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# HERITAGE HOLDENS COMING TO TRAFALGAR

By Liam Durkin

The Trafalgar Holden Museum will be extended to house a new collection of cars.

The collection will take in 18 heritage Holden cars, to be exhibited within a soon-to-be converted shed on the site of the former Trafalgar Butter Factory.

Holden's American parent company, General Motors, decided that various collections of its cars should be showcased in different museums across the country, and Trafalgar was selected as a location.

Run entirely by volunteers, the museum was overjoyed recently when news its funding application from the state government's Regional Tourism Investment Fund was given the green light.

Minister for Regional Development Mary-Anne Thomas came to Trafalgar last month to formally announce the funding had been secured.

It was the first time the Trafalgar Holden Museum had welcomed a Minister.

Ms Thomas was taken on a tour of the museum by president Neil Joiner and Mick Bourke OAM, who was instrumental in seeing that the grant application was successful.

The Minister took the opportunity to peruse the museum's extensive display of cars, learn more about the Holden story, and even jumped behind the wheel of an FJ Special.

Speaking at the announcement, Ms Thomas

said the funding would give the museum even further scope to attract visitors.

"This is incredible news for the Trafalgar Holden Museum, but for Gippsland more broadly," she said.

"This injection of \$417,000, supported of course by sponsors and the volunteers here, will ensure that this museum can continue to grow and attract more visitors.

"We've learnt that during their time in Australia, 30,000 people worked at Holden. I could not think of anything better to do if I was an ex-Holden employee than to come to this magnificent museum and see how well-cared for the vehicles are and how beautifully maintained they are."

In keeping with the positivity of the announcement, Ms Thomas was embraced by the Trafalgar Holden contingent, even after confessing she had come from a 'Ford family'.

"The crew here have been very generous in welcoming me," she said laughingly.

"I have been able to recall the very first car I owned myself was a second-hand Holden Gemini, so I'm back in the good books."

When asked of her memories from driving that car, Ms Thomas said overtaking a truck in third gear on the Hume Highway was "not one of my finest moments".

All jokes aside, Trafalgar Holden Museum president Neil Joiner said the museum was incredibly grateful to re-

ceive the funding.

"This is really going to put us on the map," he said.

"We are going to have the best display of motorcars in Australia, the fact that it is all Holden is even better."

In adding to the gravitas of the display, some of the rarest Holden models in existence will be housed in Trafalgar.

"Vehicles that are Holden-owned we are able to put in there, get them all over here," he said.

"It will take in everything that Holden have got from about 1948 onwards.

"A lot of that is iconic stuff like design concepts, Hurricane, Efijy, GTRX, all of these concept cars that never went anywhere, but they were

there ... they are a Holden man's dream."

The Hurricane was one of the most advanced vehicles of its time when built in 1969, and featured hydraulic powered doors swung forward over the two front wheels. You can just picture James Bond driving one of them.

Moving forward, Mr Joiner hoped the expansion would see the museum grow even more in stature.

"We want to get as many of them (heritage cars) here as we can, and ultimately be the controller of them ... that is another day and another discussion," he said.

The museum hopes the exhibit will even welcome international visitors to little old Trafalgar.

As one of the biggest motorcar museums in Australia, the Trafalgar Holden Museum is a major coup for the small town, and tells the full Holden story, from not just cars but other products the company manufactured such as trams, saddles, golf clubs and even military equipment.

"It is absolutely mind-blowing what they did, in the time frame they did it," Mr Joiner said.

"They got a gun from England and four months later they were manufacturing parts, just making components for their own guns, they got production rates of 300 a month, you can't even comprehend that, and they did it."

Volunteers remain the heartbeat of the museum, which has 60 or so proudly dedicated to its upkeep.

"It all belongs to the volunteers, every one of them, every day, there is someone working here working their guts out," Mr Joiner said.

The Trafalgar Holden Museum is located at 69 Waterloo Rd, Trafalgar and open until 5pm daily.

Those interested in getting involved can do so by phoning 03 5633 1684.

The expansion will be jointly funded by the state government, Bendigo Bank and the museum itself.

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Trafalgar Holden Museum president Neil Joiner and volunteer Mick Bourke OAM with Minister for Regional Development Mary-Anne Thomas at last month's major announcement.

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## Pet registration door knocking campaign has commenced

Regi-Check ambassadors have commenced a door knocking campaign on behalf of Baw Baw Shire Council to assist residents with their pet registration needs.

The initiative started Monday May 23, as trained

and licenced ambassadors travelled throughout the shire providing advice and information on the importance of registering domestic animals.

The ambassadors will not be accepting money or organising registrations on

the spot, rather they will advise residents of the process of registration via council's website.

All cats and dogs over the age of three months are required to be registered with council and must be micro-chipped as per state govern-

ment regulations.

It is important to ensure pet registration details are up to date with current contact details, and that your pet is always wearing a registration tag so that when an animal is found lost or roaming away from their home coun-

cil's Compliance Team can attempt to return them to their owner.

Residents who have not yet received their animal registration notice are encouraged to contact Council on 5624 2411.

To register your domestic

animal, please go to Application to Register Domestic Animal link at <https://www.cognitofirms.com/BawBaw-ShireCouncil/Application-ToRegisterDomesticAnimals>.

## Letter to the Editor

I moved into the area in 1982 with my wife and children, settling into a property in Labertouche. We got involved in the community in many ways.

We selected this region for a lifestyle change and the quality of the services that

were on offer from education, to health to community involvement. It is appreciated that values change and people have different reasons for moving into Baw Baw Shire. However, I feel that the area still has an appeal, the appearance of the environment - the bush, the farming land, the mountains, the basic country, green and clean image.

When considering the development of the shire it is important to look at what we have and what we can do for the future of the shire, the region and the state.

The region has been recognised for the quality of its agriculture land - which is a finite resource and is very difficult to replace if lost to other planning issues.

The agribusiness sector is a significant employer and major driver of the region's economy, with over a third of Gippsland's business involved in agriculture. The dairy industry in Gippsland produces 21 per cent of Australia's milk, with a large dairy-processing sector within the region. Gippsland also has a significant grazing industry based predominantly on beef, but also wool and prime lamb production. Horticultural production is significant and increasing, including potatoes and asparagus in the west, other vegetable production across the region and boutique wineries. The sector is highly sensitive to reduced water supply and increased temperatures. Intensive animal industries will need to pro-

vide increased protection for stock from extreme temperatures. Climate change may present opportunities in Gippsland for some horticulture crops such as apples and brassicas if irrigation water is available.

Some areas of the region remain under pressure from development with land changing towards urban and rural residential development. There is considerable competition for land between rural residential development, urban expansion (including the expansion of Melbourne's peri-urban fringe) and agriculture.

The issues of the future (and not too distant) will be food security, availability of agriculture land, climate

change, services, and in turn our quality of life. There are other aspects to existence of humans in our ever changing world. The environment, rivers, forests, climate, land use etc. It is vital that we protect our valuable agricultural assets and having a development that adds to and contributes to the industrial wellbeing of this sector. Food availability and its growth will be the next 'climate change' facing our society.

We have a responsibility to ensure that we maximise our opportunities and not destroy our ability to meet the needs of the future.

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# Dairy boom

By Yvette Brand

The cream is rising to the top for dairy farmers this year who are relishing in high milk prices and demand for product.

The record opening prices presented to farmers has been the backbone for renewed optimism and confidence in the industry.

And the sentiment is no different in Gippsland, where 92 per cent of farmers are optimistic about their 2021/22 profits.

However, concerns about high production costs and labour availability have continued to undermine the positive outlook.

The major milk companies have delivered good news to suppliers in a wave of announcements that have been within the \$8 to \$9 per kilogram milk solids range.

Saputo Dairy Australia was the latest to put its opening prices on the table last week and at \$8.50 per kilogram milk solids, it was

significantly higher than last year's \$6.55 season opener.

Fonterra Australia previously announced an opening weighted average farmgate milk price of \$8.25/kg milk solids while Burra's 2022/23 opening price was set in the \$8.20 to \$8.60/kg range.

Continued high prices and record opening prices increased positivity amongst Gippsland dairy farmers with the latest Dairy Australia Situation and Outlook report showing an upward trend in the Gippsland region.

In 2020/21, 87 per cent of GippsDairy businesses made an operating profit and 92 per cent are optimistic about profit expectations for the 2021/22 financial year.

The Gippsland snapshot for the past year also showed herds increased 31 per cent and 29 per cent of farmers expect further herd growth in the next two years.

The report also revealed

82 per cent of dairy farmers are confident about the future of their own businesses (up by two per cent on 2021), while 68 per cent of farmers are feeling positive about the future of the industry (up four per cent).

For young farmers Bryce and Gill Templeton of Trafalgar, it has been a golden time to enter the industry. Starting out just two years ago, they admit they are enjoying the heyday of high prices.

"We haven't had a down time since starting. Everyone talks about the bad times but we, touch wood, haven't had any yet," Mr Templeton said.

Their decision to enter the dairy industry was largely driven by the opportunity to purchase more land and have a farm life for their young family.

So far, it isn't a decision they've regretted. But, from listening to other seasoned farmers at industry support groups, they know they have

to prepare for the bad times, because trends indicate, they will come.

"A lot of those farmers crunch the numbers down to every cent. We haven't had to do that yet, although input costs have increased considerably - two years ago fertiliser was \$600 a tonne, now it is \$1600 a tonne.

"We just have to be prepared if it does change. Both of us can have off-farm income which helps, that gives us a fair bit of stability.

"I guess you can farm to the worst conditions and if you get the best then it's a bonus. We like to sit in the middle of that," Mr Templeton said.

Dairy Australia's latest Situation and Outlook Report indicated the season was opening with large numbers on both sides of the ledger.

Opening milk prices have set new records and backed by stiff competition for milk and robust global markets,

there is a sense of optimism. But, with fertiliser, fuel and grain prices on the up and ongoing disruptions associated with COVID are causing farmers to remain wary.

Dairy Australia's industry insights and analysis manager John Droppert said after successive seasons of recovering profitability, the net effect of rapid and substantial changes on margins is a key question as farmers and processors try to plan ahead in a volatile market.

Mr Droppert said the report confirmed dairy commodity markets remained strong, driven by a combination of tight supply, robust demand and buoyant soft commodity values.

"The 2022/23 season will be marked by rising numbers throughout the supply chain - from production costs to farmgate prices, from commodity values to food expenditure. Meanwhile, labour shortages remain a signifi-

cant constraint, while high beef prices and soaring land values have enticed farmers and farmland away from dairy," he said.

Domestic consumption volume has shifted from grocery to foodservice as the effects of the pandemic recede and more consumers are out and about. The value of dairy products sold through supermarkets has increased.

The report also found Australia's major competitors are experiencing negative or slow growth in milk production, driving up demand and competition.

"This theme is likely to be tempered by an absence of growth in milk production," Mr Droppert said. "Nonetheless, robust balance sheets after several profitable years might just mean that the volatility accompanying such giddy numbers is something the Australian dairy industry is well-placed to tackle."

Source: Warragul Gazette

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## Council welcomes Coalition pledge for new hospital in Baw Baw

Baw Baw Shire Council welcomed an election promise from the Liberals and Nationals last month for a \$600 million new or upgraded West Gippsland Hospital should they win government.

A 23.6 hectare greenfield site at Lardners Track in Drouin East has already been acquired by West Gippsland Healthcare Group (WGHG) for a future hospital. Its development, however, requires state government funding to progress.

Speaking on the proposed site, Leader of the Opposition, Matthew Guy, not only promised to deliver the new hospital, but that construction would begin in his government's first term should the Coalition be elected.

Long recognised as one of the most pressing concerns for residents, a new or extensively upgraded hospital has been passionately advocated for by the community, West Gippsland Healthcare Group (WGHG) and Baw Baw Shire Council.

Situated on the M1 growth corridor an hour east of Melbourne, Baw Baw Shire is one

of fastest growing regions Victoria. The exceptional population growth has put an unsustainable strain on overburdened healthcare services and aging medical infrastructure in the area.

"The current hospital is well beyond its intended lifespan," Member for Narracan Gary Blackwood said.

"(A) new modern facility will deliver not only the services patients expect, but the facilities our healthcare workers deserve."

The preselected Liberal Candidate for Narracan, Wayne Farnham, said a new hospital recognised the needs of the local community.

"A new West Gippsland Hospital has been the number one project consistently raised with me since I was preselected as the Liberal Candidate for Narracan," Mr Farnham said.

"Matthew Guy and the Liberals and Nationals have listened to the community and we will deliver this essential infrastructure for our region."

In November 2021, Baw Baw Shire Council and

WGHG signed a Memorandum of Understanding, formalising their commitment to collaboratively advocate for funding for the badly needed expansion of local medical services.

Baw Baw Shire mayor Michael Leaney said council welcomed the Coalition's

election promise, and that council would continue to advocate alongside WGHG and the Baw Baw's passionate community to secure similar pledges from other parties as the election approaches.

"We welcome today's election promise from the Liberals and Nationals with open

arms," Cr Leaney said.

"This is possibly the single biggest issue for our community. Today is a big step forward because it puts the issue on the table at the state level and shows our community is really being heard.

"The West Gippsland Healthcare Group has a site

ready to go. Council is ready to progress any planning or zoning matters the new hospital requires. What we need is the state government funding to build it. Today we've heard a promise to do just that. I'm hopeful we'll see other candidates stepping up to match that promise."



Leader of the State Opposition, Matthew Guy, speaks with Baw Baw Shire mayor Michael Leaney at the greenfield site at Lardners Track, Drouin East regarding a future hospital for the region.

## Budget request for town plan

A successful submission was made to Baw Baw Shire Council at its May 29 public submissions to include a provision in its upcoming budget for expenditure to undertake a review of the provisions of the Baw Baw Planning Scheme as they apply to the townships of Trafalgar and Trafalgar East and their immediate surrounds.

Talking to the submission, local resident, Mick Bourke OAM said that his submission has been endorsed by Trafalgar Chamber of Commerce and Trafalgar's progress association, "it can be seen as being from the Trafalgar community and not just from single resident."

Mr Bourke provided council with background of

its strategic planning within Trafalgar over the past two decades, saying that council last reviewed the Planning Scheme for Trafalgar and its surrounds in 2005-06, releasing its Trafalgar 2030 Land Use Strategy Plan Review in July 2006.

That plan identified issues with, and made recommendations for, land use covering: residential; commercial; industrial; and recreational. Mr Bourke said that there has been a number of, what he called, ad hoc, studies since then, primarily looking at Trafalgar's CBD area and close surrounds, but no overall strategic study.

A couple of examples of ad hoc studies given were: Urban Design Framework in 2018; Parking study current-

ly underway - both basically looking at the CBD area and close surrounds; and periodic studies of the recreation reserve.

"None of these are looking at the overall situation within Trafalgar," said Mr Bourke.

He said that Trafalgar's population is set to increase by 40 per cent from its 2016 figures to an estimated 5450 people with the two new developments to the west of the town.

"Trafalgar's population has increased from 2279 in 2001 to 3916 in 2016, the figures for last year's census not yet available.

"Taking into account the two new developments, it is projected that Trafalgar's population will increase by 1550 people when those de-

velopments are filled. Based on recent experience, that will be sooner rather than later, probably within the next decade or so," he said.

"That's an increase of 40 per cent on the 2016 figures and 140 per cent increase since 2001; they are significant population increases."

Mr Bourke went on to say that the two new developments, and those in the future which are sure to come, will have a significant impact on the community, such as: local traffic; parking on the highway, the two main car parks and on-street; education, including pre-school; medical; retail business; the aged; law enforcement; and so on.

"Demand will simply be greater than supply."

Mr Bourke contrasted this to the industrial land on the north side of the highway, which has parcels of land available.

"There is a need for a comprehensive review of Trafalgar's infrastructure and land use needs.

"Some radical decision-making needs to be made by council and the community as to Trafalgar's future direction. This should be a high priority," he said.

"The Structure Plan attached to my submission articulates in more detail my thoughts of the process required, which includes community involvement from the start, and not just at the end when a detailed draft plan is provided which allows for little change.

"By that, I mean the community should be involved from the start when the terms of reference are being developed through to the end when the report is released. This will ensure greater acceptance of the review by the broader community.

"There is precedence for this as that is what occurred with the Trafalgar 2030 Land Use Strategy," he concluded.

As a result of the submission, council has allocated \$100,000 for a review of the Baw Baw Planning Scheme relating to Trafalgar, Trafalgar East and their immediate surrounds.

## Council approves house for dairy farm

A proposal to build a house on a Trafalgar dairy farm has been approved, despite planners suggesting the property had no existing use rights.

The subject land, in Hillbricks Road, was previously excised from a larger dairy farm into a two hectare lot with a house.

The owners now want to replace the existing house on the lot with a new family home.

Council heard the applicants milk 450 cows on a 260 hectare property. But planners said the application was not supported by a farm management plan that demonstrated a house was necessary for the agricultural use of the land.

The planning report to council said the applicant did not provide a farm management plan because the

land was already identified as a residential use as per the 2011 house lot excision.

"Whilst there has been a cessation of existing use rights for a dwelling on the smaller parcel, the applicant states that the logical ongoing use of this land is for the residential use allowed by the subdivision," the report said.

Planners said despite the subject site being only 1.9 hectares, the aim was for the land to be used for agricultural purposes or consolidated.

"The proposal will ultimately create a rural residential use which will impact on surrounding agricultural uses and will permanently remove land from agriculture," the report said.

Planners did not support the application, saying the house had not been lived in

for more than two years and therefore had no existing use rights.

But the applicant, Dianne Kent told council they were advised when the house was excised that it would maintain existing use rights.

She said they had tenants in the house but when they moved on they decided to leave the house empty.

"Our intention was always to build on that property and put a farm manager in our current house.

But she said buying more land and building a new dairy took priority over a new house.

"We built the farm up because that was our priority. In the last five years we've been contacted by a number of real estate agents to rent it out ... we could've got \$350 per week, it's not a run-down shack. It still has power, wa-

ter, an operational kitchen and bathroom," she said.

Cr Darren Wallace said he did not agree the existing house had lost its as of right use.

"The planning scheme doesn't make allowance for exceptional circumstance but that's our job as councillors to bring some pragmatism into our thoughts.

He said the house was maintained with the intention its use would be resumed as a replacement dwelling.

Cr Wallace said the house was excised from the larger farm holding and a section 173 agreement on the larger lot sacrificed its right for a house.

"This is requiring common sense. No farming land is being lost and the applicants aim to retain it on a small corner of a massive

farm," he said.

Cr Peter Kostos said the housing lot was part of a 650 acre farming property.

He said the existing house had all the amenities of a house. "We aren't adding a house, it is replacing a house on a farming property," he said.

Cr Danny Goss said the intention of the original planning permit to excise the lot was clear with the section 173 agreement placed on the larger farming lot.

"Five acres isn't productive farmland and the lack of a business plan is irrelevant. It is not lost because it's not being used for farmland.

He said there had been a misunderstanding about the existing use of the site and with some knowledge of the planning scheme the applicants would have continued to rent the house and then

the application would never have been presented to council.

Cr Joe Gauci said he was not supporting small lots on farm land but this application was different because there was a house already on the land.

Cr Tricia Jones voted against the proposal. She said the property had previously been excised but the planning scheme was a living document and changes could occur.

"The house has not been occupied for the past two years which eliminated the as of right use.

She said building a house on a lot under 40 hectares required a business plan to justify the house and the applicants had not provided a business plan.

Source: Warragul Gazette

## Q & A with Darren Chester

Fresh from his success at the Federal Election, Member for Gippsland Darren Chester sat down with local journalist Stefan Bradley recently to discuss a variety of topics.

**SB:** Congratulations on winning your seat of Gippsland once again.

You've increased your margin, the Nationals seats have been retained, and you have a new senator. But there was a significant swing against the Nationals in a number of seats, and you've lost government. What happened?

**Darren Chester:** The fact we had a sizable swing towards us vindicates the way my team has approached the job. We've been focused on helping those who come to our office on any federal government issue, and we've been able to deliver record funding in infrastructure and get more investment in services, which has been well received in the community. But I certainly recognise from a broader National Party perspective, we had some significant swings against us around regional Australia, which is quite ominous. It's a warning to us that we need to connect better with younger voters and women. If those swings continue in three years' time, my colleagues will lose their seats. I had quite a few voters walk up to me during the campaign and at pre-poll, and say very politely and respectfully to my

face that they liked the work we were doing, but wouldn't be voting for me because of my leader (Barnaby Joyce).

**SB:** What do you think about Peter Dutton as Liberal leader?

**DC:** Peter is someone I worked very closely with when I was a Minister (for Veterans' Affairs & Defence Personnel), and when he was Leader of the House and I was Deputy Leader of the House. I think the Australian people haven't seen the best of Peter Dutton. He's a very warm character when you meet and work with him. He's come across in the media as a bit of a headkicker, because he's had pretty tough jobs. He's had Defence and the Minister for Home Affairs role, which doesn't really lend itself to warm and fuzzy. I think he will do a good job. I'm pleased that the Liberal Party has reached a consensus, because I think they need to heal from the weekend's loss and work out what went wrong. I think the Liberal/National Coalition has been good for Gippsland and I'm worried about the direction a Labor government influenced by the Greens might take.

**SB:** But hasn't the National Party itself created a problem with inner city voters?

**DC:** The colourful language that politicians use is often thoughtless and offensive, especially to those who are the brunt of their jokes.

Some of my colleagues with more extreme views are happy for us to stay in opposition - I couldn't believe some of the things they said during the campaign. You won't see

me deriding city people, but country people are sick and tired of being told what jobs they can and can't have, by people who don't live here. I'm talking about jobs such as energy production, manufacturing and the timber industry. Too many decisions are being made in Canberra, Sydney and Melbourne by people who don't understand the impacts on Traralgon, Sale and Bairnsdale.

**SB:** Are you still for net zero emissions?

**DC:** Yes.

**SB:** Should the Coalition have gender quotas?

**DC:** I'm for the best candidate in every seat being pre-selected by the parties. The Nationals in Victoria have done a good job at getting candidates into strong positions in the State Parliament. But more broadly, I think

that the Liberal and Nationals have to do more to bring more women into leadership roles. I don't blame women right now for not entering politics now, because it can be quite toxic. I think it can be done without quotas, because I think quotas send a potentially negative message that you only got there because you're a woman, and I don't think that's fair to them. The National Party in Victoria has scholarships to support women on their leadership journey, so we've done well here. I balk at the idea of gender quotas, because I think it can potentially be a double-edged sword.

**SB:** Which projects do you want Mr Albanese to commit to?

**DC:** Finish the Traralgon-Sale duplication, fund the Traralgon bypass, Sale Alternative Route, and we need further investment in

Gippsland rail. Connectivity in all its forms is the critical issue in Gippsland. We need to implement the investments into telecommunications and mobile blackspots. The energy-from-waste initiative and the (Maryvale) barramundi project should all go ahead.

**SB:** Let's talk state politics. You called the Victorian Liberals an election losing machine in a Facebook post.

**DC:** My language was harsh, but when you've been in opposition for 19 out of 23 years, you need to do something in a different way to unseat a State Premier who is deeply unpopular in Gippsland, but remains popular in Melbourne. I haven't seen a Labor minister get past Traralgon in the last six months. They neglect the eastern corner of the state. Shutting down native timber harvesting is a disgrace.



Darren Chester with journalist Stefan Bradley.

## Beau Connell presented with Trafalgar Lions Russ Turner Encouragement Award

By Trevor Byrne

Beau Connell, an apprentice butcher with Murphy's Meats, was awarded the prestigious Russ Turner Encouragement Award at a recent meeting of the Lions Club of Trafalgar.

It is the 25th year the award has been presented to commemorate the memory of former Trafalgar Lions Club member Russ Turner, who died tragically in 1996.

He was a club member for 25 years, serving as club president in 1982-83 and was a wonderful worker for the club and the community.

Beau was presented with a cheque for \$1000 by acting club president David Koschade. The other contestants were each given \$100 Visa Cards.

This year there were four other applicants for the

award: Stuart Beckley, an apprentice chef at the Criterion Hotel, Shady MacDonald, an apprentice agricultural mechanic at Traf Tractor & Machinery, Jerri Calleja, an apprentice hairdresser at Style Fusion, and Oliver Watt, Cert 3 in Landscape Construction with PDS Property and Maintenance.

Koschade congratulated Beau on his win and wished

all applicants success in their chosen careers. He also thanked Lions Alan Smith and Tony Mitchinson for their efforts in organising and judging the applicants. Smith was chairman of the judging panel and was commended for his insightful presentation of the prestigious award.



Trafalgar Lions Club acting president David Koschade presents the Russ Turner Encouragement Award to Beau Connell.





Neil Joiner takes Minister Thomas on a tour of the museum.



Trafalgar Holden Museum volunteers Bill Moroney, Helena Francis, Jen Middleton, Dee Barnes, Teresa Dodge and Geoff Dodge were thrilled to learn their funding application had been successful.



Colleen Archer, Jeff Thomas, Ana Thomas, Neil Tiftford and Norm Sansom are looking forward to seeing the new expansion completed.



A collection of heritage Holdens will be on display inside this shed at the back of the current Trafalgar Holden Museum. The site has been home to a butter factory and tractor dealership in its time. (Photos Liam Durkin).

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## Holden Museum car of the month

By Bob Moss

### GMH ARMoured WW2 CAR

Car, Armoured, Heavy (Aust), also known as Rhino, was an armoured car designed in Australia during World War 2.

At the start of WW2 the United Kingdom was unable to meet the needs of the Commonwealth with armoured fighting vehicles. As a result, many nations developed their own heavy armoured vehicles.

As supply from the Allied nations was unreliable at that time, in mid-to-late 1941 a specification for a heavy armoured car was issued to the Australian Directorate of Armoured Fighting Vehicles Production. This asked for an armoured car with 30 millimetres frontal armour and not less than 10mm on the sides and rear to be armed with the standard 2pdr antitank gun.

The vehicle that appeared was the chassis of a previously Canadian built Fox chassis and an engine built by General Motors of Canada. The hull was of welded flat plate. The driver was located centrally in the forward part of the hull. The fighting compartment

was in the centre with the engine compartment at the rear. The design of the vehicle utilised a considerable number of angled plates to help improve its armoured protection.

The vehicles were built on a CMP chassis with an engine produced by General Motors Canada, the rear engine model 8446, the same chassis as used for the Canadian 'Fox' armoured car. To this a welded armoured body fabricated from Australian bullet-proof plate (ABP-3) of 30mm thickness to the front and 11mm to the sides and rear was fitted at the Victorian railway workshops.

The vehicle was completed by a welded turret with 30mm all-round protection similar in design to that of

the Crusader tank. The armament consisted of a QF2 pounder Mk IX gun and a coaxial .303-inch Vickers machine gun.

It seems that only two prototypes were built despite an initial order of 132 as there was problems with the weight exceeding the chassis limit.

A pilot model of an armoured personnel carrier with an open-topped hull and without a turret was also built.

The engine is a GMC in-line six-cylinder engine with a four-wheel driving structure. The wheels use leafspring shock absorption

This was the same chassis that the Canadians used for their Fox armoured car which was derived from the Chevrolet field artillery tractor with the engine shifted to the back. The engine was a six cylinder in-line unit rated at 106 horsepower, a petrol engine driving through a four speed, two-ratio gear and transfer box

The biggest problem with the Rhino armoured car was the weight, not only the overall body was heavier, but the other problem was that the 30mm steel plate welded turret was heavier. For a four-wheeled vehicle type armoured vehicle this was a big burden, and a top-heavy was inevitable.

Considering that the Allied forces were able to obtain many other types of armoured vehicles in 1943, Australia subsequently ended the project.



A General Motors Holden armoured WW2 car.



Holden has played a key if somewhat unknown role in Australia's military history, manufacturing armoured cars such as this in the early 1940's.

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## No monkey bars for McGregor Park

Monkey bars will not be installed at Trafalgar's McGregor Park, despite requests from an eight-year-old resident.

Audrey Cheatley will be 22-years-old before monkey bars could be installed when Baw Baw Shire's next park upgrade is due.

Addressing council, Audrey said it was "too long to wait."

"My friends and I will be 22 by then and too old to enjoy monkey bars. A lot of people my age have grown out of the park equipment," she said.

Audrey told council with lots of new houses being built in Trafalgar there would be more children wanting play equipment. "McGregor Park is a beautiful place to be and play."

She said monkey bars would make McGregor Park more exciting and there were 96 people her age that supported her request for monkey bars.

But council supported the

officer's recommendation to maintain the McGregor Park playground in its current state until it was due for renewal.

The report to council said a park masterplan was developed as part of the Trafalgar land use strategy.

The current playground in the park was upgraded in 2015 at a cost of \$400,000.

The playground includes a labyrinth, shelter and barbecue area, pathways, landscaping, public art and a playground. The playground area was divided into three main mulched and soft fall areas.

Officers said there were two public playgrounds with monkey bars in Trafalgar at Apex Park and Brindlewood Park. Trafalgar primary School also has monkey bars.

The report said these sites were all located within one kilometre of McGregor Park.

"A new area for monkey bars with adequate softfall would need to be created at McGregor Park as there is

insufficient space within the current playground areas to accommodate this equipment whilst maintaining the layout and allowing sufficient fall zones to meet Australian standards," the report said.

Officers estimated the monkey bars and surrounding area would cost about \$16,000 to establish.

Cr Darren Wallace said McGregor Park had a well-planned out masterplan.

"Playgrounds have a life cycle of 20 years so it still has another 13 years. The playground still has plenty of life left in it and there are other options for monkey bars in Trafalgar," he said.

Cr Wallace called for a division on the vote. Supporting the officer recommendation were Crs Wallace, Danny Goss, Peter Kostos, Michael Leaney and Joe Gauci. Crs Annemarie McCabe and Tricia Jones voted against the motion.

Source: Warragul Gazette

## A guide to owner builders

By Trafalgar solicitor Jade MacGregor

### WHAT IS OWNER BUILDER WORKS?

An owner builder is an owner of a property who takes responsibility for and completes renovations to their home. Renovations include structural and cosmetics works that alter the property such as building a verandah, garage or shed, bathroom or kitchen renovations.

### WHAT DO I NEED IF I WANT TO COMPLETE OWNER BUILDER WORKS?

If required, you must obtain the necessary planning/building permits from your local council to ensure they consent to the works. Part of this process will also see you needing to complete an owner builder short course and your name should be listed as the owner and builder on all of the required permits. You should take steps to ensure that the work meets building regulations, standards and other laws.

### DO I NEED TO GET

### INSURANCE FOR THE WORK COMPLETED?

For works over the value of \$16,000, you will need to obtain warranty domestic building insurance to cover any damage or destruction of the works. This is a once-off payment that carries forward to future owners of the property if the property sells within the insurance period. The period of insurance cover is two years for non-structural works and 6.5 years for structural works. The time the insurance begins is upon the completion of the works which is normally shown by a certificate of final inspection for structural works.

### IS THERE ANYTHING I NEED TO DO IF I SELL MY PROPERTY BEFORE THE WARRANTY INSURANCE PERIOD ENDS?

If you sell your property within six years and six months of completing structural work, you must provide copies of any planning/building permits, occupancy permits and certificates of final inspection to the purchaser.

You must also provide a defects inspection report that is less than six months old from a registered building practitioner. The report will provide notice to the purchaser of any defects with the works completed or if they were not built in accordance with the relevant building regulations and legislation.

It may also be required for you to take out warranty insurance if the total cost of the work was over \$16,000. If you engaged a registered building practitioner to complete the works and entered a major domestic building contract with them, then they will provide a copy of their own insurance of the work they completed.

If you wish to sell your property or are looking to complete owner builder works and are not sure where to begin, reach out to one of our friendly solicitors on 03 5644 0000 or via reception@jmacgregorlegal.com.

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## Vale to a gentleman, John Gommans

By Melina Bath MP, Nationals Member for Eastern Victoria

John Gommans was a gentleman of high principles and integrity.

It has been my honour to have worked beside John to achieve our combined goal of strengthening farm trespass laws in Victoria so that farmers and their families have stronger protection from illegal on-farm invasion.

Unwaveringly supported by his wife Penny, John became the very public face of law-abiding farmers.

John was determined to preserve his family's right to farm and protect his employees and animals from the reckless and cruel actions of activists. He advocated for real change to serve all livestock farmers and the wider agriculture community.

His clarity on the need for on-the-spot fines to disincentivise the reckless behaviour

of activists and his advocacy for the importance and value of livestock in Victorian agriculture cannot be overestimated.

John was a man of word, his calm positivity and willingness to stand up for his family's vision and all Victorian livestock workers was nothing short of inspirational.

When I first met John and Penny Gommans, as well as recounting the horrendous experience of having their farm invaded by 70 activists, they outlined their vision of creating a full paddock to plate experience to share with Victorian families.

Through their much-loved interactive farming enterprises, the Gippy Goat and Caldermeade farm, John and Penny created a joyful connection to educate and

celebrate where our food comes from, building an important bridge between city and country.

It has been a true privilege to know John and the Gommans family. Everyone who knew John will feel a great sense of loss of a man larger than life with a deep love of his family, innovation, and quality local produce.

I sincerely acknowledge John's efforts in joining with me and The Nationals to strengthen farm trespass laws in Victoria. John Gommans' legacy to Victorian farmers and our community will be through stronger penalties and legal protections in the Livestock Management Amendment (Animal Activism) Act 2021.



Renowned Gippsland Farmer John Gommans died on May 26 at the age of 64.

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## Probus keeping warm with winter activities

By Elly Fallon

Despite the cold weather and the numerous winter ailments that are going around, Probus numbers have managed to stay around the 60 mark at our general meetings each month.

Trafalgar & District Probus Club has 100 members but each winter sees a number of happy holiday makers venturing north with their caravans to warmer places. However, those of us still home at this time of year have a variety of activities to make the cold months pass quickly.

Morning teas twice a month are always popular

but the biggest crowd each month is the dine-out with 34 enjoying lunch at the Morwell Bowls Club recently. Our next dine-out is to Neerim South pub to hopefully enjoy the company of a past, much loved member Ian Walden.

Our guest speakers for the month of June were Peter Moran and Rowan Miller, two pilots that have dedicated their lives in the last 15 years to volunteering as pilots for Angel Flights.

Angel Flights is an organisation that offers flights free of charge to regional patients that live more than two hours from capital cities.

Patients are able to attend

specialists and treatment without having to endure hours of road travel and the cost involved. Pilots need to have their own plane and pay for their own maintenance but are reimbursed for fuel.

Peter and Rowan share a small four-seater Cessna that has now completed hundreds of flights working to make lives a little easier for regional people. They are met at city airports by Earth Angels made up of volunteers who give of their time to ferry patients by car to hospitals or specialist appointments free of charge.

All that is needed to access this service is a referral

from a doctor. We are very lucky in Australia to have such generous volunteers.

Ann Hoff brought her gardening report to life at the last general meeting. Ann is an avid gardener and with the help of two other Probians she entertained us all with a comical performance to celebrate World Naked Gardening Day. She had everyone in stitches and the 'reveal' was nicely done. Nothing like a good laugh to brighten a winter's day.

This month we congratulated Judith Heasley on 25 years as a member of our Probus Club. Judith has enjoyed many trips, lunches,

garden club, bus trips and made many friendships over the years. Judith was presented with a special pin and we look forward to many more years of her company.

Once again in October we celebrate together with our Cluster Group made up of Bunyip/Garfield, two Drouin clubs, three Warragul clubs plus Trafalgar & District. We are the hosts this year, so are in the process of organising this special event. It is a chance for us all to meet together and share ideas and plans for the future.

The dinner will be held at the Black Tie in Warragul and our guest speaker will

be Emma Germano, the first female president of the Victorian Farmers Federation. Chris Newman will entertain us all with music on his guitar. It promises to be a very special day for us all.

Meanwhile we look forward to Christmas in July to be held at the Trafalgar Golf Club, a bus trip to the Port of Sale, a visit to the Latrobe Regional Gallery to see an exhibition on Antarctica and in November a week at the Nicholson River Caravan Park where cabins are also an option for those who don't have a caravan.

Why not come along and join us!



Probus Club Lyrebird Walk in Mirboo North with Barbara Butterworth, Julie Phillips, Ross and Leonie Pethybridge.



Dine-out at Morwell Bowls Club.



Ross Pethybridge and Maggie Attwell with two pilots from Angel Flight, Peter Moran and Rowan Miller, who were recent guest speakers at Probus.

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## Mountainous inspiration for artists

By Carol Monson

The Baw Baw Arts Alliance recently displayed a wide range of interpretive artworks based on the landscape of Mt Worth.

The idea for this exhibition held in the Station Gallery, Yarragon, was prompted by the 'Friends of the Mt Worth State Park' and has proved an ideal way for visitors to Gippsland to have a taste of this stunning section of Gippsland while staying warm in a gallery.

The Arts Alliance and Friends of Mt Worth State Park hope it has encouraged more people to visit the park when warmer and drier weather arrives.

This exhibition is followed by the work of two local artists, Cathy Smith and Clare Nelson.

With her rather typical tongue in cheek sense of humour, Cathy has set out to combine her recent interest in tropical plants she tended with loving care during the COVID lockdowns and her discovery of a range of paint by number and embroidery craft kits.

The artist in Cathy means she has not been content to follow instructions but added her own somewhat out-

rageous embellishments based on her burgeoning collection of tropical houseplants. Her mixed media work is also informed by research into artists such as Henri Rousseau and Andy Warhol.

Clare Nelson's eclectic range of work, 'Beginnings', is in the section of the Yarragon Station Gallery known as 'On the Wall'. This quite small and intimate space is perfect for the range of felt work Clare produces from merino, alpaca, finch, Corriedale wool and silks. Each 3D work is informed by her own experiences and the emotions they cause and allows the viewer a tiny glimpse of the artist's creative journey.

Members of the arts alliance also exhibit regularly at 'Through Life Physiotherapist' in Warragul. The gallery spaces in these rooms is a wonderful.

The Station Gallery is not just an exhibition space but has a shop that is well stocked with high quality, original artworks from local artists. These are affordable works because the alliance is a not-for-profit group run by volunteers keen to promote the idea of buying locally made work.



Baw Baw Arts Alliance volunteers Ingrid Thomas and Russell Monson after straightening paintings in the Station Gallery. Vibrations from trains travelling through the railway station often cause work to move slightly on the walls.

## AGM is on this month at Traf Men's Shed

By Ron Fletcher



The Trafalgar Men's Shed provides local men a great outlet and social interaction. Here, Ron Jones shows one of the pot plant stands he created.

We invite men in our community to attend the annual general meeting of the Trafalgar Men's Shed.

You may not be over excited about a meeting but the sausage sizzle beforehand should get your attention, so show up at 11.30am and enjoy lunch with the members.

The writer is reasonably well informed so I can tell you that the daily entrance fee will remain at \$2 which is a bargain as it covers coffee, tea and biscuits for the day.

The annual membership fee will be \$60. This is mostly to cover insurance while you are on the premises. Come along and have a look over the facilities and you never know, you could be a new member on the day.

One of the most important things that happen at the shed is the talk between members at the lunch table and of course there is always a bit of footy talk, or more to the point, a chance to stick the boot into the mighty Magpies.

On the serious side though and being a men's shed you are surrounded by prostheses as soon as you walk in the door. Recently a discussion started about a member receiving a high PSA (blood test used primarily to screen for prostate cancer) reading and had been referred to a specialist. Several other members joined in and related their experiences under the same circumstances. These types of conversations can ease the concern one may feel about their next appointment. We do not offer counselling but these lunch time conversations can be helpful.

There is always plenty of advice and one gem was about how to have a long and happy marriage. Ron said "my wife and I go out a lot it just makes sense, those four walls can drive you nuts", Bert said "please explain". Ron said "I go out Monday, Wednesday and Friday and my wife goes out Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Sunday we have a family day".

Bert is still laughing.

We were part of the Trafalgar Monster Garage Sale on Sunday, May 1 and can report we had a successful day selling various items including sausages which we cooked on the barbecue at the front of the Shed.

Ron Jones and Gavin Dessent made pot plant stands for the occasion and we sold five which was a great result. The stands have wheels at one end which makes it easy to position the stand under your veranda or outdoor area. Wayne Butler made mini-barbecues and fire pots out of old gas bottles in the metal workshop and they have sold well.

They also look good as a decorative piece on the patio. The pot plant stands are \$50 and the barbecues and fire pits range from \$30-\$60.

Please call into the shed or phone 0493 256 723 if you would like to purchase one of the items.

We are in Wellington St and open on Mondays and Wednesdays 9am to 3pm.



# Meet your local CFA

By Kate Wattchow

Those in the Trafalgar community 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.

This month we would like to introduce you to Reuben Joiner.

## WHEN DID YOU JOIN CFA?

I joined Trafalgar Fire Brigade in mid-2020. Due to COVID, the general firefighting (GFF) training was delayed but I still gained a good insight into what to expect from volunteering with the CFA.

## WHY DID YOU JOIN?

I was inspired to join after seeing the devastating effects that bush fires had on the community. This gave me the motivation to get off the bench and aim to make a real difference, so I signed up for the local brigade.

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

Once my probation period was finished it was time for the GFF training, which wasn't as intimidating as it first seemed. The exams are relatively easy if you pay attention during training and you are offered support from fel-

low firefighters.

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

An unforgettable moment is the first time being on the end of the hose at an active fire. Between the adrenaline rush and the heat of the fire, it is an experience I would recommend to anyone.

## WHAT IS A CHALLENGING ASPECT OF VOLUNTEERING AS A FIREFIGHTER?

Being a volunteer isn't without its challenges, certain jobs are physically draining, such as pulling hoses up steep hills and raking in bushland to create a physical barrier between the fire. All this isn't without reward. Being part of a team that helps save property from fires or aiding in clean-ups after car crashes, the pros outweigh the cons. When you're in the yellow uniform and put on the helmet, no matter what the job or situation, there is always a sense of pride in what you do.

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

I believe joining the CFA gives you experience and skills you cannot find anywhere else. The sacrifices, training and time are 100 per cent worth it at the end of the

day. I've found that volunteering in the CFA means you can personally make a difference in the community and make a change in someone's life.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES:

It's been a pretty chilly start to Winter and the brigade would like to remind the community to make sure your chimneys and fireplaces are being maintained and used safely. For information on keeping your home safe from fire during Winter you can check out <https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/fires-in-the-home>.

The brigade also like to thank everyone who generously donated to our Queen's Birthday Long Weekend Tin-Rattle. These proceeds will support the brigade in responding to emergencies in our community.

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>.

Or you can visit the station on a Sunday morning and find out more about volunteering with the CFA.

For more updates, follows us on Facebook at Trafalgar-FireBrigade.



Reuben Joiner of Trafalgar CFA.

# St Joseph's celebrates

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Trafalgar, along with other Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Sale, recently celebrated Catholic Education Week.

"It was an opportunity for all Catholic Schools to celebrate our distinctive mission and to share things that are special about our schools with everyone," Principal Trish Mulqueen said.

"We celebrated this week in a number of ways. Our leading teachers attended a special mass of thanksgiving together with other school leaders from neighbouring catholic schools."

The school also celebrated its relationships in the community by enjoying a special morning tea with senior students and the staff.

The shared morning tea was a huge hit and further reinforced the strong and vibrant community at St Joseph's Catholic School.

One of the Grade 6 students said "I've waited my whole life for this (referencing the staff waiting on the Grade 6 students for morning tea). It's so much fun being a Gr 6 student!"



Pictured enjoying the morning tea is learning support officer Stacey Lia and Grade 6 student Kaitlyn Pedemont.



The admin staff join in. Pictured are Ethan Paul and Lucy Martiniano who works in the office



Tucking in at morning tea are Grade 6 student Max Haines, Mr James Simon, and Ethan Paul.



Great friendships, from left, teacher Michele Midgley and Ava McCutcheon.



Party time, from left, Ella O'Connor and Liza Marino.



Celebrating is Grade 6 student Kaitlyn Pedemont and teacher Taryn Maxwell-Garratt.

# IDAHOBIT Day celebrated at Trafalgar High School

By David 'Wombat' Lyons

Trafalgar High School hosted celebrations for IDAHOBIT - International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, Interphobia and Transphobia recently.

Staff and students participated in a lunchtime activity that encouraged students to consider inclusive environments while expressing their creativity with cookies and icing.

Students created unique patterns and designs on cookies and biscuits to then enjoy with their lunch, some taking inspiration from rainbow and pride flags while others just experimented with the mix of icing available.

All in the school community were invited to take part whether they identified as part of the LGBTQIA+ community or an ally.

Trafalgar High School celebrated IDAHOBIT Day as part of a number of days that support gender and sexual diversity inclusion and part of a wider program of events and celebrations that celebrate the diversity of the Gippsland community.



Riese Pancutt with a colourful cookie he created.



Noah Price during Traf High's IDAHOBIT Day.



Kaela Kurzawa and her cookies.



Kiara Szalek with cookies she created.



Zac Bruerton joins in the celebrations.



Levi Brooks in the process of creating a cookie.

# Climate action on agenda of youth summit

Words and photos by Liam Durkin

Students from across Gippsland gathered at Federation University recently for a youth summit on climate adaptation.

Primary and secondary aged pupils from as far as Paynesville came to the Churchill campus as part of the 'Here Comes The Future' program, delivered in collaboration between Federation University, Regional Centre of Expertise in Education for Sustainable Development (REC Gippsland) and Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP).

The assembly was quite poignant given it is the youth of today who are set to benefit most from a sustainable planet in the future.

The summit gave students an opportunity to learn, share ideas and develop climate action plans, with some also submitting videos to heighten awareness in the lead-up to the event.

For Year 9 student Tom Prestidge of St Paul's Anglican Grammar, the summit provided a few eye-opening moments.

"The really eye-opening thing was the change just in a single person's lifetime," he

said.

"One of the guys talked about how he'd see goannas every day in a tree and they disappeared. I think that is really interesting to see that how over such a short period of time things have changed and they are still changing. We do need to take action and address what is happening."

Tom said the summit offered a valuable learning experience.

"There was lots of group activities where we talked about what people are already doing to contribute to reducing emission and helping the environment," he said.

"I really learnt about all the effort people are already putting into rehabilitating wildlife and regrowing trees, bringing the environment back into places where it was cut down.

"A group from our school had a meeting every Monday for the past few weeks, we discussed our ideas about community senses where people can learn about sustainability and really bringing it to the wider general public.

"I think the next step is getting more views on our ideas and then pushing it

more to see what could come of it."

The program saw students provided an overview of Gippsland's changing climate, before stories of adaptation were shared and finally, student ideas were gathered and recorded.

Facilitator and self-acclaimed 'Sustainability Story Teller' Will Tait said it was great to see students from Grade 5 to Year 10 taking such a passionate interest in climate adaptation.

"We really over the last few years have heard the youth voice come up all over the world but here in Gippsland as well, young people wanting action on climate change, feeling like they're not getting heard," he said.

"So we want to create a space where we can bring

young people together with people who are involved in projects that do have knowledge and expertise, so that we can make some connections, so that we can listen to our young people, find out what they know, help them expand their knowledge and give them the confidence and clarity to really share their concerns and ideas with the community around them."

While the summit was aimed at youth, Mr Tait said it was encouraging to know commitments were being made from those higher up, with things such as net-zero emissions by 2050 in the spotlight.

"It is always encouraging when we get public voices in positions of authority talking about doing the right thing ... it is even better when they ac-

tually do the right thing," he said.

"It makes sense, sustainability is really about how do you look after the place? That goes from your bedroom right up to the planet."

Understanding differing views on the topic, Mr Tait acknowledged there was still a number of negative connotations regarding climate change action, but hoped opponents would be able to see past the 'us versus them' mentality that seems to exist as ultimately, it is the same planet we are all sharing.

"Folks that have seen this kind of societal change have imagined it as being contrary to their interests, disruptive of the ways of doing things that they like, have found all sorts of ways to paint the picture of sustainability as a loony-

left thing and those 'radical Greens', but I think a lot of that is starting to pass now, we just get more and more recognition that it is not only the right thing to do but it is the most sensible financial thing to do," he said.

"It has been really easy to ignore because energy has been so cheap and the consequences of using that cheap energy haven't been that visible, but now we have so much data and so much awareness of the way that we've been doing things really make a mess.

"In the meantime we have developed these excellent ways of using energy more efficiently and getting energy from non-polluting sources."

Those wishing to find out more can get in touch with the Gippsland Climate Change Network on 1800 839 007.



Students from across Gippsland came to Federation University for a youth summit on climate adaptation.



The summit was a joint effort between Federation University, the Regional Centre of Expertise (RCE) and DELWP. Pictured is Sustainability Education facilitator Raquel Harris, Federation University and RCE representative Dr Monica Green, DELWP program officer of Climate Change Adaptation David Hood and emcee Will Tait.



# Traf News puzzle bonanza

Composed by Matilda Ott – Year 7 Trafalgar High School

Answers will be posted in August 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.					
4.					
5.					

1.	L	N	M	O	E
2.	A	E	P	P	L
3.	A	N	I	H	S
4.	G	E	R	A	P
5.	L	I	V	O	E

## 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.

P	I	E
S	H	T
A	G	T

This months targets:

Good 18  
Very Good 25  
Excellent 32+

June Edition Answers:

Jumble:  
Drums, Indie, Scale, Cello,  
Opera : Mystery Word = DISCO

Target Master: Orchestra

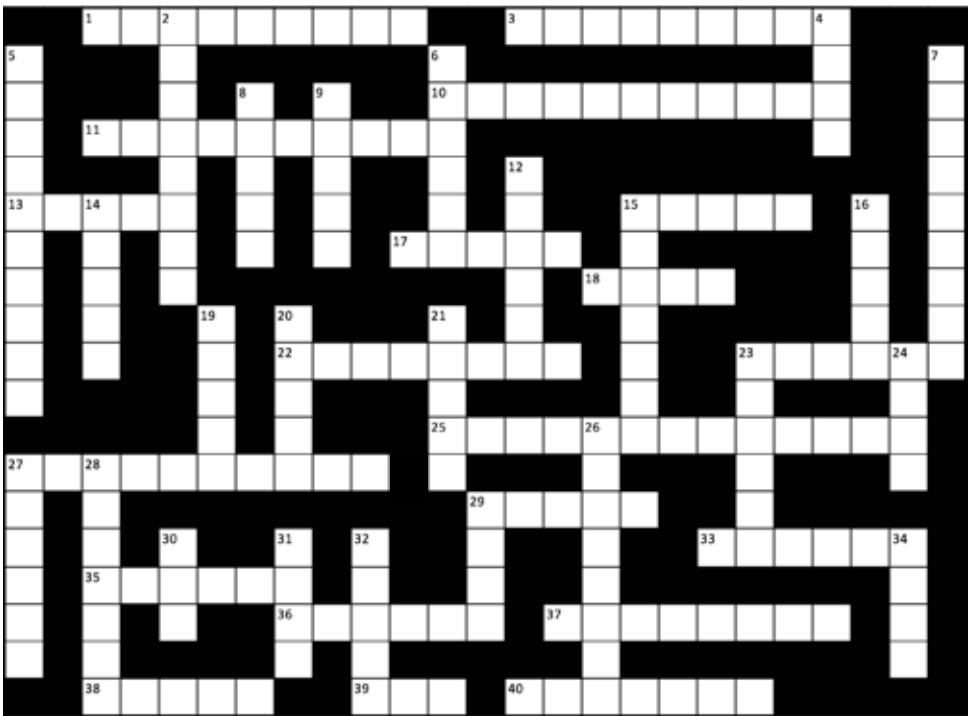
Word Search:Waltzing Matilda

Crossword Across:  
Beethoven, Orchestra,  
Triangle, Passenger,  
Playlist, Indie, Thrash,  
Ireland, ElvisPresley,  
Beatles, Amplifier, AmyShark,  
BeachBoys, Discotheque,

Beyonce, Overture, Pink, Hole, Banjo, Dance,  
Hamilton, Karaoke, Jazz

Crossword Down: Metallica, Beat, Vinyl,  
Trebleclef, Stephanie, Aria, Violin,  
Thunderstruck, Baritone, Wiggles, Woodstock,  
Quartet, Forte, OneDirection, Bohemian,  
Mamamia, Scale, Musical, Hymn, Bassoon,  
Eminem, Rihanna, Adele, Opera, Kick, Folk

## Crossword



Across

- Quick reheat
- Nut
- Growing fish for food
- Summer fruit
- Adds flavouring
- Round Italian meal
- Made from milk
- Pumpkin and Chicken Noodle are popular varieties
- Outdoor eating
- Three '\_\_\_\_' meals a day
- Common additives (4,3,6)
- Japanese grilling style
- No meat products
- Mid morning meal
- Spicy flavouring
- Breakfast grain
- Added to salad
- Mexican dish
- Not a potato
- Smoothie maker

Down

- Eating utensils
- Bakes food
- Baked or unbaked dessert
- A yellow herb
- Spaghetti sauce
- Apples and bananas
- Pounded in a mortar and pestle
- Wards off evil
- Cake topping
- Amino Acids
- Dutch cheese
- Breakfast staple
- Pub favourite (col'q)
- Rising agent
- Holds small pieces of food together
- Opposite of welldone
- French for 'according to the menu'
- Key to soups, sauces and salads
- Movie companion
- Beef schnitzel
- From olive or canola
- Asian carbohydrate
- Sweet fruit
- Goes with 13 across

## 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: Food Question: Sweet end to a meal

Choppingblock	Egg	Parsley	Spinach
Barbeque	Fig	Puree	Sugar
Bistro	Fungi	Quiche	Tofu
Boil	Health	Recipe	Tomato
Casserole	Kilojoule	Restaurant	Vegetarian
Chef	Kitchen	Roast	Vindaloo
Chocolate	Knife	Sauce	Waitstaff
Cucumber	Meal	Saute	Yoghurt
Culinary	Nut	Seafood	
Diet	Nutrition	Spaghetti	

D	C	U	L	I	N	A	R	Y	E	E	R	U	P	C
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E	S	O	C	H	E	F	E	E	T	I	U	P	S	P
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D	V	I	N	D	A	L	O	O	R	T	S	I	B	

Easy

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	8	6		2				1
		2	1	7				
		4		5			3	
	6	1	7					
		5	2			6	4	
5			9		2			
				1				
		8	4			2		6

Hard

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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.

## Baw Baw Shire Council's Annual Budget 2022/23

Council's Annual Budget for 2022/23 supports the delivery of over 100 community services and invests **\$41.77 million** into community infrastructure, roads and open spaces. Here's what we're investing in to build a better Baw Baw for the year ahead!

### Major Projects

- \$6.5 million** for stage one of the Baw Baw Culture and Connection Precinct.\*
- \$4 million** for the Warragul Leisure Centre Indoor Stadium Expansion.
- \$1.5 million** for upgrades to the Rokeby-Noojee Trail.\*
- \$2.17 million** for the new multi-use pavilion and surrounding works at Bellbird Park East.

\*Subject to Victorian and/or Federal Government grant support.



### Arts, Culture and Events

The West Gippsland Arts Centre has experienced an overwhelmingly positive response from audience's keen to return to live entertainment following Covid-19 disruptions.

A new Arts and Culture Strategy will provide further support for our region's arts, culture and events industry in a post-COVID landscape and guide our future Arts and Cultural priorities to best serve a thriving local economy.

We're also allocating **\$60,000** to support Major Events in the Shire with a focus on driving tourism back to the region. Highlights of the calendar ahead include Hogget Kitchen's Walhalla Winter Lunch, the return of the Melbourne Food & Wine Festival to the region and the hosting of a major music event.



### Roads

We're investing **\$11.2 million** towards improving our local roads network:

- \$2 million** for the Road Reconstruction Program on Weerong Road, Drouin
- \$1.8 million** to reseal sections of road.
- \$1.6 million** for localised pavement repairs.
- \$1 million** towards road safety improvements on Bona Vista Road, Warragul, Lardners Track, Warragul, Burke Street, Warragul, Mills Road, Warragul, McNeilly Road, Drouin, Binbeal Road, Drouin and Normanby Street, Warragul.
- \$280,000** towards accessible parking improvements.

### New Initiatives

To meet the needs of the Shire's rapidly growing population, we're investing **\$1.19 million** into resources and initiatives to enhance key services, including Statutory Planning, Enforcement, Infrastructure Planning and major Strategic Planning.

Council adopted the Annual Budget along with supporting key documents including the Council Plan annual review, Long Term Infrastructure Plan, Financial Plan, and Revenue and Rating Plan at the 22 June Council Meeting.

To see all documents go to: [www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/Budget](http://www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/Budget)

## Shining a light on Council's Recreation Reserves.

Sporting clubs and community groups of the Longwarry and Thorpdale Recreation Reserves can now enjoy training and games under maximum lighting thanks to the completion of oval lighting upgrades.

The project upgrades include:

### Longwarry

- 4 new 25 metre light towers.
- Installation of light fittings and associated infrastructure to each tower to obtain a minimum average of 100 lux.
- A power upgrade to the reserve.

### Thorpdale

- 4 new 28 metre light towers.
- Installation of light fittings and associated infrastructure to each tower to obtain a minimum average of 100 lux.
- Power upgrades to the reserve (which were completed the year prior so that these works were able to proceed).

PRG Members join Harriet Shing MP and Mayor Michael Leaney to turn on the lights at the Longwarry Facility.



## Council welcomes \$3.5m boost for community infrastructure.

\$3,590,054 in funding support from the Australian Government will see the completion of three significant community infrastructure projects across the Shire.

As part of Phase 3 of the Australian Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program (LRCI Program) the following projects will be supported:

- \$1,970,054** towards the Baxter Park Upgrade including female friendly change room amenities, upgraded lighting on the sports field, car park improvement works and spectator shelter.
- \$1,100,000** towards the Willow Grove Netball/Tennis Courts Project including the upgrade of 4 hard surface playing courts, compliant run offs and sports lighting upgrades.
- \$600,000** towards the Sand Road Intertown Trail including the construction of a sand and concrete shared bicycle and walking trail along Sand Road, Longwarry that extends from Ashley Court to the Princes Freeway Interchange.

Project works are currently scheduled to begin in October this year with estimated completion dates in mid-2023, weather and conditions permitting.

## Community Sponsorship funding available soon!

Council will begin accepting applications this month 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.

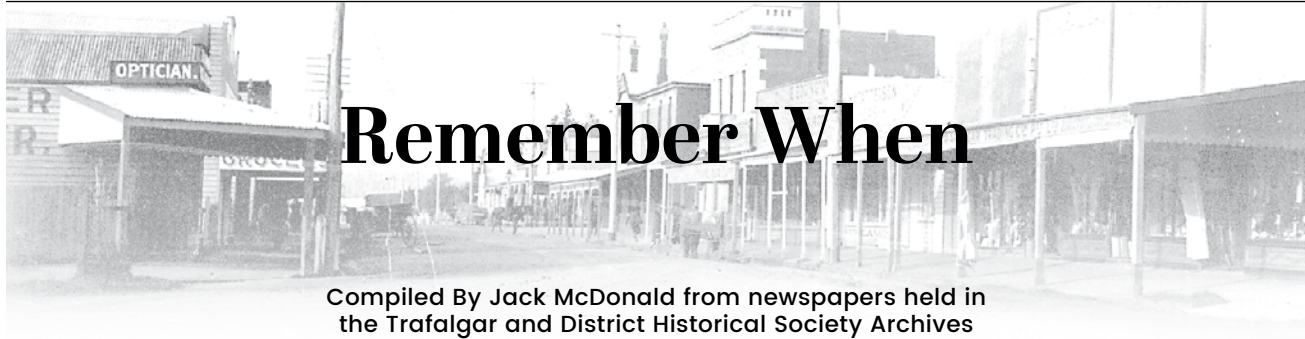
### How to apply:

**Round 1 applications open 4 July 2022 – 1 August 2022**

**Round 2 applications open 6 March 2023 – 3 April 2023**

To apply, go to: [www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/CommunitySponsorship](http://www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/CommunitySponsorship)





# Remember When

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

## THE TRAFALGAR, YARRAGON & YALLOURN NEWS, JULY 1934

### 7 JULY – TRAFALGAR STOCK FOR AMERICA

Mr Brooks, of Boston, U.S.A., has been in communication with Battley and Sons, of Trafalgar, in regard to the purchase of several pure bred Ayrshires, to be used over there for breeding purposes.

For a long time now, Battley and Sons have been well-known owners of the “top-notch” Ayrshires, and to have enquiries from the other side of the world is something to be proud of.

### YARRAGON RIFLE CLUB

Though the Yarragon Rifle Club has only been formed a little time back, indications are that it has aroused quite a lot of enthusiasm, and over 50 members have completed their musketry course.

The club is fortunate to have the help of an experienced rifleman, Mr F M James, who is their captain.

Ed Note: Later the club also had a ladies section.

### 21 JULY – NEW CROQUET GREEN

A further addition to the aesthetic surroundings of Trafalgar is the commencement of work on construction of a Croquet green.

The Trafalgar Bowling Club has allotted the front of its property in Seven Mile Road for the benefit of the lady players, (and possibly gents later on) for Croquet.

### 28 JULY – BUSH NURSING HOSPITAL PROPOSED

As the opportunity now presents itself for a hospital at Yarragon a public meeting has been convened for the purpose of discussing the establishment of a bush nursing hospital in the town.

All residents who are interested should attend the meeting on August 1st in the Yarragon Mechanics' Hall.

### THE GIPPSLAND NEWS, JULY 1962

### 5 JULY – YOUNG FARMERS DINNER

The second annual dinner of the Narracan Shire Senior Young Farmers Club was held on Monday, 18 June, to which friends and prospective

members attended.

During the course of the dinner, Ivan Grant, club president, presented Mr Page with a cheque on behalf of the members for £82 (\$1845 today) as their donation towards the Trafalgar swimming pool funds.

### 12 JULY – TRAFALGAR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

A large field of 90 players competed in the various events last Saturday including the final round of the club championship.

Basil Ashby retained his excellent form of past weeks and recorded a clean cut win in the championship by adding a 75 to his previous rounds of 73, 73.

### CAR COLLIDES WITH HORSE

A young Allambee girl escaped injury, but her horse had to be destroyed after being struck by a car on McDonald's Track at Allambee last week

The girl, Rosemary Lightowler, 9, suffering from mild shock, was taken to a nearby farmhouse and put to bed.

### YOUNG FARMERS PLANT TREES

Street tree planting was the club project decided on by members of the Narracan Shire Young Farmers' Club at their meeting held on Monday, 2nd July.

The members will be planting trees in Princes Avenue, Chapman's Road and Contingent Street in Trafalgar.

### 19 JULY – GOLF ASSOCIATES CHAMPIONSHIP

Commencing the final round of the Trafalgar Golf Club Associates Championship with a six stroke lead over her nearest opponent, Mrs J T Page took the title by one stroke from Mrs Ken Davey on Tuesday last.

This is Mrs Page's fifth win in the championship and she has been runner-up in the event on six other occasions during the past 12 years.

### 26 JULY – UNIQUE!

During the recent demolishing operations carried out on the former printing office of Mr C Johnstone, of Trafalgar, a calendar dated 1923, and issued by the Trafalgar “Times” was discovered.

The calendar is unique inasmuch as that the dates listed thereon correspond exactly with the dates on this year's calendar, 1962, just 39 years later.

Ed Note: The Trafalgar newsagency building now occupies the site of the former Trafalgar “Times” newspaper.

### BLOOD GROUP

Trafalgar RSL Vice-President Mr Hec Standing gained the sanction of the local sub-branch on Friday evening to form a blood bank from among local Diggers.

Now he is anxious to sign up as many as possible to give this volunteer service a good boost.

### NO FOOLIN'

If you find a mistake on this or any other page, please consider that it was put there on purpose.

We try to publish something for everyone, INCLUDING those folk who are always looking for mistakes.

### TRAF NEWS, JULY 2004

### TRAFALGAR'S COMMUNITY BANK

Trafalgar's Community Bank building is finished and the staff have made the move from their temporary premises.

A grand opening is now being planned for Friday 30 July, which will involve competitions for local children and other activities that involve the whole community.

The board claims that the bank is a full service banking business with deposits, loan, insurance, investment and other financial products available at competitive prices.

### 'BATTLE OF TRAFALGAR'

This annual festival continues to be successfully led by Judy Bishop and her small team.

A separate committee to commence planning for the 2005 'Battle of Trafalgar Festival' under Craig Holmes is well underway.

This will be a significant event as it marks the 200th anniversary of the famous 'Battle of Trafalgar' between the British and French/Spanish navies off the Cape of Trafalgar.

### GARDEN OF UNFILLED

### DREAMS

It is impossible to imagine what it would be like to lose a small child.

To try to make this dreadful reality bearable for parents, the Trafalgar Public Cemetery Trust has completed an area solely for the burial of children, called the “Garden of Unfilled Dreams”.

The area consists of small beams, which take four burials each with provision for a plaque. (There are some 60 unmarked children's graves in the cemetery).

### LIONESS' DONATE TO HOSPITAL

Members of the Trafalgar Lioness Club have donated a new television, DVD/video player and stand to the Oncology Unit of Latrobe Regional Hospital at Traralgon.

A recently organised Charity Lawn Bowls Day also raised enough to enable an electrically operated reclining chair to be donated to the Visiting Nursing Service at the West Gippsland Healthcare Group.

### HIGH SCHOOL DEBUTANTE BALL

On Friday, 4 June, 33 couples were presented to the Trafalgar High School principal Mr Slater, Mrs Slater, our school council president Mr Russell Cook, Mrs Cook and Mrs Sabrina Pabst.

The debutantes and their partners all looked magnificent and all presented themselves with poise.

### LADIES WIN GOLF PENNANT

Trafalgar Ladies Division 1 Pennant Team recently broke a 49-year drought by winning the pennant final at Garfield – the first time since 1955.

The very excited members of the team were: Samantha Caldwell, Donna Mellon, Sue Rose, Carol Fox, Kerren Ludlow, Cheryl Deppeler and Sil-vija Brown.

### TRAF NEWS

The TCDA continues to print the Traf News, which has become the primary source of communication and information for the Trafalgar community.

The paper was recently identified in a survey as the primary source for information affecting the town.

## 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

## THORPDALE WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH

Rev Frank Lees,

Phone 5634 6413 or 5633 2758



Every Sunday: 10am

Sunday School: (During service)

Bible studies: Thursday evenings

## REFLECTION

## S. S. Minnow washes up at Trafalgar disability group

Members of a local disability social group became a ‘fearless crew’ as the S. S. Minnow ran aground at the Trafalgar Community Centre for a Gilligan's Island-themed event on Monday, May 9.

Headway Gippsland participants dressed up as much-loved characters from the 1960s sitcom and enjoyed a morning tea of tropical fruits.

The ‘uncharted desert isle’ at Trafalgar was full of music as the group joined together to sing the theme song.

Group co-ordinator Janet DeCorrado quizzed the group on Gilligan's Island trivia and participants competed in a fishing competition.

The Trafalgar group is one of four social support groups run by National Disability In-

surance Scheme service provider Headway Gippsland.

These weekly catch-ups offer participants a chance to socialise, get out into the community and learn new skills.

For more information about Headway Gippsland, visit headwaygippsland.org.au or phone 5127 7166.



Darren enjoyed morning tea in the sun.



Michael had a great time.



Headway Gippsland co-ordinator Janet DeCorrado with assistant Kevin Rogers.



Spud dressed to the theme of Gilligan's Island.



Drew laughing during the trivia.



Participant Jackie with support worker Katie playing a game of UNO.

## Reflection

Moira Dodsworth

### VARIETY

Now well into my second year in Gippsland, I am amazed by how our environment makes a difference to our lives and our thinking.

My grandson, who is eight and lives in North Queensland sometimes calls me early in morning. We chat as I do my chores. Recently, I was carrying him around with me on FaceTime as we went to the backdoor and I put on my puffer jacket and hat and collected the chook food.

As we went out, he asked ‘Is it really that cold?’ so I showed him the ice in the shallow dish I leave for the birds. It is hard for him to imagine, in a t-shirt and shorts, probably barefoot too! But then I told him

about the arborist who has been pruning my fruit trees and showed him. This horrified him more ‘You’ve killed your trees’. I assured him that we hadn’t, but he wasn’t to be convinced, most of their trees do not lose their leaves so the bareness of my garden, to him, looked dead.

This was one of the things I have really enjoyed, this change in seasons, the cold feeling, the briskness of the air as I walk, the colours of the leaves and the bulbs that keep coming up in surprising places and with such a variety of flowers. This beauty is wondrous but so is the green and density of the rainforest, the life in dark, wet places. We have been given so much to enjoy.

There is just as much variety in people, those who find the cold so hard

to bear and disappear to Queensland, those who enjoy the wildness of winter and the cold. We look at life so differently too, I put on a coat and go for a walk, the dog still wants to swim in the creek but others just want to be warm. I think better when it's cold, others need the sunshine, still others are invigorated by a brisk wind or a storm. Our attitudes, skills, characters and looks are different too. My grandson won't believe those trees aren't dead until he comes in Summer and sees them, perhaps eats the fruit - a real scientist.

I enjoy and value the difference, accept people as they are, love the changes and look each morning for what is new. Keep warm!

## 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	
Cricknet 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

## VFF WELCOMES ACCC CHICKEN MEAT PROCES-SOR CRACKDOWN

The Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF) has welcomed the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission's (ACCC) crackdown on chicken meat processors and any potential unfair contract terms in the industry.

VFF Chicken Meat president Colin Peel said he hoped the move would result in fairer outcomes for chicken meat growers.

"The VFF welcomes the ACCC's move to protect chicken meat growers by helping to ensure fairer contract agreements are in place between farmers and processors," he said.

"Greater contract term transparency between processors and growers is critical to foster a fair deal for all and we see this as a positive step forward for the chicken meat industry."

Mr Peel added in addition to the ACCC's announcement, the VFF, together with the National Farmers' Federation (NFF) will continue calling for a Code of Conduct for the industry.

"Our industry needs a Code of Conduct for all participants to help ensure growers receive a fair go in comparison to processors and the big supermarket chains," he said.

"The VFF is continuing to work with our national counterpart, the NFF to help

get the wheels in motion to establish a national Code of Conduct."

## ADIC WELCOMES AGRICULTURE MINISTER MURRAY WATT

The Australian Dairy Industry Council (ADIC) congratulates federal Labor on winning a majority government, and welcomes the new Federal Minister for Agriculture, Murray Watt.

"We wish Murray Watt well and we welcome the opportunity to work closely with him throughout this parliamentary term," ADIC chair Rick Gladigau said.

"ADIC looks forward to working with all cabinet Ministers to implement its pre-election policies for nutrition standards in aged care, biosecurity and trade. However, there is more to do regarding key issues such as labour, water and food labelling.

"On labour, implementing the National Agriculture Workforce Strategy is one step to address skilled worker shortages in regional Australia. On water, recommendations from the Productivity Commission and ACCC for the Murray-Darling Basin need to be implemented. We also want to see the changes to meat labelling regulations to extend to dairy so consumers can make informed choices about the nutritional benefits of animal and plant-based foods.

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"Dairy manufacturers are under immense pressure to manage a tight domestic milk supply market, with challenges from high raw material input costs, freight and logistics, labour costs and availability, and surging energy and gas prices - challenges which are confounded further due to the retailers' reluctance to pass through any price increase."

While farmgate returns are increasing, the cost of farm inputs continues to skyrocket, says Mr Gladigau.

"Farmers continue to exit this industry and we believe there is a clear role for government in this conversation. A stronger local manufacturing sector is needed to decrease the reliance of Australian agriculture on imported products - chemicals, fertiliser, fuel and machinery - and reduce the operating risk of dairy production.

"ADIC looks forward to working with the new ministry as the next three years will be a defining period for the sustainability of the Australian dairy industry. With the right policy settings, the new government can ensure the dairy sector sustains its contribution to life in Australia."

## FARMERS LEFT OUT OF STATE'S PANDEMIC REPAIR PLAN

Farmers feel they were left out of the state government's pandemic repair plan in the Victorian State Budget

handed down by Treasurer Tim Pallas.

Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF) president Emma Germano said the Treasurer's speech failed to mention agriculture as one of Victoria's key export industries, and the 21,000 farm businesses that play a vital role in Victoria's economy.

"Agriculture plays a vital role in keeping Victoria's economy moving and the investment in the services and infrastructure we need and deserve is totally underwhelming," she said.

"Farmers have helped to keep Victoria alive through the pandemic and now that we are approaching the other side, we can't be treated as an afterthought."

Ms Germano added she was bitterly disappointed in the budget's failure to address regional Victoria's crumbling road network.

"This is yet another budget that fails to address the chronic underfunding of Victoria's regional road network," she said.

"Western Victoria has particularly missed out on funding for upgrades to critical freight routes so farmers can get food and fibre to market.

"Farmers will be expecting substantial investment in our sector and in our communities in the lead-up to November's state election. We will be demanding a fair go for all of regional Victo-

ria."

Despite the announcements, the VFF welcomed the below funding for Victorian agriculture:

- \$12 million for a research glasshouse complex and incubation hub at the Horsham Grains Innovation Precinct;
- \$1.9 million community pest and weed management, joint emergency exercises for biosecurity incursions and other activities, and;
- \$1.4 million to support farm business and communities to undertake drought specific climate change adaptation activities.

"We are pleased the government listened to our calls on the importance of securing our supply chains with an additional \$30 million for the Regional Jobs and Infrastructure Fund and \$40 million for the Victorian Industry Investment Fund," Ms Germano said.

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cific Australia Labor Mobility scheme.

VFF president Emma Germano said the plan lacked vision and ignores key pillars of the existing Agriculture Visa plan, including sourcing workers from the Pacific region.

"It's been 12 months of working with the government to develop a framework that compliments Pacific workers," she said.

"The Pacific region must remain a central foundation in any proposed plan, but we must also look to other countries to help fill the void.

"We absolutely need fit for purpose and robust visas from a number of countries. We know from the countless industry submissions that they are vital to our workforce."

Ms Germano added that Federal Labor had failed to consult adequately with industry on their plans.

"Despite numerous attempts by industry to consult with Federal Labor, we haven't had a genuine opportunity to provide the input needed to make a real change," she said.

"How can any decision maker make the right choice without talking to the very people it will impact? It's really disappointing this policy has been released without first consulting with any stakeholders."

# Tennis a hit for all

By Sue Klemke

The last few months have been a busy time for the Trafalgar Tennis Club.

The summer Saturday competition concluded with one of our senior teams reaching the final in the Latrobe Valley Tennis Association.

A great effort by Nick Duck, Stephen Darvill, Brendan Tang and Dean Young to be runners-up in this competition.

Senior teams also participate in the Riverside competition and junior teams in the Baw Baw Tennis Association.

A great season was enjoyed by all. The night tennis competition was played on Wednesday nights and players of all abilities came along to enjoy the summer evenings.

A mix of singles and doubles was played in a very friendly and social manner. The Trafalgar and District mid-week ladies competition has also been played at Trafalgar on some Thursdays and continues over the winter period.

If you are interested in having a hit of tennis with friends and family, the southern courts are open and can be accessed via the park side.

Tennis lessons take place on Thursdays for those keen to improve their skills.

Tennis is a great way to keep fit and enjoy the company of others. If you are interested in playing competition tennis, please get in touch with the club via email, [traffennis@gmail.com](mailto:traffennis@gmail.com) or visit the Trafalgar Tennis Club webpage, <https://play.tennis.com.au/trafalgartennisclub>

The tennis clubrooms have also had some much-needed renovations.

For those who have been involved in the club for some time, they would know that the flooring upstairs had seen better days. With the support of the Baw Baw Shire, the floor has been covered with new vinyl flooring and looks great. The honour boards have also been updated with the support of the Men's Shed and Alison. Solar panels have been installed

on the roof of the club house through government grants, helping to keep the running costs of the club lower and counter some of the rising costs of energy bills. A grant for a defibrillator was also successful and is now located in the entrance to the clubrooms.

Like all sporting and community clubs, the tennis club relies on volunteers to run all aspects of the club. Many thanks to the committee who have worked hard to apply for grants, to get these renovations done and to ensure the club is maintained for the future.

If you would like to become involved in the committee, we would welcome the help. The Annual General Meeting for the club is being held on Wednesday, July 20 at 7pm at the Trafalgar Tennis Club and is a great opportunity to see the new renovations and get involved.

The Trafalgar Tennis Club can be found on Contingent St and accessed via Ashby or Kitchener St.



New flooring at the Trafalgar Tennis Club.

# Hawks assessing options for future

By Liam Durkin

Hill End and Thorpdale Football-Netball Club's might be left with one less opponent next season.

Morwell East Football-Netball Club met last month to discuss the long-term direction of the club.

While most local football and netball followers were quick to make assertions, the meeting did not automatically mean the Hawks were seeking a move out of the Mid Gippsland Football-Netball League.

The meeting instead wished to garner a consensus view from members about what would best serve Morwell East moving forward.

Members were provided with a questionnaire, information from which will be used by the club in formalising a follow-up meeting.

The outcome of any such follow-up meeting was not known at the time Traf News went to press.

Morwell East FNC president Colin King stressed the club was "not anti-Mid Gippsland", but having now got a taste for the new MGFNL after two years, said the club needed to take another look at its options.

King cited the "South Gippsland focus" of the new MGFNL, taking in six previous Alberton Football-Netball League clubs, as a reason the Hawks had decided to call

the whole club meeting.

Inevitably, a whole club meeting involving Morwell East meant the words 'North Gippsland Football-Netball League' were mentioned in the same sentence.

This is not the first time talk of Morwell East joining the NGFNL has done the rounds.

Rumours surrounded the Hawks moving to North Gippsland a couple of years ago, only for the club (to their credit) to get on the front foot and publicity squash and clarify the innuendo.

King said any such decision regarding Morwell East's playing arrangements would be at the hands of a majority vote from members.

When asked about a possible Morwell East defection, MGFNL publicity officer Rob Popplestone said the league "wouldn't want to lose them", adding it would be "interesting to see how it plays out."

From a travel viewpoint, the Hawks would have most North Gippsland clubs covered within a local corridor (Yallourn Yallourn North, Glengarry, TTU, Churchill, Rosedale, Sale City, Heyfield, Gormandale and Cowwarr), and would take the league up to 12 teams, thus eliminating the bye.

The bye would also be eliminated in Mid Gippsland, as the league would become a 12-team competition. Those at Morwell East with a soft spot for history

however may find it hard to leave Mid Gippsland.

The Hawks have only ever competed in the MGFNL since their inception in 1973, and have a number of life members currently serving on the Mid Gippsland board.

If Morwell East was to leave, they will join YYN and Trafalgar, who joined the El-linbank and District league at the end of 2020, as former Mid Gippsland clubs since the 'new Mid Gippy' was established, as well as Yarragon, which left for the 2019 season.

Such an outcome could well call into question the amount of time, energy and research that has been undermined from AFL Gippsland in recommending the MGFNL and AFNL come together in the first place for what was sold as being for the 'betterment' of football in the local area.

Trafalgar enjoyed a competitive rivalry with Morwell East during its time in the MGFNL. The Bloods defeated the Hawks in the 1984, 2009 and 2010 senior football grand final, while Morwell East won the 1980 decider.

Thorpdale took out the double against Morwell East in 1985, winning the senior and reserve grade premier-ships.

Hill End defeated Morwell East in the 1981 grand final.

# Sports set to light up in Thorpdale

New lights were recently installed at the Thorpdale Recreation Reserve.

Member for Eastern Victoria Harriet Shing last month attended the Longwarry Women's Football Competition to flick the switch and officially launch the new lighting at the Longwarry and Thorpdale grounds, made possible by a \$250,000 funding boost from the state government.

"For too long clubs like the Crows and Blues have been left in the dark due to outdated or non-existent lighting facilities - they deserve appropriate facilities they can be proud of," Shing said.

"The new sports lighting at Thorpdale and Long-

warry Recreation Reserves provides a real incentive for local clubs to ramp up training and development and for locals to join in the fun."

"Better sport and recreation facilities make it easier for Victorians to get back to local sport and recreation when it is safe to do so and lead healthy and active lifestyles."

The project delivered four new lighting towers providing 100 lux lighting at both venues, allowing the clubs to host more night training and games.

The new lighting also opens up the grounds to more night-time events including markets and community celebrations, including the popular Thorpdale Potato Festival, which at-

tracts over 8000 visitors.

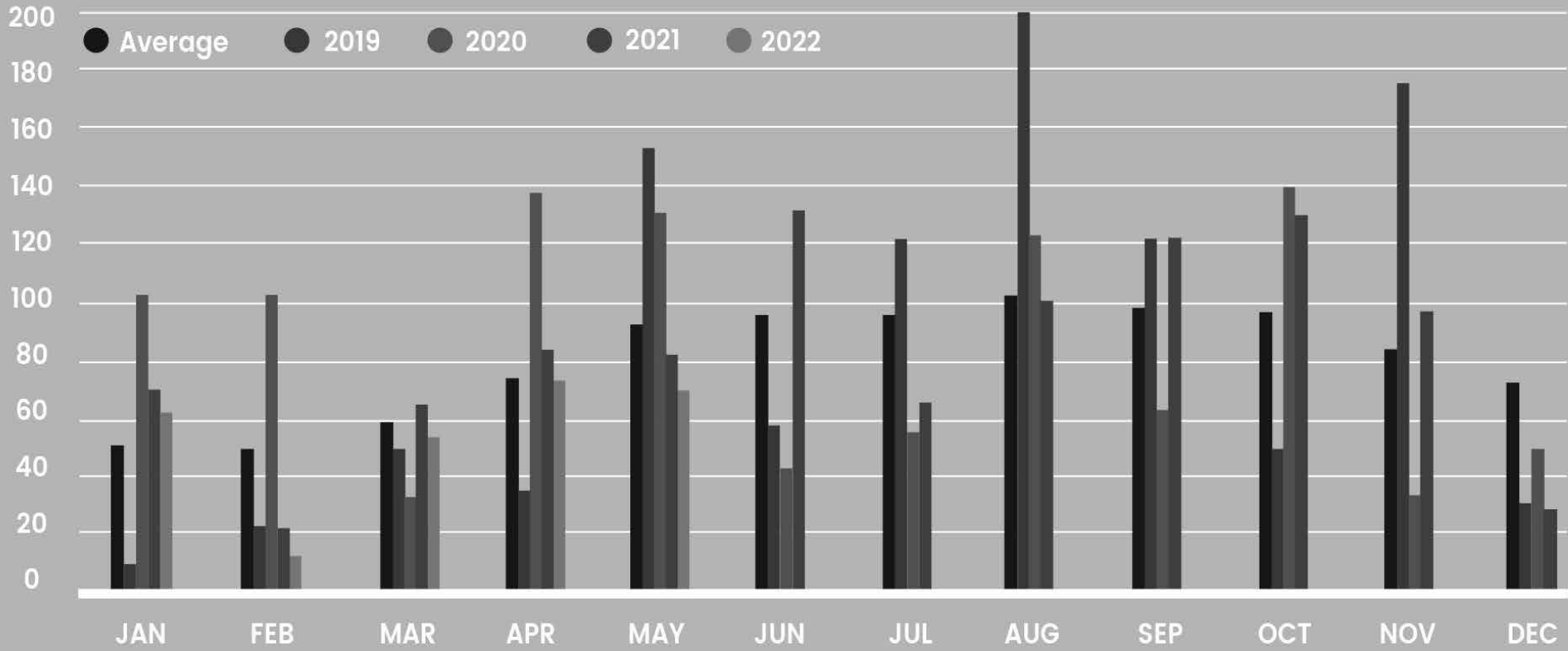
The funding for the project comes from the Local Sports Infrastructure Fund - and is backed by up to \$30 million from the recent State Budget, with \$10 million dedicated to female friendly facilities.

Shing acknowledged the Baw Baw Shire Council for its commitment and \$155,000 financial contribution to the project.

Applications for the 2022 Local Sports Infrastructure Fund are now open, and close Tuesday, July 12.

For more information about infrastructure grant opportunities available through the state government, visit [www.sport.vic.gov.au](http://www.sport.vic.gov.au).

# Trafalgar Monthly Rainfall



This graph compares the monthly rainfall received in Trafalgar in 2022 with, 2019, 2020, 2021 and average monthly rainfall since records began. The monthly rainfall for May was 68.5ml.



# Bloods moving through season

By Liam Durkin

Trafalgar Football-Netball Club players and officials are enjoying a strong 2022 season.

At time of writing, the senior team is second on the ladder, as are the reserves, while in netball, A and B Grade are both inside the top three.

Recent action saw the Bloods take on traditional rival Yarragon for the Waterloo Cup.

The senior team played a competitive match against a determined Panthers outfit, and ended up winning by 14 points.

Although the Bloods led at every change, they were made to work hard for the points against the old rival.

Jace and Klay Butler collected the plaudits for best on ground, and received good support from Blake Radford, Tyson Leys, Matt Swenson and Drew O'Brien.

The team welcomed two debutants with familiar Traf surnames in Angus Templeton and Brodie Malady which was indeed great to see.

The reserves made it four wins in a row, getting the job done with most players getting heavily involved.

Expert bus trip organiser Zack Brown kicked three goals to be named best. Others to play well were Brett Cameron, Sam Wyatt, Jacob Matthews, Ben Doran and Jackson King.

Traf went down in the fourths. Tory Clancy, Toby Radford, Will Bremner, Heath O'Brien, Olly Hennessy and Riley Hammond battled hard.

A Grade had a resounding victory.

Leah Liddel was voted best on court, while Lucy Findlay and Ella McDonald were also prominent.

B Grade had a convincing win, and was well served by Ash Farmer, Jess Burslem and Tessa Sneddon.

In C Grade, Meg Charles showed how it's done with a best on court performance as the Bloods won by 10 goals. Others to perform well were Ebony McDonald and Brandi King.

Junior netball returned

wins for the 17s, with Kate Hagley, Tilly King and Maddie Collins the top liners.

Under 15s lost a close one by four. Best were Maisie Manfield, Maddie Carbonneau and Steph Burslem.

Under 13s won by nine in what was a good effort to start the day. Chloe Smith played well, as did Zoe Birks and Summer Parise.

Traf then took on Nilma Darnum and came away with some convincing wins.

The seniors won in a landslide. Vice captain Connor Noonan played his 100th senior match while debutant Dylan Gauci was among the best players after kicking three goals. Others to perform well were Blake Radford, Blake Slater, Klay Butler, Jamie Hines and Dylan Farrell.

The Reserves gave the cricket club a score to try and beat this summer after putting up 239. The effort fell just six points short of the all-time record for a Trafalgar reserves team. Samuel Wyatt, Zack Brown, Ben Doran, Grady McMahon, Karl Mutke and Adrian Romano were judged best players.

The 16s were up bright and early, starting at 8.15am for their match against Lang Lang. While it is likely the majority of the team normally find it hard getting up for school at that time, they had no trouble getting up for footy, winning by seven points in what was a determined performance in keeping their opponents scoreless in the last quarter. Best players were Toby Radford, Brock Gill, Liam Coulthard, Riley Timbs, Drazic Rosse and Jordan Chapman.

Netball action saw A Grade go down in a competitive match 45-36. Ella McDonald was voted best on court, followed by Leah Liddell and Tara Potts. Despite the loss, there was some positives as youngsters Imogen Smith and Tessa Sneddon made their debuts in the top flight.

B Grade won by some distance, getting the job done 64-43. Lia Daley played well in what was a nice touch after her daughter was best on

court for Moe earlier in the day. Jess Burslem and Maddie Worth were also influential.

C Grade lost 39-21. Georgie Constorphi, Cass Fry and Brandi King battled hard.

In the junior grades, the 17s won in relatively straightforward fashion. Imogen Smith warmed up for A Grade with a best on court performance, and received good support from Kate Hagley and Steph Burslem.

The Under 15s also won, with Tessa Farrell, Tillie Malady and Maisie Mumford the best, as did the 13s, who were victorious by 24 goals. Summer Parise, Jorja Burslem and Keely Carbourne were best on.

The Bloods then travelled into the hills of Neerim.

In the seniors, a poor third quarter allowed Neerim to kick three goals to none, after which Trafalgar could not bridge the gap. Klay Butler, Dylan Farrell, Connor Noonan, Hardy Kenny, Keegan Tullett and Blake Radford served the team well.

The Reserves continued their good form, making it six wins on the trot. The team added four goals to none in the third quarter to set up arguably their best win for the season. Ben Doran was best

on ground and received good support from Luke O'Neill, Harry Malady, Jacob Matthews, Ben Cunio and Dave Van Schajik.

Fourthers were in the game until the last, only down by nine points, but faded badly from there as their opponents blew the score out. Best players for Trafalgar were Brock Gill, Drazic Rosse, Louis Hennessy, Tory Clancy and Riley Timbs.

A Grade met what looks to be their biggest challenge this season, going down to Neerim in a fairly one-sided affair. Abbey Sneddon, Lucy Findlay and Leah Liddell battled hard for the Bloods.

B Grade secured a gutsy five goal win, holding on in a pulsating finish. Jess Burslem proved her speciality lies not just in handwriting with a best on court display. Others to play well were Lia Daley and Tessa Sneddon, while Cass Wass was recognised for her 'tough stuff'.

C Grade had a similarly tight match to B Grade, but unfortunately from a Traf perspective, suffered the opposite fate. Georgie Corstorphin, Ebony McDonald and Brandi King were best on. Tough stuff went to Cass Fry.

Before featuring in the best in C Grade, Brandi King

was dominating the 17s, as the Bloods won 45-13. Others to play well were Maddi Collins and Tessa Farrell while tough stuff went to Hannah Davis.

Under 15s had a commanding victory. Maddie Carbonneau, Ella Cosgriff and Tillie Mainfield played well, as did Tessa Farrell before doing likewise in the 17s.

Under 13s started the day on a positive note, winning by some distance. Award winners were Charlise Eerhard, Summer Parise, Shelby Williams and Kellie Carbonneau.

Lang Lang was the next opponent.

A blistering start by the seniors saw them put up 50 points in the first quarter. From there, the Bloods were able to manage the rest of the game out, and ended up winning by 39-points. Best players were Blake Radford, Klay Butler, David Van schajik, Jace Butler, Jamie Hines and Mitch Virtue.

The reserves had a much closer game and prevailed by two points in a pulsating finish. The side had to claw back after dropping five goals in the second quarter. Just three points was the difference at the last change, before the Bloods found themselves in front when it

mattered most. Brodie Malady, Hayden Brock, Harry Malady, Grady McMahon, Mitchell Smart and Matt Devon were instrumental in the victory.

Fourthers went down in a disappointing display. The Bloods never really got going, and took until the third quarter to register their first goal. Better players were Archie Fraser, Tory Clancy, Riley Hammond, Isaac Caroleo and Oliver McQualter.

Netball saw some very close games in the senior grades.

A Grade was victorious in a competitive game against Lang Lang. Both sides traded momentum throughout the four quarters, with the final scoreboard reading 48-35. Ella McDonald and Tara Potts were best on, while Ellie Farmer and Dani Davies collected the coaches and tough stuff award.

The other two senior games were decided by single digits, with Trafalgar the unfortunate losers on both occasions. B Grade lost 42-45 and C Grade 32-35. Jess Burslem, Imogen Smith and Brandi King won the plaudits for B Grade. Elly Heywood, Kate Hagley and Georgia Corstorphin did likewise for C Grade. Cass Fry had a pro-

ductive day, winning awards in both grades.

Juniors had a clean sweep. The 17s won 39-10, with Imogen Smith getting best on court before doing similar in B Grade. Others to play well were Hannah Davis and Maddie Collins.

The Under 15s won by some distance, with their best players being Steph Burslem and Tessa Farrell. Maisie Manfield and Tilly King were also acknowl-

edged for their work. In the 13s, Lucy Coulthard and Jorja Burslem played well in the win, as did Charlise Eerhard.

Against Nyora, the senior team had a convincing win, extending the margin throughout the match in what was a decent percentage booster. Best players in the win were Matt Van Schajik, Klay Butler, Sam Wyatt, Tristan Marlsen, Matt Swenson (four goals) and Blake Slater.

The reserves had a seven goal opening term which paved the way for victory by a sizeable margin. Harry Malady was best on ground, and received good support from Brodie Burgess (four goals), Brett Cameron, Jackson Noonan, Owen Zimora and Matt Devon.

Over on the netball courts, A Grade won in a 51-33 scoreline. Standout performers on the day were Ella McDonald and Tara Potts,

while Danielle Davies and Ellie Farmer collected awards.

B Grade had a comprehensive victory, more than doubling their opponents score. Cass Wass was dominate, as was Immy Smith, although not quite as prominent as the number of was's in that sentence. Maddie Worth also played well, and went bang-bang by taking out the coaches and tough stuff award.

A tie of all things hap-

pened in C Grade. Traf and Nyora traded blows throughout the game, but in the end the teams could not be separated and the points were shared when the final whistle sounded. Sheridyn Bell and Ebony McDonald were best on. Elly Heywood and Brandi King won the coaches and tough stuff awards.

In junior netball, the Under 17s won 46-11. Imogen Smith was best on court before featuring in the best in

B Grade. Hannah Davis also played well, as did Brandi King and Maddie Collins.

No game for the Under 15s, but the Under 13s won 28-14. Charlise Eerhard and Jorja Burslem played great games for Traf, while Chloe Smith and Shelby Williams each did a good job for the team.



Ella McDonald has featured in the best players often for Trafalgar in A Grade this season.



Connor Noonan (pictured left during the 2018 grand final), played his 100th senior game for Trafalgar recently.



Prominent Trafalagr junior coach Christian Burgess (centre) congratulates Dylan Gauci on making his senior football debut for Trafalgar recently. At right is Bloods senior coach Tom Hallinan.

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# Ships hold presentation

Words and photo by Liam Durkin



Trafalgar Cricket Club under 14 award winners Charlie Hennessy, Memphis McQualter, James Pace, Brodie Gauci, Zak Larkin and Olly White.

The Trafalgar Cricket Club held its presentation night for season 2021/22 last month.

The event was a joint celebration for the Ships senior and junior teams, who had another enjoyable season of cricket.

Our thanks to the Trafalgar Football-Netball Club for use of their clubrooms in hosting the event, and to all who assisted on the night be it in the kitchen, behind the bar or setting/packing up.

Club president Daniel Heathcote expressed his gratitude to all for their efforts last summer, in what was a competitive season across the grades.

The season was unique as COVID meant a late-November start date, pushing the season to the end of March, while the lost time meant A Grade had to play a full one-day fixture.

Senior numbers were healthy, if at times senior players themselves were not. The middle of the season coincided with a time COVID cases were at their highest, but the club was able to juggle this and successfully field teams every week.

A number of senior players won league awards: Rhys Holdsworth, Aiden George and Aydan Connolly all made the A Grade Team of the Year, with Aydan named as the league's Young Cricketer of the Year.

The club was also the recipient of an award from Cricket Victoria for coming runner-up in the Victoria Community Cricket Awards in the 'technology and media' category.

Junior cricket saw our two junior teams make finals. A number of players won league awards with Louis Hennessy (under 16 best-and-fairest), James Pace (under 14 batting aggregate) and Charlie Hennessy (under 14 bowling aggregate) all tak-

ing home honours.

Off the field the club completed a few projects and was able to make some key purchases:

- Upgrades to the practise nets and centre wicket;
- Addition of an auto feeder for the bowling machine;
- Overhaul of club merchandise;
- New one-day playing kit, and;
- Kitchen air fryer.

A new security system was also installed at the Recreation Reserve which is sure to benefit the club.

Financially the club is in a reasonable position, and managed to break-even after another COVID interrupted season.

Heading into next season, the club's main priorities will be getting as many A Grade games held at Trafalgar as possible, reinstating an Under 12 team, and continuing to push for construction of a second oval to accommodate a turf wicket.

The opening of the Turra Pavilion this season was a highlight and gives us strong leverage to be able to do this.

Moving forward, the club has appointed Aydan Connolly to captain the A Grade team next season, while the search is on to appoint a senior coach.

The new coach will take over a successful group that has made grand finals in all three senior grades in the last four seasons.

The Trafalgar Cricket Club is expecting performances across the grades to remain strong next season as the club seeks further premiership glory.

If anyone is interested in joining a great family club, or interested in the coaching role, please phone club secretary Liam Durkin on 0402 556 338, email [trafalgarcricketclub@gmail.com](mailto:trafalgarcricketclub@gmail.com), or visit the clubs public Facebook page.

## TRAFALGAR CRICKET CLUB SEASON 2021/22 RESULTS



**FIRST GRADE:**  
**RUNNER-UP SECOND GRADE:**  
**SEMI-FINALISTS**  
**THIRD GRADE:**  
**FIFTH UNDER 16S:**  
**SEMI-FINALISTS**  
**UNDER 14S:**  
**SEMI-FINALISTS**

### AWARD WINNERS

**Ray Burgess Perpetual Trophy:** Liam Durkin (best club person)

**George Brown Memorial Trophy:** Aiden George (club champion)

**Richard Errington Medal:** Aydan Connolly (first grade best-and-fairest)

**Alan Rankin Memorial Trophy:** Rhys Holdsworth (first grade batting aggregate)

**B Grade Best and Fairest:** Damien Mann

**C Grade Best and Fairest:** Brent Claridge

**A Grade Batting Aggregate:** Rhys Holdsworth 416 runs

**A Grade Bowling Aggregate:** Jackson Noonan 20 wickets

**B Grade Batting Aggregate:** Damien Mann 213 runs

**B Grade Batting Average:** Fred Dyke (38.20)

**B Grade Bowling Aggregate:** Oliver Hennessy (15 wickets)

**C Grade Batting Aggregate:** Brent Claridge (277 runs)

**C Grade Bowling Aggregate:** Brent Claridge (15 wickets)

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