyed into the Sale train, and thus the difficulty was partly overcome.

I do not mean to say that this was done purposely, but it was done, and you know it looks suspicious. Having strolled down the town and refreshed the inner man, we returned to the station to await the arrival of the evening train, which arrived as usual, punctually an hour late.

After about another hour's delay we left Sale at half past twelve and arrived at Stratford at one o'clock in the morning. It will thus be seen that with the exception of about four hours spent at the show, we were with many others from 10 a.m. on Thursday till one o'clock the following morning (10½ hours) dancing attendance on the trains; having travelled a distance of 82 miles [132km], or about 8 miles an

hour [13kph].

A few words more and I shall have had my grumble. On returning to the Sale station in the evening, I found every one of the few seats occupied by g— smokers, I had nearly written gentleman, and many others standing similarly employed smoking.

A notice on a large board informs me that smoking is strictly prohibited. As no notice is taken of it by either the station master, porters or police, the notice should be removed, or the rule enforced. Now I do not believe that the ladies as a whole have any objection to the smoking.

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But oh! the filthy state of the platform from the expectations of these smoking gentry. I emphatically protest against a public station platform being turned into a huge spittoon. I may here remark that a few more seats labelled "for ladies only" would be a great convenience to those who had to wait as I had that night for two hours.

I noticed that everything that could be utilised as a seat was so utilised, even to the door steps. There, I have had my grumble and feel better.

Source: Gippsland Times,

Wednesday 11 December 1889, page 3



## Lions Club skin cancer screening unit visits Trafalgar

By Trevor Byrne

We've just completed our hosting of the Lions Skin Cancer Screening Unit, the event was a great success with all appointments being filled a couple of weeks beforehand, with around 20 on the spare client list.

The wind on Saturday made things a little difficult but at least the heavy rain on Friday night stopped by the morning and the weekend was dry.

A total of 105 people were screened, 62 females and 43 males. 24 were referred for further investigation, or 23%

of those screened who we may have helped avoid serious problems if they'd gone unchecked. It's been a real privilege to have the services of the Skin Cancer Screening Unit volunteers in our town, most of whom have travelled a long way to be here and

spent a long time away from home - having come from as far as Warrnambool and Swan Hill to Lakes Entrance then Churchill before arriving here.

Thanks also to everyone who assisted over the 2 days checking people in and cater-

ing for the screening people. The unit is scheduled to be in our V3 District (Mornington Peninsula) again, from February to April next year but is unlikely to be in Trafalgar again then.

The Victorian Lions Skin Check van is funded by the

support of Victorian Lions Clubs, together with donations from the public. There is no government funding for this health project.



Kevin and Tina Dewsbury braving the weather at the checking in area.



On the Steps Col, Carolyn, front Bev, George, Greg Sephton, Graham Hill and acting President David Koschade

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## Damage to North Canal Road

Funding opportunities for embankment stability works along North Canal Road will be pursued by Baw Baw Shire Council to avoid the road eventually being closed.

Frustrated by the West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority's (WGCMA) lack of shared responsibility for the waterway and road asset between Yarragon and Trafalgar East, council will seek funding to address continued erosion and road deterioration issues.

Council officers fear ongoing deterioration of the road will lead to its eventual closure.

In a report to council, officers said erosion of the waterway embankments were continuing to impact road users and access to properties, resulting in community expectations for council to undertake immediate remediation or repair works.

Council is responsible for all maintenance, renewal and upgrades for North Canal Road but officers said discussions relating to responsibilities for long term management of the waterway bank and bed modifications had failed to reach a reasonable outcome.

Officers said council had always maintained that the Moe River/Moe Drain

was not a council asset and therefore the responsibility for funding and larger scale maintenance and stability works would sit with the WGCMA.

Previous legal advice indicated the WGCMA was responsible for Moe River as an asset and the management and maintenance.

However, a Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning rural drainage strategy indicated responsibility was based on a "beneficiary pays" principle and as such any embankment works primarily benefit council as the works would protect North Canal Road.

"Although WGCMA is aware of the deteriorating nature of the river and its banks, it does not have the necessary funding to attend to any remedial works.

"WGCMA advised their waterway maintenance role is contained to ongoing river health," officers said.

The report to council said during periods of high flows along the Moe River system, the waterway banks were vulnerable to erosion and collapse, impacting both council road assets and private property that abut the waterway.

"No regular or significant maintenance of the river, its banks, levies or flood gates

have been carried out for many years, subsequently leaving it vulnerable when flowing at capacity.

"This has resulted in the erosion of the river banks and has affected various sections of North Canal Road between Yarragon and Trafalgar East"

Officers said the damage was not contained to North Canal Road, with the unsealed South Canal Road also susceptible to damage during periods of high rainfall.

Cr Peter Kostos said there had been problems with North Canal Road for many years.

He said the eastern section sustained a major malfunction in 2009/10 which cost council about \$2 million.

Since then, he said WGCMA had continued in its lack of due diligence and maintenance of the canal. "They have continued to say it's not their responsibility."

"The state government and CMA are not doing the works that are needed which is now affecting the road in the western end where we have spent \$70,000 on rock stabilisation works.

"The WGCMA said they have done some maintenance on the canal but I suggest it was a long long time ago.

"If we don't do this, there

is big potential that more of the North Canal will be shut. This will end up costing council a lot of money if it's not done," he said.

Cr Tricia Jones said the photographs spoke volumes of the deterioration of the road.

"This roads serves the community as well as milk tankers and agricultural transport...it is just dreadful.

"The WGCMA have only carried our minor maintenance. Their negligence in prioritising this asset is really sad for the people who live along there.

"There's a lot of rhetoric about supporting farmers and business but there has been very little done to give money to this for the maintenance that is required," she said.

Cr Danny Goss said no maintenance had been done on the river system for years.

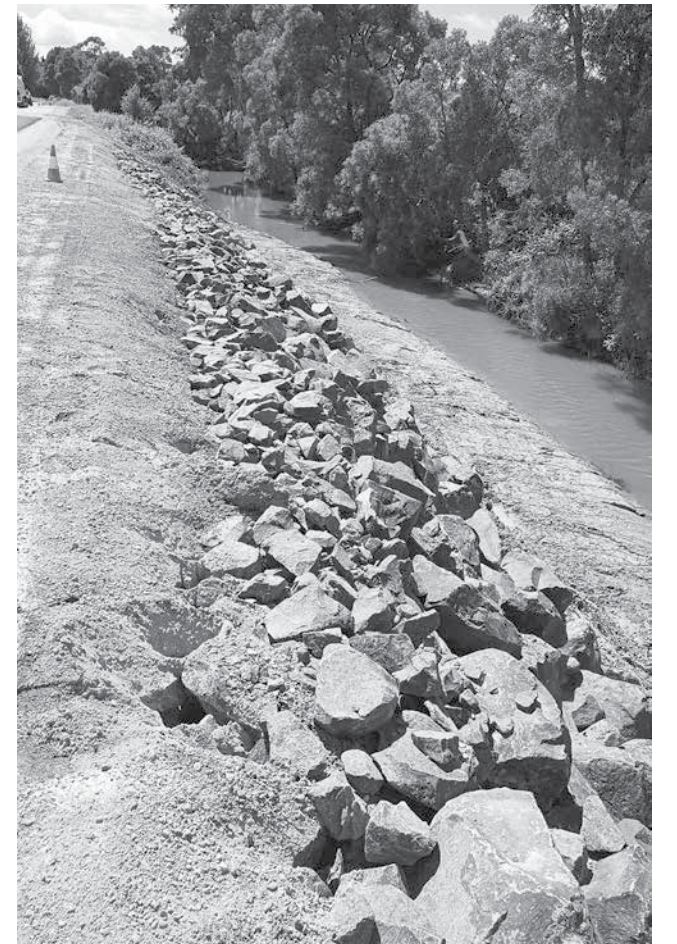
"Council own the roads, the state government own the water assets. Their negligence is damaging our assets, so who pays? Well it won't be ratepayers.

"This road will probably eventually have to close. The government can't get their hands dirty on the day to day issues that affect people's lives - this is a very serious problem," he said.

Source: Warragul Gazette



A section of the Moe Drain bank at the western end of North Canal Road that was washed away earlier this year, requiring rock stabilisation works to be undertaken to secure the road pavement



Rock stabilisation works undertaken by Baw Baw Shire Council earlier this year to stabilise the North Canal Road pavement

## Yarragon Expo promotes kinship between "Locals" and "Newcomers"

To prepare for growth and to give existing community groups

and businesses a chance to inform newer residents and prospective residences what presently exists in Yarragon, the Yarragon and District Community Association (YDCA) is hosting an Expo on Saturday June 4 and Sunday June 5 from 10am to 5pm each day at the Yarragon Public Hall.

The Expo is intended to promote Yarragon and build a link between existing residents and those who may come to town. The Expo will also provide an insight into the history of the area and give all the chance to have some input into future development whilst increasing their knowledge of how we could improve sustainability in our environment.

All newcomers bring skills and experience to enhance the communities they join.

YDCA believes the Yarragon Expo will provide a

forum where locals and newcomers learn and assist each other.

A move from the hustle and bustle of the city to an idyllic existence by the sea or in the country has been the theme of books, films and television series over the years. Working from home in the age of COVID has led many to consider the change.

The change requires understanding on two sides - where locals are confronted by newcomers.

Readers of a certain age will remember the BBC series "To the Manor Born" and the challenges faced by Lady Audrey Forbes-Hamilton coming to terms with the sale of an estate which had been in her family for 400 years to a supermarket tycoon she saw as nouveau-riche - a term used, usually in a derogatory way, to describe those whose wealth has been acquired within

their own generation, rather than by familial inheritance.

The battles between Lady Audrey played by the wonderfully imperious Dame Penelope Keith and businessman Richard DeVere (Peter Bowles) as they duelled to re-establish the local pecking order made for wonderful comedy.

In the 1990's, the ABC television series "Sea Change" presented the issue from the perspective of the newcomer. Here, Laura Gibson (Sigrid Thornton), a high-flying city lawyer, is prompted to undergo a 'seachange' with her children Miranda and Rupert. They initially miss the city but the family comes to love the town and its many colourful characters, and enjoy having more quality time with each other.

In recent years there has been a surge in the number of Victorians seeking to escape the pressures and mayhem of city life to live in smaller communities where it is possible to work from home (or commute) and families are able to enjoy

greater quality time.

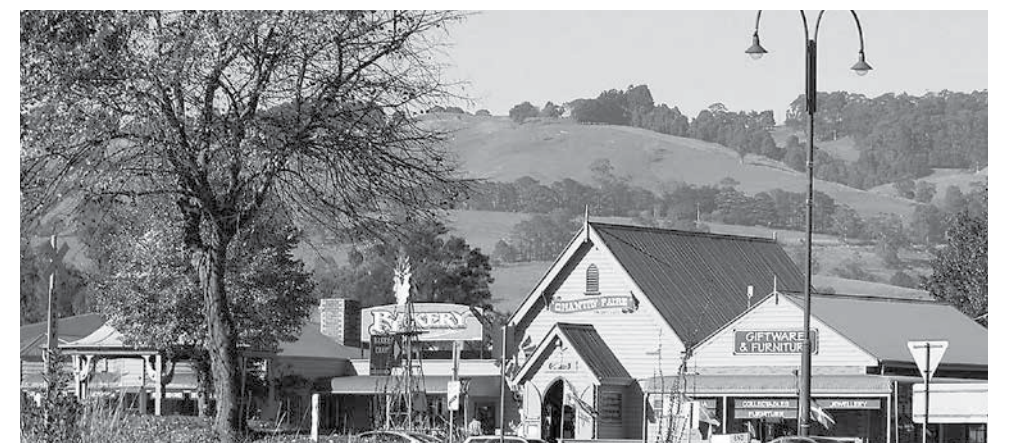
Yarragon is 118km from the centre of Melbourne - by road 90 minutes and little more by rail services running hourly in both directions.

The town which had a population of 1650 at the time of the 2016 census has facilities - churches, pub, restaurants, medical clinic, pharmacy, supermarket, CFA, Football/Netball, cricket and other sporting clubs, Primary School etc - all of which contribute to make Yarragon a well rounded

community. In close proximity are facilities such as Secondary Schools at Trafalgar (8km) and Warragul (13km), a major hospital at Warragul as well as significant retail and professional

services in both centres.

Yarragon has grown substantially in recent years and significant residential subdivisions are planned.





## Firefighter Zelenewicz shares his story

By Kate Wattchow

Trafalgar community members may have noticed some new faces at the local CFA station over the past year or so, and we want to introduce you to these new firefighters.

We're kicking off this series with Paul Zelenewicz.

### WHEN DID YOU JOIN CFA?

I joined the Trafalgar Fire Brigade in November 2021

### WHY DID YOU JOIN?

A neighbour of mine has been a member for many years, and was always telling me how much he enjoyed participating in the brigade activities. CFA membership wasn't something I'd ever considered in the past, but after a couple of years catching up on stories from the jobs he'd responded to, and with some sense that owning a property comprising a fair chunk of bushland, that some fire awareness might be a good idea, I decided to go and check it out.

### WHAT WAS THE PROCESS OF DOING YOUR GFF TRAINING LIKE?

General Fire Fighter (GFF)

Training was a fantastic introduction to operating as a part of the team within the brigade. As a new member I initially felt overwhelmed by the simplest of tasks like getting the right hose connected to the right part of the truck for a given scenario. Watching experienced members in action I wondered if I would ever remember the correct processes and procedures required to respond in an emergency situation.

For me, the GFF course broke down the complexity into something more modular and digestible, to the point where I felt more confident in understanding how each task in a larger job combined to make the whole. What impressed me the most was the emphasis on the safety of members at each stage. The entire way through training I never felt like I would be compelled to put myself in a situation in which I wasn't comfortable.

It also would be remis of me to not to pay particular acknowledgment to our Training Officer at the Trafalgar brigade, who commits significant extra personal time to ensure that each GFF

trainee has the opportunity and practical hands-on support to master the skills required to pass the certification.

### DO YOU HAVE A FUNNY OR INTERESTING STORY TO SHARE?

I remember what it was like after passing GFF training and being given the green light to attend jobs by the Captain. The first time my pager went off was just after 10pm on a Tuesday night. I jumped up off the couch and grabbed my kit-bag. At the time, my wife was watching a lot of some American TV drama about firefighters. When the siren went off, those guys would go into some slow-motion tough-guy choreography, throwing on their gear in graceful and decisive movements. Anyone watching me trying to get my yellow's on in a hurry at the back door would have thought I was having a medical episode!

When I finally got my gear on, I jumped into my car and headed toward the address of the job. My heart was racing the whole way there wondering if I would be turning out to a blazing house-fire for my

first job. Fortunately, it was only a faulty smoke-detector, and I was back home pretty quickly. This was probably the story of my first 4 or 5 callouts. I'm kind of glad in hindsight that it worked out that way. It was like I got a bit of extra practice in figuring out a routine that works for me when responding to a job, staying a bit more calm, and acting with purpose.

### WHAT IS A CHALLENGING ASPECT OF VOLUNTEERING AS A FIRE-FIGHTER?

As a CFA member, new challenges are always around the corner. Each time the pager goes off you don't know what to expect. You might be putting out a fire in a bin, or you could be called on to assist a complete stranger in their time of greatest need. Each scenario requires a different part of you, be that focus and trust in your training

and team, or compassion and the sensitivity to understand your place in a highly complex circumstance involving multiple agencies. The greatest challenge therefore I think is constantly remembering that in the rushed state of emergency response, to slow down enough to truly assess what is required of you in each moment.

### WHAT WOULD YOU SAY TO PEOPLE LOOKING TO JOIN THE CFA?

I'd want people to know that they just might surprise themselves. As I said, I initially went to check it out with a curiosity of some new adventure along with a sense of community obligation, but what I have experienced in the last 18 months has been a profound [and unexpected] pride in being able to serve my community in a highly practical way. For all of the hours I've given in training,

and callouts in the middle of your day, or dinner, or your favourite TV show, I sincerely feel like my service has given more back to me than I to it.

If you are interested in volunteering you can submit an expression-of-interest at: <https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/volunteers-careers/volunteer-with-cfa>

The Trafalgar brigade would also like to remind residents that whilst the Fire Danger Period is now over burn offs still need to be registered. Registering your burn off enables the brigade to be informed about what fires are happening in the area, and reduces unnecessary call outs and use of resources. Information on how to do so is available here at: <https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/contact/register-your-burn-off>



Firefighter Zelenewicz at Trafalgar Fire Station

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## Remembering local Gippslander and author J G (Gay) Rogers

By Andrea Rogers

J G (Gay) Rogers (nee Laidlaw) developed a fascination for local history at a young age, after shared stories of supposed burials upon their property in Tanjil South. Years later Gay confirmed the stories from a cousin who happened to have a letter from the previous owner a Mr Bates, stating that indeed children and other people were buried there.

Marrying husband John, having 3 daughters: Andrea, Diane and Sarah, Gay as a busy wife and mother, continued to pursue her interests, especially within the realms of lone graves and burials.

Gay published 6 books in total plus cemetery record works and private family history pieces and was well known for her meticulous research and eagerness to help others with their own genealogy. Her final publication in 2017 "Lone Graves of Gippsland", dedicated to husband John who passed away in 2014, is a revised and updated edition to the 1994 "Lonely Graves of the Gippsland Goldfields and Greater Gippsland" which was co written with fellow researcher and good friend Nelly Helyar.

This new publication of 396 pages is an accumulative work of over 30 years

research and includes an extensive index, locality index, several maps, photos and contains no less than 1000 entries about persons buried in a lone grave situation across Gippsland. It includes many new references to unregistered deaths, goldfields graveyards, private and station graveyards, some convict burials and coastal burials as a result of shipwreck. Anyone with an interest in genealogy or Gippsland history would find this publication a welcome addition to their research requirements and private library.

Gay left this world far too soon in August 2020 to now be walking amongst those she spent years researching: the pioneers, the miners, the unmarked, unregistered and the forgotten.

Andrea recalls, "We grew up in a home where it was normal to share the family meal with names, photographs and stories of the departed. Mums recall on info and dates was phenomenal, photographic...she remembered everything. We spent many weekends during the 80s in search of lone graves around places like Woods Point and Old Tangil". It's a nice thought to imagine mum finally meeting everyone over a cuppa, fact checking and correcting her own

research and wishing like hell she had "that" snippet of info for her books".

Gays other publications include "For King and Country" and the very sought after and out of print "Jericho on the Jordan" and "Settlers and Selectors".

The private library of J G Rogers is now online via "lonegravesofgippsland.com" which includes many out of print publications, the majority relating to the Gippsland region. Andrea says, "With new publications loaded daily it's a good idea to check back regular as it will take time to catalogue everything. We hope that fellow historians, researchers, collectors, authors and book lovers will find the web page valuable for their own interests and research and appreciate the care taken to preserve such valuable history". For contact details people can email: [lggippsland@yahoo.com](mailto:lggippsland@yahoo.com) or alternatively check out our facebook page "Lone Graves of Gippsland by J G Rogers" which lists general info as it comes to hand, new retail stockists and for sale items also".

J G Rogers – researcher, historian, author, mother, advocate for the forgotten, friend to many. R I P Ma xxx



Ingrid Thomas, current vice president of the Baw Baw Arts Alliance, presenting the award for second place in the schools' section to Sofia Blaney, Warragul Regional College. In the background is Jane Woodcock, National Chair of the Warragul Camera Club's National Competition

## Dawn of a new era

By Trafalgar solicitor Jade MacGregor

The team at J MacGregor Legal are very excited to announce that we have moved to our new office at 65 Princes Highway, Trafalgar.

My husband Mitch and I purchased the premises at 65 Princes Highway (the old dentist) which settled early March 2022. You may have seen a flood of activity within the premises over the last two months as it has been stripped bare and re-designed for the new office. As a carpenter, Mitch project managed the entire

redesign of the building and completed the carpentry, tiling, flooring and painting work. I would also like to extend my thanks to the other trades who were instrumental in ensuring the office was ready for occupation in such a short time frame.

Since opening in late 2020, J MacGregor Legal has rapidly expanded its cliental and now has two offices, one in Trafalgar and one in Geelong. We practice in the areas of Wills & Powers of Attorney, Deceased Estate Administration, Commercial (Loan

Agreements, Business Sale & Purchases, Agreements), Conveyancing & Property Transfers and Deceased Estate Claims.

Recently we welcomed Maria Giardina to our team as our Trafalgar office receptionist. She joins Jade and Karen in the Trafalgar Office and will also be remotely assisting Katherine and Olivia in the Geelong Office.

For any enquiries please call our office on (03) 5644 0000 or email [reception@jmacgregorlegal.com](mailto:reception@jmacgregorlegal.com).



A look inside the new J MacGregor Legal premises.



J MacGregor Legal has made the short move down the Princes Highway.



J MacGregor Legal has expanded its operations and is now located at 65 Princes Highway (the old dentist).

## BBAA paint in Mt Worth State Park

By Carol Monson

Printers' and Painters' groups recently spent a day creating artwork in the Mt Worth State Park. The excursion was originally sparked by enthusiastic members of the 'Friends of Mt Worth State Park' who are keen to promote this beautiful area of Gippsland. The results of this excursion and further work can be seen in the 'Mt Worth' exhibition in the 'Station Gallery', Yarragon during June. Don't miss the opportunity to vote for your favourite work in the 'People's Choice Award' worth \$250 to the artist winner.

A fitting accompaniment to the natural theme of the Mt Worth exhibition is the work of artists Alison Bain and Tamara McKimmie who have collated a range of wonderful print and collage works to be hung 'On the Wall'. Alison has stimulated many artists to develop and collage over recent years through her Mixed Media

workshops while also encouraging them to exhibit.

Artists who are not part of the membership of Bbaa are also welcome to apply to use the two dedicated exhibition spaces in the 'Station Gallery'. For more information see <https://www.baw-bawartsalliance.org.au>

While the exhibitions in Yarragon are the public face of the Baw Baw Arts Alliance much community work goes on quietly behind the scenes. Most recently the Alliance provided financial support to the Warragul Camera Club's National Photographic Competition. The club is one of only two clubs in Victoria conducting an annual National Photographic Competition in Victoria and for the last three years has included a school section in the programme. The Baw Baw Arts Alliance is proud to support this major exhibition and encourage young people to develop their photographic skills by providing a cash prize to the

winning school and its entries.

This year Warragul Regional College was the winner with an impressive array of creative and technically sophisticated student work. Keiley Mitchell of the Regional College won first place for her photograph titles 'Eyes' and Sofia Blaney, also of the Regional College, achieved second place with her beautifully constructed and vibrantly coloured, 'Shapes'.

The Baw Baw Arts Alliance is also proud to be able to sponsor the Tanjil Valley Art Show held over the Queen's Birthday weekend at the Hill End Community Centre.

If you are needing a gift pop into the gallery shop at the 'Station Gallery' Yarragon, and 'Artspaces' in the former Trafalgar Railway Station where you can purchase unique, locally made works of Art.



# St Joseph's Celebrates ANZAC day

By Patricia Mulqueen

A number of the school students at St Joseph's PS in Trafalgar participated in the Trafalgar RSL ANZAC day march and service. Two of the student leaders laid a wreath at the cenotaph on behalf of the school community.

Back at school, the students and teachers participated in a school ANZAC day service where The Last Post was played. The students sang our national anthem with meaning and patriotism. It was especially moving.

The school also had a guest speaker visit from Sgt Timmers. R.J. 353695 RAAC Army (ret).

Sgt Timmers (ret) talked about his experience in the army. He came dressed in his uniform and he explained the different parts of it. Sgt Timmers (ret) showed the students and teachers how to stand to attention, salute and march. He helped the students to understand the importance of ANZAC day.



From left Trish Mulqueen (Principal), School Leaders Lily, Ethan Paul and Rubi Myrteza with Sgt Timmers R.J.

## Young Leaders Day celebrated at St Josephs excursion

By Patricia Mulqueen

Recently the Grade 6 students from St Joseph's School Trafalgar travelled on the early morning train to Melbourne, to participate in The Young Leaders Day program, at the Convention Centre.

Halogen Australia sponsor the event and since its inception in 1997, has gathered inspirational speakers to inspire and influence a generation of young people to lead themselves and others well.

This year's speakers included Lachie Smart (youngest pilot to fly solo around the world), Cate Campbell (Olympic Gold Medal swimmer) and Damien Fleming (former Australian cricketer). The students especially enjoyed dancing on the stage with Ezra from Dance Curriculum.

It was difficult to tell who enjoyed the day more, the students or the teachers, but what is for certain is that it was a very memorable day.



Students gathered for the Trafalgar march



Student Odin Treyvaud pictured wearing the slouch hat



Standing to attention, from left, Trish Mulqueen (Principal), Student Leaders Lily, Ethan Paul and Rubi Myrteza together with Sgt Timmers R.J. RAAC Army (ret).



# St Joseph's Primary students tells The Easter Story

By Patricia Mulqueen

The students at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School presented 'The Easter Story' in St John's Church Trafalgar. The students re-enacted the events of Holy Week telling the story of the last week in Jesus' life. The presentation started with Jesus being welcomed into Jerusalem with the younger students waving their palms. Then Jesus

shared his last meal with his friends in The Last Supper. The students acted out the Stations of the Cross using a series of still, human photographs, together with music (both modern and traditional), as they helped the people to think deeply about this story.

The students felt privileged to lead the community in prayer.



Jesus body is taken down from the cross



Jesus praying in the garden



The last supper



Jesus appears to his friends

## Reflection

Moirá Dodsworth

### AUTUMN LEAVES

It is a joy for me to see again the leaves changing colour. I stopped to admire the coloured leaves on the ground in the middle of the footpath and blocked the path. I apologised to the person who almost walked into me and said I was admiring the leaves, they said: "but they do make a mess!" The lens that we use to look at life can make such a difference.

I remember, while living in Queensland seeing a friend who was staying with

us raking up the leaves under the trees. I stopped her saying we left the leaves to mulch the trees, her response was that they were a fire hazard. I almost laughed, fire was the last natural disaster to occur to us, in tropical Queensland, cyclones and floods yes, but fire? She of course was quite serious; fires were the disaster that worried her.

I reflected that this is a metaphor for how we approach life. We enter a situation and can approach it with the attitude of mulch, yes it may be tricky to get through but in the end it will be mulch.

It will help us to grow in our attitudes and life experience. But if we see it as fuel for a fire, we approach it differently, we try to clear it away, sort it out, fix it and sometimes as a result set fire to it ourselves, and we, and others, involved may be damaged.

It all depends on our context, background, culture and life experience and I wonder

how much we can change our approach? Will we always see fuel or mulch, or can we alter the lens through which we view life? I think I have calmed down over the years and am not as likely as I was once was, to set fire to situations where I see people being treated unfairly or there is injustice. I still get angry and want to change the inequalities in the world but know that I am only one person, and often a thoughtful approach is better than an angry one.

I look at dry leaves differently but still think I am safe in my garden, now that I live in Victoria. I wonder does that friend, who has now lived in Queensland, for many years see mulch? Which do you see, the beauty of the coloured leaves or the mess, the usefulness of mulch or the danger of fire?

Enjoy Autumn!  
Moirá

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# Traf News puzzle bonanza

Composed by Matilda Ott – Year 7 Trafalgar High School

Answers will be posted in July edition!

## JUMBLE

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.

1.					
2.					
3.					
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1.	U	S	R	D	M
2.	I	I	E	N	D
3.	E	S	C	L	A
4.	L	C	E	O	L
5.	P	O	R	E	A

## Target Master

How many words of four letters or more can you make from these nine letters? Each letter may be used only once. The centre 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.

O	R	E
H	C	S
T	R	A

This months targets:

Good 26  
Very Good 34  
Excellent 40+

### May Edition Answers:

Jumble:  
Coral, Ocean, Algae, Squid,  
Trout. Secret Word: COAST

Word Search:  
GreatWhite

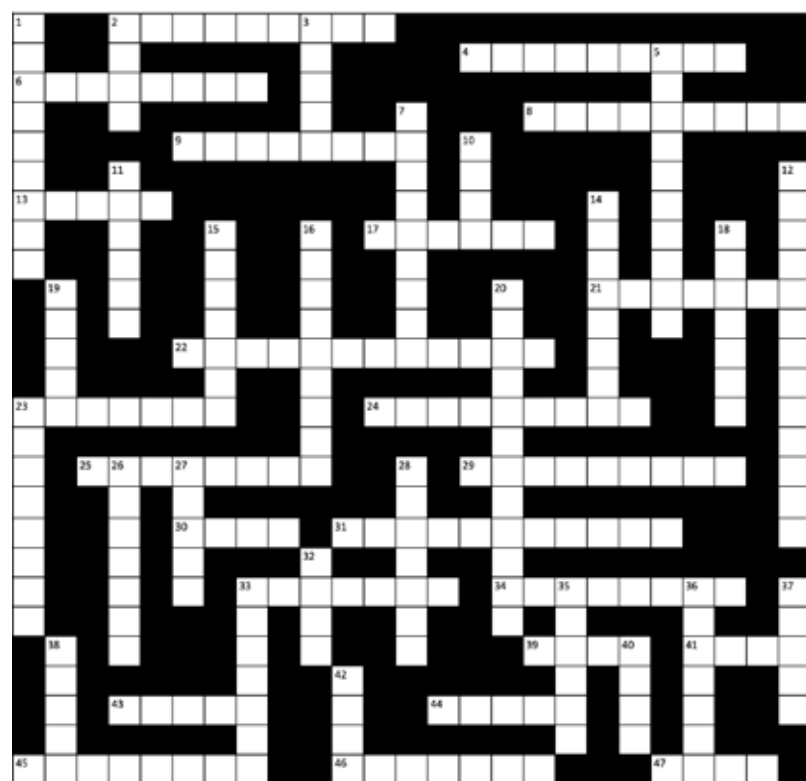
Crossword Across:  
Crab, Indian, Inlet,  
Clownfish, Titanic,  
BurriedTreasure, Ship,

Target Master:  
Submarine

Tidal, BlueWhale, Estuary, Rip, Kelp, Frigate,  
Cod, Turtle, Prawn, Ahoy, Ebb.

Crossword Down:  
Coral, Knots, Diving, Lifeguard, Pirate,  
Brine, Crowsnest, GreatBarrierReef, Seal,  
Pacific, Pearl, Doldrums, School, Penguin,  
Captain, Neptune, Fin, Tuna, Roe.

## Crossword



### Across

- Composer and famous dog
- Large ensemble
- Simple percussion instrument
- Powderfinger hit
- A group of songs
- Independent music
- Heavy metal
- U2's country of origin
- King of Rock and Roll
- 1960s English rock band
- Used to make instruments louder
- Sings 'Everybody Rise' and 'I Said Hi'
- Invented a little place called Kokomo
- Barbie Girl
- Place to dance to pop music
- Queen B
- Instrumental introduction
- Alecia Moore
- Courtney Love's band
- Stringed instrument
- Musical movement
- Historic rap musical
- Sing along
- Style of Louis Armstrong

### Down

- Enter Sandman
- Rhythm
- A record that typically runs at 45 RPM
- Symbol at the start of each music line
- Lady Gaga first name
- Australian music awards event and a solo vocal piece
- Fiddle
- Electric ACDC hit
- Middle range singing voice
- Australian Childrens Performers
- American music festival held in 1969
- A four piece group
- Loud
- Band featuring Harry Styles and Liam Payne
- Queen's Rhapsody
- ABBA song
- Major and minor are types
- Show set to music
- Religious song
- Woodwind instrument
- American rapper
- Duet with 35 Down
- Albums include 19, 21, 25 and 30
- A classic musical drama
- Popular INXS album
- Bob Dylan's main genre
- Documenting
- Group to start the day
- Use for mistakes
- Storytime position
- Sun protection

## wordsearch

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: Music Question: An Australian Bush Ballad

Amplifier	Conductor	HeavyMetal	Radio
Band	Crescendo	HipHop	Rave
Bass	Drum	Instrument	Rhythm
Beat	Festival	Microphone	Riff
Chart	Grandpiano	Musician	Rock
Chord	Grunge	Octave	Saxophone
Chorus	Guitar	Orchestra	Sing
Classical	Harmonica	Percussion	Soprano
Concert	Harp	Plectrum	Vocal

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

### Help shape industrial and commercial land use for Baw Baw's future.

Council is seeking community and local business input to help shape an Economic Land Use Strategy that will outline sustainable economic development within the Shire focusing on future land use policy and land use settings.

With Baw Baw Shire having become one of the fastest growing regions in Victoria, this strategy will be key to proactively responding to the changes and pressures of significant growth.

A discussion paper has been prepared that details strategic planning initiatives and opportunities to address the emerging challenges.

We're calling on businesses and community members to review and comment on the discussion paper to guide the future growth of Baw Baw Shire.

#### How to get involved:

Written submissions can be made via email to [Strategic.Planning@bawbawshire.vic.gov.au](mailto:Strategic.Planning@bawbawshire.vic.gov.au) by 5pm Friday 10 June 2022.

Scan the code below to have your say.



### Calling all Baw Baw business women! You're invited to an exciting networking event.

Council is hosting a Women in Business Event complete with incredible speakers, great music and goody bags to assist like minded women in the area to connect and build relationships.

This exciting evening will feature a keynote from entrepreneur Olivia White alongside a talented panel of local business women including Laura Eddington, Hollie Johnson, Liz Clay and Leanne Williams.

Each attendee will walk away

with a show bag loaded with fun and inspirational resources.

- Friday, 17 June 2022
- 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm
- West Gippsland Arts Centre – Fountain Room.

Whether you're in business, want to be in business or just want to be surrounded by the incredible energy of some amazing women, this event is for you.

**Tickets are only \$30 and selling fast so you better get in quick!**

Scan the code below to secure your spot.



### Community Sponsorship funding available soon!

Council will begin accepting applications this July for the 2022/23 Community Sponsorship Program.

Local residents and community groups looking to compete in or attend an event in which they will be representing Baw Baw Shire can apply for up to \$5000 in funding support.

#### When you can apply:

- Round 1 applications open 4 July 2022 – 1 August 2022
- Round 2 applications open 6 March 2023 – 3 April 2023

For more information scan the code below or visit [www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/CommunitySponsorship](http://www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/CommunitySponsorship)



### Is your lovable furry friend registered?

All dogs and cats over the age of 3 months are required to be microchipped and registered with Council.

To help with your domestic animal requirements, Regi-check ambassadors will be door knocking throughout Baw Baw Shire.

Renewals and applications can be made via Council's website.

To learn more please visit [www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/Animals](http://www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/Animals)



### Grants available to move private overhead powerlines underground.

The State Government is offering funding to move private overhead powerlines underground to help protect your home and community from the risk of bushfire.

As part of the Private Overhead Electric Line (POEL) Scheme, high bushfire risk areas most affected during the summer 2019-20 bushfires are eligible

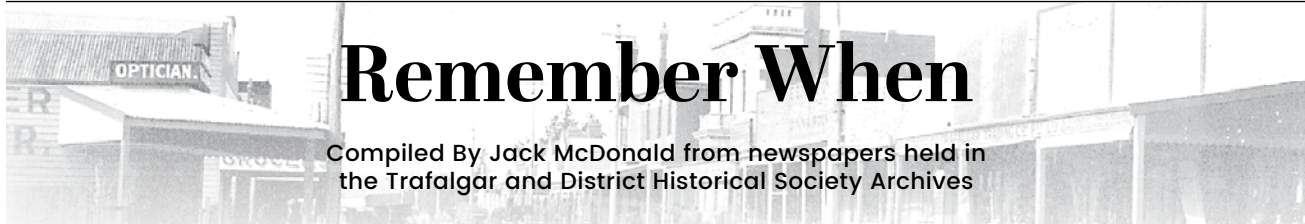
including Baw Baw Shire, Wellington Shire and East Gippsland Shire.

Applications are open until 30 June 2022.

Scan the code below to learn more and to apply.







# Remember When

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

## THE TRAFALGAR, YARRA-GON & YALLOURN NEWS, JUNE 1932

### 2 JUNE – THORPDAL LA-DIES ARE ENTERTAINED

Ladies' night at Thorpdale, given annually by the local branch of the Soldiers' League, is an event looked forward to by all.

A great crowd assembled for what proved to be a night of enjoyment for all. Many beautiful frocks were worn by the ladies, which gave colour to an attractive and happy throng.

A dainty supper was served by the gentlemen, who proved themselves very capable of attending to this important part of the function.

### 9 JUNE – COMMUNITY SINGING AT TRAFALGAR EAST

There is no doubt about the popularity of community singing at Trafalgar East which never fails to attract a good attendance.

The function held last Tuesday evening was no exception, when a large crowd heartily sang under the baton of Mr Tom Richards.

Later a dance was equally enjoyable with the music supplied by the Mouthorgan Band.

### 16 JUNE – TRAFALGAR SCOTCH SOCIAL

Artists from near and far, and the Trafalgar Mouthorgan Band, helped to make up a delightful program last Tuesday evening.

Officials of the Presbyterian Church made arrangements for a big social evening, held in the Parish Hall.

The attendance taxed the hall to capacity, and a splendid social spirit was maintained throughout.

The program was made up by dances (old and new), musical and vocal items, etc.

With the usual popularity the following dances were led by the Mouthorgan Band:- Waltz, Fox-trot, Lances, Barn dance, and Schottische.

A splendid supper was served by the ladies.

### THE GIPPSLAND NEWS, JUNE 1962

### 7 JUNE – BADMINTON TITLE WIN

Graham Nelson, of Trafalgar, a member of the Victorian Badminton training squad, won his first country singles championship at the weekend – although it was his fifth final in seven years.

### MARCHING GIRLS HONOURS

The final contest for the 1961-62 season was conducted at Moe on Sunday last by the Moe RSL.

In the junior section Trafalgar "Latrobettes" again carried off the honours from all contestants in own choice, display, were placed second to Burwood RSL in the championship, were first in aggregate, and Miss Sally Laybourne, popular "Latrobettes" leader, was awarded best leader of the day in all sections.

### 14 JUNE – APEX DELIVER WOOD

Trafalgar Apex members on Sunday cut and delivered to the Infant Welfare Centre in Trafalgar, about four tons of firewood, from the Willow Grove property of Cr Jim Balfour, MLA.

### ENJOYABLE CABARET BALL

The Cabaret Ball conducted by the Thorpdale Tennis Club on Friday night last was a great success.

Some 140 bookings were filled, and with excellent music by Dick Winters and his boys, plus a sumptuous supper and plenty of refreshments, a bumper time was had by all.

As a result quite a healthy profit is expected to boost the funds required for the lighting of the courts.

### 21 JUNE – ANNUAL WHEELBARROW PUSH

On Sunday last, members of the Trafalgar Car Club conducted their annual wheelbarrow collection drive in aid of the radio 3UL Hospital Appeal.

The chaps who had pushed the barrow from Trafalgar were welcomed in Warragul by radio host Vern Haycroft and other members of 3UL and invited to afternoon tea.

When the money had all been counted it was found the total amount was £140 (\$4170 today), this being £60 (\$1786) more than last year.

The total miles the barrow had been pushed was just on 26 (41.8km).

### 28 JUNE – WON BY A WHISKER!

The Trafalgar Car Club's beard-growing competition finished and was judged in Railway Place on Saturday morning.

It was literally won by a whisker with Wally Wilson taking the honours and

Hayden Somerville in second place.

### TATTERSON FAMILY RE-UNION

The Tatterson's, one of the best-known families of Gippsland, and especially of Trafalgar and Warragul, held a family re-union at Warragul last Sunday week.

Almost a 100 of this grand pioneering family attended with the eldest being 84 years and the youngest but 11 months.

The history of the family can be traced back as far as 1312.

### HONOUR FOR LOCAL NURSE

Nurse Betty Tucker, only daughter of Mr and Mrs W Tucker of the Criterion Hotel in Trafalgar, who is a third year nurse at the Footscray and District Hospital, has won the Surgical and Theatre Prize at the hospital this year.

### TRAF NEWS, JUNE 2004 CENOTAPH TO MOVE?

An emotional debate is set to erupt over a proposal to relocate Trafalgar's War Memorial.

At the beginning of Trafalgar's Anzac Day service in April, RSL vice-president Bernie Murray presented a flyer outlining a proposal to relocate the Cenotaph from its current Princes Highway address to James Balfour Oak Tree Park in Anzac Road because of traffic problems with the present site.

E. note: This plan was strenuously resisted by many members of the community and even some RSL members. A petition was raised and was successful against the change.

Later the issue of moving the Cenotaph was again raised and a compromise was reached.

Thus, in October 2014 the Memorial was moved to its new site in the grounds of the RSL Hall on the corner of Contingent and Kitchener Streets.

This new location seems to have proved to be a great success.

### JUDY BISHOP WINS SCHOLARSHIP

Judy Bishop, a stalwart of the Trafalgar Primary School, the Trafalgar Community Development Association and Uralla Reserve, amongst many other activities, has been awarded a Westfield Premier's Educational Scholarship to travel overseas to

research ways that schools can enhance their role in partnership with their local community.

### 'SHAVE FOR A CURE'

Locals Reuben Giles and Jennifer Heslop from Hasthorpe's Supermarket had three weeks to raise money for 'Shave for a Cure'.

Jennifer said she would shave her hair for \$2000 (\$2875 today) if it was cut on a number one setting and Reuben said he would shave his for \$500 (\$720 today) if it was also cut to the same setting. They made \$1700 (\$2440 today) , which was excellent and thanks went to all who helped.

### YOUTH FORUM A SUCCESS

Better transport, more employment information and more recreation activities were major concerns raised at the Trafalgar Youth Forum held in early May.

The forum, run by West Gippsland Healthcare Group's Trafalgar Community Services Division, was aimed at providing the opportunity for young people in the Trafalgar community to gather together to share ideas and deal with some of the issues facing them.

A total of 60 students attended the forum.

### PARK BOWLS

With over 60 people in attendance, the Trafalgar Park Bowls Clubs' Annual Presentation night was held on Friday 30 April.

Members were treated to a hot dinner, which was followed by a large variety of sweet dishes.

Several items of entertainment were also enjoyed by all those in attendance.

During the evening Peter Farmer was recognised as Best Clubman and was also presented with a Special Service Badge from the Royal Bowls Association for services rendered.

### FREEZA CELEBRATES YOUTH

A Trafalgar FReeZA event took place at the Trafalgar Public Hall on Saturday 8th May. It is an initiative to provide entertainment organised by young people in a safe, secure environment that is drug and alcohol free.

Over 100 people attended and everyone had a great time. This was a great event for the community of Trafalgar and its young people.

## REFLECTION

## CHURCH SERVICES

### CATHOLIC PARISH

*Father Bernard Buckley, Phone 5633 1166*

St John's Trafalgar, 54 Waterloo Road  
Saturday Night Mass: 6.00pm  
Sunday Mass: 10.00am 2nd & 4th Sundays  
St Jarlaths Yarragon 10.00am 1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday



### UNITING CHURCH

*Rev Moira Dodsworth*

*Phone 0447 957 772*



**St. Andrew's Uniting Church, Trafalgar**  
Service times 9.15am Sunday, 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month  
Sunday School 9.15am 2nd Sunday of the month  
Coffee & Chat Thursdays 10.00am

**St David's Uniting Church, Yarragon**  
Service times 9.15am Sunday - 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month  
Contemporary 5.00pm on the 4th Sunday of each month with shared tea to follow

**St Stephens Darnum**  
Service times 11.00am on 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month

*Please direct inquiries to Dee Crosby Phome 0409 933 104*

### ANGLICAN CHURCH

*Paul Zelenewicz, Phone 0493 088 370 or info@trafalgaranglicanparish.org.au*



**St Mary's Church, Trafalgar**  
1st Wednesday of each month – 10.00am Quiet Service  
1st, 4th Sundays – 9.30 Family Service  
2nd Sunday – 9.30 Holy Communion Service  
3rd Sunday – 9.30 Combined Parish Holy Communion Service  
5th Sunday – 9.30 Combined Parish Holy Communion Service at St Mark's Yarragon Service at St Mark's Yarragon

**St Mark's Church, Thorpdale**  
1st & 3rd Sunday of each month - 11.00am Extended Communion Service

**St Mark's Church, Yarragon**  
1st, 2nd, & 4th Sundays - 8.30 Extended Communion Service

3rd Sunday - 9.30 Combined Parish Holy Communion Service at St Mary's Trafalgar

5th Sunday - 9.30 Combined Parish Holy Communion Service

## THORPDAL WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH

*Rev Frank Lees,*

*Phone 5634 6413 or 5633 2758*

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



## REFLECTION

# Holden Museum car of the month

By Bob Moss

### The Fishermans Bend Aerodrome

Aviation first arrived at the Bend when aviation pioneer R Graham Carey, with financial backing from the Mayor of Essendon, purchased four aircraft from the Defence Department after World War One. They established an airstrip on waste ground at the western end of Graham Street. Joy-flights started on 21 April 1919 and, in 1920, the Melbourne Air Service.

In 1935, the Government built the Fishermans Bend Aerodrome located near the confluence of the Yarra River with Port PhillipBay In an area that was mainly a vast swamp, and was owned by the Commonwealth Government. In the early 1930s, a primitive airstrip had been built there, used by gliding and light aircraft enthusiasts

The Commonwealth Aircraft Corporation was conceived in 1935 by Es-sington Lewis (1881-1961), the managing director of BHP. It was a private company formed by a consortium including BHP and GMH to manufacture military aircraft with the intention of providing Australia with the tools to fight the modern war that was looming. He realised that GMH, as the leading light engineering practitioner in Australia, would be a key element in building aircraft locally.

Laurance Hartnett from GMH signed up for a 20 per cent stake of the new

aircraft syndicate. In him he also had the services of another extremely able industrialist. At the time General Motors (GM) was a shareholder in Douglas Aircraft.

Land was selected adjoining the recently completed GMH factory at Fishermans Bend. The manager of the new aircraft factory was Lawrence Wackett, a former RAAF wing commander who had headed the RAAF Experimental Station before it was closed down in 1929.

Companies BHP, BHAS, ICI and GMH each subscribed £10,000 to investigate further, the local production of aircraft. GMH Manager Laurance Hartnett asked William Robinson who should manage the venture and without hesitation he recommended Laurance Wackett.

The factory manufactured, under licence, a modified US designed advanced trainer which became known as the Wirraway. Other wartime aircraft to come from the factory included the Wackett elementary trainer, the Mustang and, famously the Boomerang, a fighter aircraft conceived, designed and manufactured in little over three months.

In World War II alone, and from a shaky foundation, the Australian aircraft industry eventually manufactured 755 Wirraways, 705 Beauforts, 250 Boomerangs, 365 Beau-

fighters, 104 Mosquitoes, 16 Mustangs and almost 2000 aircraft engines. The manufacture of the Beaufort is generally regarded as Australia's greatest manufacturing achievement

In the years 1935 to 1960, the CAC built many aircraft, including the Avro Lincoln, the Tiger Moth, the Canberra bomber, the Sabre jet, the Beaufort, the Boomerang, the Mustang, the Winjeel, and the pilot-less Jindavik.

During the war CAC produced two interesting prototypes which unfortunately never made it into production. The Woomera, which was a three seater medium bomber had remotely operated turrets in the rear engine nacelles. The second was the interceptor, the CA-15 or Kangaroo. A721 km/h fast fighter with a range of 4000 km's.

After the war CAC produced the CAC Sabre, one of the ultimate Sabres of the type. With a more powerful Avon turbojet and twin 30mm cannons the frame was 60% redesigned.

During the war GMH was building many aircraft fuselage parts, wings and numerous aircraft parts for many aircraft types.

The Fishermans Bend Aerodrome was closed down in 1957.



*The Fishermans Bend Aerodrome*

# Trafalgar Community Directory

This Directory has been compiled to provide a listing of not-for-profit community based organisations operating in Trafalgar. Please advise Traf News of any corrections and additions.

Organisation	Contact	Email/Website	Phone
Baw Baw Arts Alliance			0490 173 103
Baw Baw Shire Councillor, East Ward	Darren Wallace		0476 000 053
Baw Baw Shire Councillor, East Ward	Michael Leaney		0476 000 119
Baw Baw Shire Councillor, East Ward	Peter Kostos		0429 936 876
Baw Baw Sustainability Network		bbsn.org.au	0490 485 370
Bettermentall Together	Kerry Rantall	bettermentall@gmail.com	0477 115 666
Bowls Club	Ian Miles, President	trafalgarbowlsclub@bigpond.com	0400 210 033
Boxing Gymnasium	Shane Cameron	box_on_box_all@hotmail.com	0408 962 764
Campdraft		facebook.com/trafdraft	0416 166 027
Cemetery Trust	Tania Mussared, Secretary		5633 2282
CFA (non-emergency contact only)	Mark Walshe		5624 1900
Chamber of Commerce	Brendan Kingwill	trafalgarchamber.com.au	0418 596 494
Community Development Association	David Lyons	wombatlyons@yahoo.com	0409 015 662
Community Notice Board		facebook.com/trafalgarcommunitynoticeboard	
Cricket Club	Liam Durkin, Secretary	trafalgarcricketclub@gmail.com	0402 556 338
Croquet Club	Michael Fozard		0418 513 092
Earls Road Landcare Group	Jim Whiley, Secretary		0423 832 122
Football Netball Club	Brett Tonkin, President	trafalgarfnc@gmail.com	0418 189 027
Golden Girls Trafalgar			5623 6032
Golf Club		admin@trafalgargolf.com.au	5633 1110
High School			5633 1733
Historical Society	Dianne Ireland	historicalsocietytraf@gmail.com	0439 655 172
Kindergarten			5633 2208
Lions Club	David Koschade	trafalgarlions@gmail.com	0428 331 157
Men's Shed	Eric Johnson		5633 1624
Opp Shop	Glenys Brennan, President		0417 597 454
Police Station (non-emergency contact only)			5633 1188
Polocrosse Club	Gill Massey, Secretary	trafalgarpoloxclub@gmail.com	
Pony Club	Denise Marriott		0411 890 299
Primary School			5633 1566
Probus Club	John Attwell		0419 701 331
Public Hall	Tanya Stanley	trafalgarpublichall@gmail.com	
Rotary Club	Glenn Doolan	trafalgarrotary@outlook.com	0438 332 438
RSL - Trafalgar Thorpdale Sub-Branch	Chris Johnson, Secretary		5633 1162
Scout Group	Rick Bradley	gl.1sttrafalgar@scoutsvictoria.com.au	
St Andrew's Uniting Church	Rev Moira Dodsworth		0447 957 772
St John's Catholic Church	Fr Bernard Buckley		5633 1166
St Joseph's Primary School	Trish Mulqueen, Principal	trafalgar.catholic.edu.au	5633 1151
St Mary's Anglican Church	Paul Zelenewicz	trafalgaranglican1@gmail.com	0493 088 370
Tennis Club	Sue	tennis.com.au/bawbaw/competitions/trafalgar	0428 673 413
Traf News	Mark Walshe, Editor		0466 249 849
Traf Watch		Facebook - Traf Watch	
Victory Football Club (Soccer)		admin@tvfc.com.au	0438 076 824
Youth Resource Centre	Glenys Brennan, President		0417 597 454



# Farmer to farmer

## FARMERS NEEDED FOR NEW HORTICULTURE BUSINESS STUDY

A new farm monitor program will provide horticulture producers with critical business insights to help them understand their profitability, improve recovery and drive future growth.

Agriculture Victoria's Horticulture Farm Monitor Pilot is collecting valuable information from farm businesses across a range of crops including apple and pears, cherries, strawberries and summer fruit.

Victorian Strawberry Growers Association Chairperson and AusBerry CEO Miffy Gilbert said it's an extremely valuable tool for growers and is encouraging more growers to be involved.

"The strawberry industry was really keen to participate in the Horticulture Farm Monitor Pilot," Ms Gilbert said.

"We are full of anecdotal evidence on our industry and our businesses, but we don't have the data to back up our claims.

"When the pandemic hit and we were asked how many workers we needed as an industry, we didn't really know. We had anecdotal evidence, but nothing based on defendable facts."

Several farm businesses are already involved in the data collection phase of the pilot program, and Ms Gilbert is calling for more farmers to be involved.

"This program will provide us with clarity around our industry and the true cost of production," she said.

"It will help individual business set their base costs and base sale prices, under-

stand where they can make savings and where they are competitive compared to the industry average. It will even be useful when individuals are applying for banks loans."

Ms Gilbert said some individual industry groups had collected data in the past, but this industry-wide program would provide deeper insights into business profitability, while protecting the farmers who provide their business data.

"It's all beautifully done with total anonymity," Ms Gilbert said.

"All the data is de-identified so no one knows where it's from, but they do know it is accurate, representative data of their industry and their production type.

Agriculture Victoria's Sze Flett said industry groups have renewed their call for real data to help them navigate recent challenges.

The pilot is similar to Agriculture Victoria's long-running and highly successful Farm Monitor programs in dairy, beef and sheep industries.

"Collecting data on horticulture businesses has always been a challenge due to the complex and fragmented nature of the sector, with so many different industry types with varying capacity to collect data," Dr Flett said.

"But we know this is the best way to provide businesses with a clear, accurate picture of the state of their industry."

Farmers who would like to be involved in the program can contact Horticulture Farm Monitor Pilot program manager Andy Clark on 0436 804 656, or email seasonal-workforce@agriculture.vic.

gov.au

## MONITORING CONTINUES FOR JAPANESE ENCEPHALITIS – UPDATE NO. 11

Agriculture Victoria is working closely with both the pig and horse industries in response to Japanese encephalitis.

There are now a total of 23 properties with pigs confirmed with Japanese encephalitis in Victoria. These are located across the Wangaratta, Moira, Greater Shepparton, Campaspe, Gannawarra, Loddon, Greater Bendigo and Northern Grampians local government areas.

A number of suspected cases are under investigation. The detections are the result of national surveillance efforts to identify new cases and determine the extent and spread of the disease and the source of its introduction.

Japanese encephalitis has also been confirmed in piggeries in New South Wales, Queensland and South Australia and in a small number of feral pigs in the Northern Territory.

Agriculture Victoria is working closely with industry, conducting surveillance activities and providing advice and information to farmers, livestock and horse owners.

Infection is not spread directly from pigs to people, and there is no risk to humans from eating pig meat. Only infected mosquitoes can spread infection. Pork is safe to eat.

In general, spread is through the movement of some species of migratory water birds and through the movement of infected mosquitoes, often over long distances. It does not usually

spread directly from animal to animal (i.e. it is not considered contagious).

Victorians are being reminded to protect themselves from mosquito bites particularly when spending time outdoors.

Japanese encephalitis vaccines are recommended for people at a higher risk of exposure to the virus, such as those working with pigs. All people should undertake measures to reduce exposure to mosquitoes.

For more information about Japanese encephalitis virus and animals visit Agriculture Victoria's website: agriculture.vic.gov.au/je

For more information about Japanese encephalitis virus and human health contact your GP or phone NURSE-ON-CALL on 1300 606 024, or go to www.health.vic.gov.au/jev

## FOX AND WILD DOG BOUNTY COLLECTIONS FOR SOUTH EAST VICTORIA

Victorian fox and wild dog collections have recommenced.

Electronic funds transfer (EFT) is the preferred method of payment, so please bring your EFT details to the collection centre.

Acceptable entire fox scalps and entire wild dog body parts will be collected from eligible members of the public at specific dates and times, and from sites scheduled as collection centres.

Please note that no entire fox scalps or entire wild dog body parts will be accepted at any public counter or state government office. Collections will only be accepted at the designated times.

## BAIRNSDALE COLLECTIONS

- 35 Bairnsdale – Dargo Road, Bairnsdale
- Collection type: Fox and wild dog
- Time: 12–2 pm
- Dates: Tuesday, 17 May Tuesday, 12 July Tuesday, 6 September Tuesday, 4 October

## ELLINBANK COLLECTIONS DEPOT, 1301 HAZELDEAN ROAD, ELLINBANK

- Collection type: Fox and wild dog
- Time: 2–4 pm
- Dates: Monday, 16 May Monday, 11 July Monday, 5 September Monday, 3 October

## MAFFRA COLLECTIONS

- Depot, 1 Stratford Road Maffra,
- Collection type: Fox and wild dog
- Time: 9–11 am
- Dates: Wednesday, 18 May Wednesday, 13 July Wednesday, 7 September Wednesday, 5 October

## WOORI YALLOCK COLLECTIONS

- Depot, Symes Road, Woori Yallock
- Collection type: Fox only
- Time: 12–2 pm
- Dates: Thursday, 19 May Thursday, 14 July Thursday, 8 September Thursday, 6 October

## YARRAM COLLECTIONS

- Rodgers Street, Yarram
- Collection type: Fox only
- Time: 2–4 pm
- Dates: Wednesday, 18 May Wednesday, 13 July Wednesday, 7 September Wednesday, 5 October

## ACUTE BOVINE LIVER DISEASE DR JEFF CAVE, SENIOR VETERINARY OFFICER

With the abundant pasture growth of recent months, and the light stocking rates on many properties, there may be a large amount of dry standing feed present.

This coupled with anticipated autumn breaking rains in the not-too-distant future, farmers are advised to be on the lookout for an emerging disease of cattle named Acute Bovine Liver Disease (ABLD).

The disease was first noted in Tasmania in 1987, and in recent years several incidents have been seen in south-west Victoria, south-east South Australia, Gippsland, and north-east Victoria.

The condition has been seen in both beef and dairy cattle. In the worst cases there has been a sudden onset of deaths in cattle.

In some incidents there were many cattle deaths.

The typical symptoms of photosensitisation, such as depression, agitation, raised temperature, and reddening of the lighter coloured skin and udder may be seen prior to death, and are also common conditions amongst the surviving animals.

The pathology reports are consistent with an acute liver disease. Cases are consistently linked to access to a plant called Rough Dog's Tail (*Cynurus echinatus*), also known as Manifold Grass.

Whether the grass itself is poisonous, or whether it is a carrier for another toxin such as a fungus, is to be established.

There is no known direct cure of affected cattle, but veterinary treatment to alleviate the effects of photosensitisation may help.

To date, ABLD has not been identified in other species.

Several common features have been seen during each outbreak:

- access to Rough Dog's Tail prior to the onset of clinical signs. Rough Dog's Tail is typically found on steep, hilly paddocks adjoining crown land
- access to paddocks with an abundance of dry standing feed that had been spelled for over three months
- significant season breaking rain in late autumn or early winter at the time of the introduction of cattle onto those paddocks.

For further information please contact your local veterinarian or Agriculture Victoria veterinary or animal health officer.

# TFNC ANZAC Day Medal winners

By Brett Tonkin

The first home game for the year against Longwarry was on Saturday April 23. Senior football and A-grade netball played for ANZAC medals. Matt Van Schajik and Ella McDonald were awarded the medals this year.

We also held an ANZAC ceremony which was performed by Kevin Stephens from the Longwarry RSL on behalf of the Trafalgar-Thor-

pdale and Longwarry RSL sub-branches.

We also had our sponsor's day on this date and 1970 Brownlow Medal, Peter Bedford was guest speaker who was organised by Stephen Barnes.

Catering was done by local businesses Zingarelli's Pizza and Eat, Live, Fresh with around 30 sponsors and supporters attending the event.

The Waterloo Cup, which

is officially the oldest cup in country Vic Country footy that is still being contested, was played Saturday May 14 at Yarragon.

Trafalgar got the early jump but couldn't shake Yarragon who played some exciting footy to close within three goals before the final siren sounded.

Trafalgar stalwarts Jace and Klay Butler were the best two players on the ground.

We also saw two more senior debuts from our 2021 U18s squad with Angus Templeton and Brodie Malady playing their first match.

Along with Matt Devon, Drew O'Brien, Hardy Kenny and Connor Dastey, we have now had six players from last year's U18s play senior football this season.

EDNA junior inter-league squads were recently announced, congratulations to

the following girls who made their respective squads:

- 13&U Reserve Division- Chloe Smith, Charlie Eerhard
- 15&U Championship Division- Tillie Mansfield, Tahlia Hammond
- 15&U Reserve Division- Maddi Carbonneau
- 17&U Championship Division- Imogen Smith

Trafalgar's B-grade netball coach, Alesha Hallinan,

was also announced as the coach for the 15&U Reserve Division.

- Upcoming home games:
- Saturday 4 June vs Lang Lang
- Saturday 18 June vs Poowong
- Saturday 2 July vs Ellinbank
- Saturday 16 July vs Catani (Past Player's Day)
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Matt Van Schajik with his ANZAC Day medal



ANZAC Day medal awarded to Ella McDonald



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## SCAMMERS TARGETING VICTIMS AGAIN THROUGH MONEY RECOVERY SCAMS

Scamwatch is warning people to be aware of uninvited offers of help to recover money for an up-front payment, following a spike in reports of money recovery scams.

These scams target people who have already lost money to a previous scam by promising to help victims recover their losses after paying a fee in advance. Australians have lost over \$270,000 to these scams so far this year, an increase of 301 per cent.

"Scammers will ask for money and personal information before offering to 'help' the victim and will then disappear and stop all contact," ACCC Deputy Chair Delia Rickard said.

"Money recovery scams are particularly nasty as they target scam victims again. These

scams can lead to significant psychological distress as many of the people have already lost money or identity information."

This year Scamwatch has received 66 reports of money recovery scams, a 725 per cent increase compared to the same period in 2021.

Scammers target previous scam victims, contacting them out of the blue, and pose as a trusted organisation such as a law firm, fraud taskforce or government agency. They may have official looking websites and use fake testimonials from other victims they have 'helped'.

As well as an up-front payment they often ask victims to fill out fake paperwork or provide identity documents. Scammers may request remote access to computers or smart phones, enabling them to scam their unsuspecting victims.

Another tactic scammers use is to contact people by phone or email who haven't actually been

a victim of a scam and convince them that they've unknowingly been involved in one and are entitled to a settlement refund.

"If you get contacted out of the blue by someone offering to help recover scam losses for a fee, it is a scam. Hang up the phone, delete the email and ignore any further contacts," Ms Rickard said.

"Don't give financial details or copies of identity documents to anyone you've never met in person and never give strangers remote access to your devices."

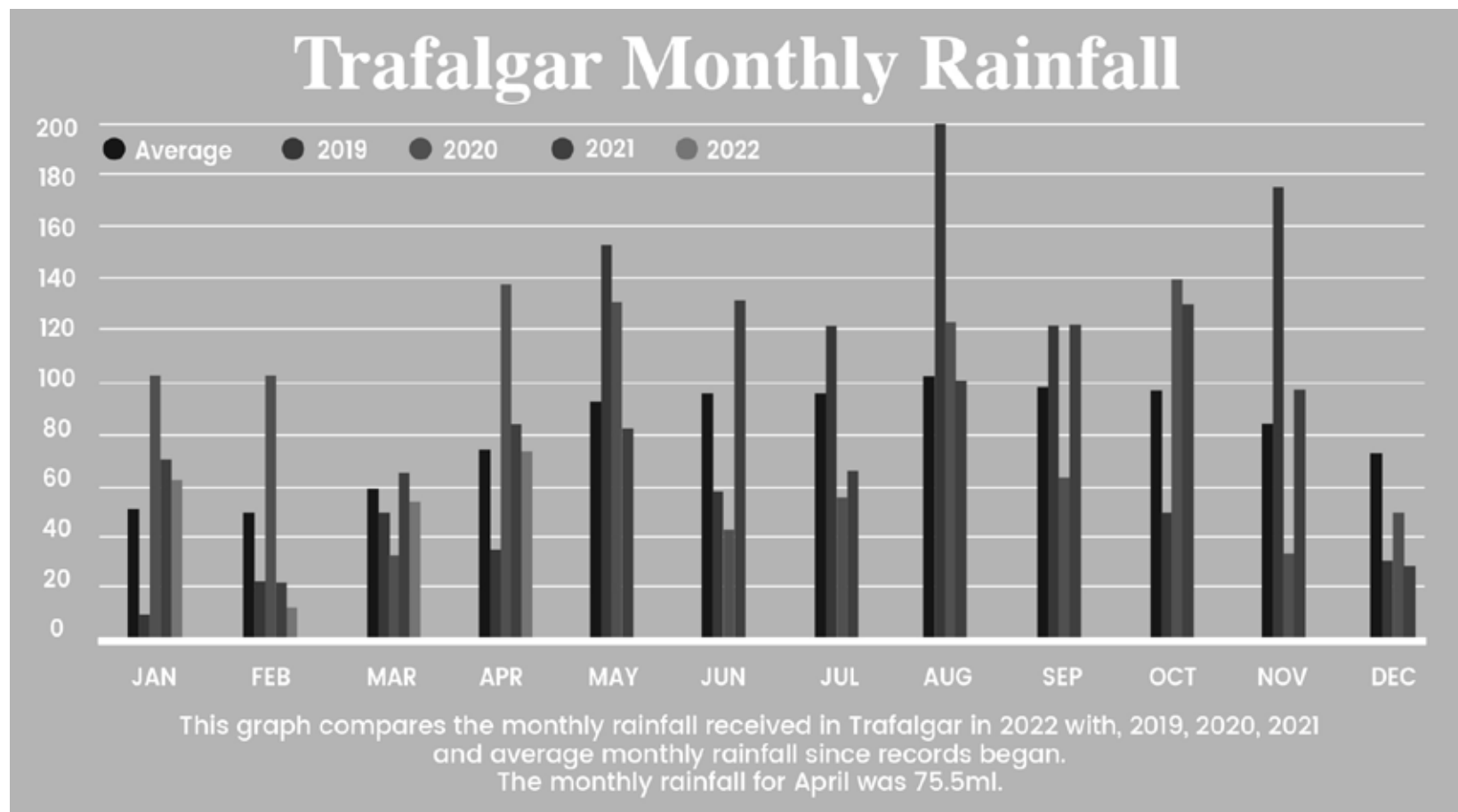
"Scammers can be very convincing and one way to spot them is to search online for the name of the organisation who contacted you with words like 'complaint', 'scam' or 'review'," Ms Rickard said.

People who have lost money to a scam should contact their bank or financial institution as soon as possible. If they are not happy with the financial

institutions response, victims can make a complaint to the Australian Financial Complaints Authority which is a free and independent dispute resolution service. Financial institutions may be able to find where the money was sent, block the scam accounts and help others to avoid sending money to scammers.

People who are a victim of a scam or identity theft should act quickly to reduce the risk of financial loss or other damages. IDCARE www.idcare.org is a free government-funded service which will help to develop a specific response plan. They will never contact you out of the blue.

For more advice on how to avoid scams and what to do if you or someone you know is a victim of a scam, visit www.scamwatch.gov.au





## Willow Grove is aiming to step up

By Liam Durkin

For a speck of a town, Willow Grove has a thriving cricket club. Last season they fielded two senior grades, three junior teams, a women's side, and have an entry level program for beginners. Willow Grove is now set to add a third senior team to its ranks, and all going well, will be playing A Grade in the Latrobe Valley and District Cricket League for season 2022/23. While there are still a number of pins to fall, the Wolves are actively working to see a first grade team wearing the green and gold step back onto the field for the first time since the mid-1980s. As it stands, the Willow Grove Cricket Club is intent on playing A Grade, but needs a further four to six players capable of performing at the level to warrant putting a side in. So, the recruiting drive is on. The Wolves have set a deadline for the end of July to make a final decision. Those working behind the scenes in rationalising the feasibility of a Willow Grove A Grade are club president Josh Coombs, secretary Jay van der Stoep, young gun Nathan Wheildon and experienced local Peter Grima, who has enjoyed A Grade success at Moe and Mirboo North. Coombs said the step up to A Grade offered an exciting prospect. "We're creating the full spectrum of the pathway for the juniors, that is the idea

behind it," he said. "We're not doing it just because we want to submit an A Grade, we are doing it for the development of our juniors and giving them the full range of cricket in the Latrobe Valley. "We feel like we have the majority of the players, we just want to get that experience and knowledge of A Grade cricket to top up what we already have to help the players coming up from B Premier into an A Grade competition." Willow Grove has enjoyed recent premier-ship success in the Premier B division of the LVDCL, winning two flags in the last four seasons. Coombs said the club now felt the time was right to go to the next level. "We've been talking about it for the last couple of years," he said. "The idea has always been there. We have had a lot of pressure from outside but that hasn't really determined whether we pulled the trigger or not. It's just about when we are ready and at the moment we feel we are ready and we have a really good opportunity." Willow Grove is seeking a senior coach to help with the transition and to provide young players with the right guidance. Should the Wolves make the move, there is sure to be a major adjustment period, as those accustomed to playing B Grade will need to learn things like how to approach two-day cricket and how to face bowlers who actually know how

to use the seam. Van der Stoep said the club had all this in mind, and was under no illusion that most of the Wolves' initial foray into A Grade would simply be about testing the waters. "We not only want to put our kids and talented young ones into a side but we want to be able to educate them, so we need the right people to be able to do that," he said. "We don't want to go in there and get flogged. We want to be competitive, not necessarily to get into finals but being competitive is critical for us. "We have some objectives set for minimums and maximums. Over the next couple of months we are going to be able to determine whether or not it (putting in A Grade) is going to go ahead." If Willow Grove does enter a first grade team, it will take the LVDCL A Grade division to six teams, thus eliminating the bye. It will also cap off a remarkable rise for the club, the very same club that nearly shut up shop for good only a decade ago. The Wolves were on their knees in the early 2010s. Out of money and seemingly out of time, with only a third and fourth grade team representing them in the old Central Gippsland Cricket Association. By all reports, players were turning up to games afraid they would have to bat twice in a one-dayer. With the threat of extinction real, a dedicated group of volunteers banded

together to bring the club out of the darkness and into the light. Coombs paid tribute to all who had been involved in helping resurrect the club's fortunes. "It has been a long journey, it has been nine years since we decided to drop back to purely C Grade for the club," he said. "Since then we've developed our junior program to boost our senior program. We've gone from C Grade into B Grade and then come up with two senior sides. It has taken three or four years to develop each side. "It took a lot of guts from the previous committee that took over to get the club to where it is. There was a mass-evacuation of the committee and people had to

stand up. The likes of Brody Hams and Shane Paynter, a lot of the credit goes to them for turning the club around and the committee that has been involved since has carried that passion all the way through to now." In this day and age where small-town clubs are finding it harder and harder to survive, Willow Grove is proving that it can be done. When asked if there was any secret, Coombs said it was mainly about fostering a club in the truest sense of the word, rather than making it simply a general assembly of people. "I think just the environment, we are not after perfection," he said. "A massive goal for the club has been to create a home away

from home. There is a bit of a refuge from anything else going on in everyday life, so you can still turn up to the cricket club and enjoy yourself. That outlet from normal everyday working life has been really key. "Another thing that we have been passionate about is being a community club and not just a club in the community. Every function we host or celebration we have is an open invitation to the community. For a town of 400 we might get half of those coming in for a function rather than just the 80 players that we have. "It is not just our win it is Willow Grove's win." Any prospective players can get in touch with Coombs on 0429 792 598.



Willow Grove Cricket Club president Josh Coombs, young gun Nathan Wheildon, secretary Jay van der Stoep and well-known local cricketer Peter Grima are working hard behind the scenes to see Willow Grove potentially field an A Grade side this season in the Latrobe Valley and District Cricket League. (Photo Liam Durkin).

## Cricket club seeks coach

While the current sporting season is square in the middle of winter codes, cricket still looms large in the mind and the Trafalgar Cricket Club are beginning their preparations for season 2022/23.

Off the back of their second A Grade grand final in the past three seasons, the senior side is on the hunt for a new leader to take the reigns in the head coaching role.

Over the past four seasons the combination of 2021/22 coaches Daniel Heathcote and Jackson Noonan along with Rhys Holdsworth have overseen the development of the senior side.

The three current most capped A Grade players are set to welcome a new voice into the setup to continue the strong development and

base that has been set over the past few seasons.

Latrobe Valley District Cricket League Young Cricketer of the Year Aydan Connolly has been anointed as the successor to Holdsworth's A Grade captaincy and the youngster will be playing a key role in the next stage of the development of the senior side with the head coach.

The A Grade side has enjoyed one of its most successful periods in recent history with two grand final appearances in three seasons, including the 2019/20 premiership. Performances across the club have also been strong, with both B and C Grade having either won a premiership or played in a grand final in the last four seasons.

Applicants are welcome to

enquire directly to Trafalgar Cricket Club via [trafalgar-cricketclub@gmail.com](mailto:trafalgar-cricketclub@gmail.com) or via messenger on the Trafalgar Cricket Club social media page.

The role looms as an attractive prospect for an experienced cricketer with aspirations to either continue playing or to coach from the sidelines to lead a young team forward into their next successful era.



The Trafalgar Cricket Club is on the hunt for a senior coach to succeed Jackson Noonan and Daniel Heathcote (pictured). The new coach will take over a group that has made three of the last two A Grade grand finals and featured in finals in all grades during that time.

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## Movers among cricket club records

By Liam Durkin

With the completion of another season, the record books of the Trafalgar Cricket Club were updated last month.

The Trafalgar Cricket Club played its first match in 1888 and every effort has been made to see records detailing the clubs history preserved since that time to be as accurate as possible.

While no records were broken in 2021/22, a number of current players have either climbed the rankings on various lists or kept the records they hold.

The players listed below are among the current

prominent names in the club records.

**John Asmussen:** Holds the all-time games record on 387 senior matches. Asmussen has played 205 games in A Grade (sixth overall), three in A Reserve, 138 B Grade, 23 C Grade, nine D Grade and nine separate Twenty20s. Asmussen is also fourth on the all-time batting aggregate with 6061 runs.

**Rhys Holdsworth:** Is third on the all-time A Grade batting aggregate with 5557 runs and third on the all-time A Grade bowling aggregate with 194 wickets. Holdsworth moved to 166 A Grade games this season, putting

him ninth on the all-time list. Holdsworth also still has the record for the highest individual score in A Grade with 228 (also a Warragul District Cricket Association record).

**Daniel Heathcote:** Moved to fourth on the all-time bowling aggregate this season with 223 wickets. Only Craig Nielsen, Garry Edwards and Gary Sewell have taken more wickets for the club. The majority of Heathcote's wickets have been in A Grade, where he sits seventh on the all-time list with 153.

**Jackson Noonan:** Rose to fourth on the all-time A Grade bowling aggregate this season with 177 wickets. Sits

seventh on the all-time club aggregate with 213 wickets.

**Brendan Dawson:** Holds the third wicket partnership record in A Grade with Rhys Holdsworth. The pair put on 222 against Newborough at Trafalgar in season 2012/13.

**200 or more club games (current players):** John Asmussen (387), Christian Burgess (236).

**150 games:** Rhys Holdsworth (195), Brendan Dawson (188), Mark Wynne (165), Daniel Heathcote (161), Jackson Noonan (161), Scott Moorhouse (158), Liam Durkin (152).

**100 games:** Brodie Burgess (129), Fred Dyke (126),

Zack Brown (114).

**1000 or more club runs:**

Rhys Holdsworth (6149) John Asmussen (6061), Christian Burgess (4811), Mark Wynne (2990), Scott Moorhouse (2829), Brendan Dawson (2396), Fred Dyke (2072), Brodie Burgess (1844), Aiden George (1458), Jackson Noonan (1401), Aydan Connolly (1274), Cohan Lee (1270), Billy Pace (1199), Liam White (1168), Daniel Heathcote (1129).

**100 or more club wickets:** Daniel Heathcote (223), Jackson Noonan (213), Rhys Holdsworth (201), Liam Durkin (129), Zack Brown (121), Fred Dyke (114), Christian

Burgess (111), Brendan Dawson (106), Mark Wynne (105), Damien Mann (101).

To keep up to date with all things Trafalgar Cricket Club, visit the clubs Facebook page, website ([trafalgar.vic.cricket.com.au](http://trafalgar.vic.cricket.com.au)) or subscribe to the mailing list by emailing [trafalgarcricketclub@gmail.com](mailto:trafalgarcricketclub@gmail.com).

New players are always welcome in senior and junior grades. Any prospective players can get in touch by phoning Liam Durkin on 0402 556 338.



Fred Dyke is one of a handful of players to play 100 games, score 1000 runs and take 100 wickets for Trafalgar.

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# Carol Fox wins B Grade Championship

In a closely fought final Carol Fox had to use all her experience to over-

come her opponent Mandy Miles to prevail 25/22 in a great B grade final.



B grade finalists Mandy Miles (left) and Carol Fox (right)

# Trafalgar-Thorpdale RSL Diggers Day Tournament

The Trafalgar Bowls Club recently welcomed players, young and old to the Annual RSL Diggers Day. Trafalgar Thorpdale RSL Secretary Chris Johnson welcomed bowlers, conducted the RSL ode to the fallen and a minutes silence was held in remembrance of our returned serviceman and women. Twenty teams then took to the greens and competed for the days trophy. Winners of the bowls event were Ken Capper, Ted

Kulinsky and Daryl Horner. Winner of the RSL Spirit Trophy awarded to the player who displayed true ANZAC values was Morwell's Les Brown, a local bowler who supports all of local districts bowling clubs.



Winners L to R Daryl Horner, Ken Capper, Ted Kulinsky with RSL Secretary Chris Johnson.



Spirit Award winner Les Brown addresses the crowd after Chris Johnson presented him with his award.

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