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THE VIEW FROM UP HERE

Trafalgar Football-Netball Club hosted the Ellinbank and District Football-Netball League first semi-final last month.

It was the first final hosted by the Bloods as an EDFNL club.

Spectators flocked to the region for the day, filling the recreation reserve.



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Men's Shed and the Admiral

Words by Ron Fletcher

Our most senior senior at the shed, Frank Gridley, arranged for his son Dave Gridley, owner of Admiral Towing in Moe, to give a talk at our monthly meeting on Wednesday, September 7.

Our monthly meetings on the first Wednesday of each month are well organised and well attended.

The good attendance is due to concerns members have about the viability and welfare of the shed as an on-going resource.

The shed provides passive and active recreation for all abilities. The shed is

particularly valuable to retirees, the socially awkward, the isolated, new residents to the town and the disabled, all the while being inclusive of all and welcoming individuals who are not seeking to be supported but are keen to support those in need.

Members appreciate what they have at the shed and that is why meetings are well attended, and robust discussions take place to ensure its future.

We digress back to the guest speaker Dave Gridley.

Dave had an audience of 25 blokes, most of who have had a love affair with a ve-

hicle and a Holden versus Ford discussion sometime in their lives, so there would be plenty of questions and relatable stories to bring up during the talk.

Dave told of humble beginnings and how he built up a business which is now operational 24/7 365 days of the year.

The talk lasted well over an hour covering stories about vehicles being rescued from areas like Licola and Walhalla after ending up 20 metres down a cliff, and the ever-increasing number of cars being impounded for various reasons.

Dave also told of how COVID had changed the way damaged vehicles are assessed now by insurance companies.

Photos have replaced the employed assessor Dave was going to do just that, take photos of a damaged car immediately after leaving the shed after receiving a phone call from an insurance company during his talk.

Back in 2016 we were offered a metal lathe for use in our new shed all we needed to do was get it from Mulgrave to Trafalgar.

Frank had joined the shed that year and said 'I think I

can get the job done'. Admiral Towing delivered the lathe a few weeks later and again in 2018 Admiral Towing delivered a container for us, both jobs were free of charge. A considerable donation which was appreciated.

Two things left a mark, one just prior to the talk and one after. Firstly, Dave thanked his family for their support in what he does and the other, he tapped his dad Frank on the shoulder as he left the shed.

Well done Dave, your talk was informative, engaging, with a good amount of humour making it a great day at

the Trafalgar Men's Shed.

And we did have a meeting after the talk, seemed a bit of an anti-climax to be honest but we got on with it.

We are open on Mondays and Wednesdays gam to 3pm.

Call in and say hello. The urn will be on and a friendly welcome is guaranteed.

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Annual Gippsland Water customer survey gets underway

Gippsland Water is asking its customers to share their feedback as part of its annual customer satisfaction survey, to be conducted over the next few weeks.

A random sample of customers will receive a phone

call and be asked to complete a 10-minute survey to share their thoughts on Gippsland Water's services.

A further sample will be reached via email, with an opportunity to complete an online version.

Australian-based con-

tractors Insync and TKW Research will conduct this year's survey on behalf of Gippsland Water and six other Victorian water corporations to save costs.

TKW Research will clearly identify themselves and will not be selling any product or service.

Gippsland Water uses the survey results to shape its plans and services, as well as measure to improve its performance.

Customers can find further opportunities to have their say and see previous survey results at www.gippswater.com.au/lets-talk

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Baw Baw boasts brand new music festival

Live At The Park is a brand new one-day, music-lovers concert created especially for Gippsland, featuring a world-class all-star Aussie line-up of The Living End, Daryl Braithwaite, Kate Ceberano and more.

Together, The Living End, Daryl Braithwaite and Kate Ceberano have 50 ARIA nominations, multiple number one albums and singles, countless awards and sold millions of records.

Get your friends together and get ready to rock out to what is set to be the perfect way to start the summer.

Brought to you from the team that produces Inverloch Sounds of Summer, Gippsland Country Music Festival and Land of Plenty

Festival, Live At The Park celebrates amazing live music, good mates, great food and Gippsland.

Live At The Park will take place on Saturday, November 26 in Drouin's Civic Park.

The event site is a five minute walk from Drouin train station, on the Traralgon VLine and has trains



Daryl Braithwaite will perform in Drouin next month.

Council takes action on renewable energy

Baw Baw Shire Council has joined the Victorian Energy Collaboration (VECO), which will supply 100 per cent renewable energy to street lights and multiple large facilities within the shire.

As of July 1 2022, council has aligned with VECO, alongside 46 councils across Victoria for an eight year partnership, that will see renewable energy being used to power up to 6350 street-lights and several council-owned buildings including:

- Trafalgar Business Centre;
- Trafalgar Transfer Station and closed Trafalgar Landfill;
- Drouin Customer Service Centre;
- West Gippsland Arts Centre;
- Warragul Civic Place;
- Warragul Show Grounds, and;
- Drouin Recreation Reserve.

VECO is the largest emissions reduction project undertaken by the local government sector in Australia. Forty-six Victorian councils have pooled their electricity needs into one long-term contract with Red Energy, which will provide the VECO group with renewable energy generated from wind farms in Victoria.

By switching electricity over to 100 per cent renewable energy through VECO, Victoria's carbon footprint is to be reduced by hundreds of thousands of tonnes of CO₂ per year - comparable to taking 90,000 cars off the road.

The scheme does not just benefit the environment, it also means that each participating council will pay less for their power than if they sourced individually.

Every dollar saved is another that council will put back into the Revolving Sustainability Fund, which will

ensure that future cost savings are reinvested into the delivery of new sustainability projects, guaranteeing further savings and environmental benefits to council and the community.

Baw Baw Shire mayor Cr Michael Leaney welcomed the news.

"One priority that came through loud and clear when we undertook wide-ranging public consultation for the Baw Baw Shire Community Vision, is that our community wants eco-friendly, sustainable choices," he said.

"That is what this decision is all about. We are proud to partner with VECO and to vastly increase our use of 100 per cent renewable energy sources.

"This initiative is a step in the right direction to support our shire, our environment and our future".

For more details, please visit <https://veco.org.au/>

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Farewell to our gracious Queen

By Liam Durkin

AUSTRALIANS awoke last month to news Queen Elizabeth II had died.

The Queen died peacefully in her Scottish estate on Thursday, September 8, 8.30pm local time.

She was 96.

Queen Elizabeth II was the longest serving British Monarch, with her reign spanning 70 years after taking the throne in 1952 aged 25.

Her eldest son Charles is now King.

The Queen is being remembered as a Monarch of absolute integrity, who served the Commonwealth with great decorum amid many significant world events.

Her tenure oversaw recovery in post-war Britain, the transition from empire to Commonwealth, the end of the Cold War, and the UK's entry into and withdrawal from the European Union.

During her time, the UK had 15 Prime Ministers, and Australia 16.

Arguably the most telling moment for The Queen in Australian history was the dismissal of Prime Minister Gough Whitlam in 1975.

While The Queen herself did not sack Whitlam, she has forever been tied to the tumultuous event.

Parliament had become deadlocked after the Senate, where Whitlam did not have a majority, refused to pass a series of crucial Bills.

This constitutional crisis came to a head when Whitlam was dismissed by Governor-General Sir John Kerr.

Kerr could have had Whitlam removed by The Queen, but given The Queen's requirement to remain neutral in political affairs, such action would have breached this precedence.

Addressing the nation, Whitlam famously said: "Well may we say God Save The Queen, because nothing will save the Governor-General".

The words God save The Queen are synonymous with the opening line of the English National Anthem.

God Save The Queen has had two stints as Australia's national anthem. It was used up until 1974, before being replaced by Advance Australia Fair.

In 1976, God Save The Queen was reinstated, only to once again be replaced with Advance Australia Fair in 1984.

More locally, The Queen has had some connection to Gippsland residents.

Older readers will surely remember The Queen's visit. Queen Elizabeth II and

the Duke of Edinburgh came to Gippsland in 1954, spending time in Warragul, Traralgon and Yallourn.

Moments of that occasion were captured by local papers, with an incredible 20 pages dedicated to the coverage in the Traralgon Journal.

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

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

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

The Queen was only 28 at the time of her Gippsland visit. One can only imagine the heightened security that would be seen if the same event was held today.

Morwell-raised cricketer Peter Siddle, a cousin to Trafalgar's own Sandi Burgess, met The Queen on at least three occasions, playing a test match for Australia at Lords in 2009, 2013 and 2019.

The Queen would tradi-

tionally be introduced to members of the team by the captain of the respective sides.

Staying with the sporting theme, the Royal Family visited the MCG for the opening game of the 1970 VFL season between Richmond and Fitzroy.

Her Majesty was introduced to players from both teams. Among the Richmond line-up was Francis Bourke, who later worked as a relief newsagent right here in Trafalgar.

Music lovers who have been to a concert of the band Queen will know they, fittingly, end all shows with a rock n' roll version of God Save The Queen.

For those wondering just how powerful The Queen, and now The King, are: they can dissolve parliament, legitimise laws, pardon criminals and declare war.

The King or Queen does not need a drivers licence, passport or have to pay tax.

Technically, all unmarked swans in open water in the

UK belong to The Queen.

All in all, The Queen/The King is head of state in the UK, Australia, Antigua and Barbuda, the Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Canada, Grenada, Jamaica, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Solomon Island and Tuvalu.

Those countries and many joined in the global mourning.



Queen Elizabeth II died last month.

Art market this month

By Carol Monson

Do not miss the first of the Baw Baw Arts Alliance's Summer Arts Markets this month.

The arts market regularly attracts up to 50 stall holders offering a wide range of locally created artwork.

This is a wonderful opportunity to talk directly with artists about their work, as well as view demonstrating artists, listen to live music and participate in hands-on creative art activities.

The Warragul Summer Arts Market is on the third Saturday of each month from October through to March from 8.30am to 1pm at Civic Park, Albert St Warragul.

Also not to be missed are the constantly changing exhibitions at 'The Station Gallery' in Yarragon.

This month in the main gallery space, the Baw Baw Arts Alliance's Mosaic Group will display its new work un-

der the title of 'Same Same... but Different'.

Members of this regular group have been honing their mosaic skills for many years, creating mosaics in forms entirely different from what tradition has dictated in the past.

Expect meticulous cutting of glass, recycled china and ceramic tiles, vibrant colour, materials that range from rusty wire to old keys, stones, watch parts, beads, buttons and many other fascinating objects that can be glued on to a surface.

Clare Thody will be a new name to many but she comes from a family long involved in the creative arts.

Her vibrant, life-like acrylic and oil artworks are constantly evolving, so positively leap off the deep blue walls in the section of the gallery known as 'The Wall'.

Clare's works are on dis-

play at the same time during October as the work of the mosaic artists.

The Station Gallery is also a space where many artists sell their creative work in the gallery shop, which sits along the regularly changing exhibitions.

Never let it be said that the arts alliance sits still for a minute.

Planning is already well underway for the 2023 Easter Art Sale that is a collaboration of Warragul Rotary Club and the Baw Baw Arts Alliance.

While planning is in the early stages, the next few months of 2022 will move rapidly into 2023.

Information will be on the arts alliance web site as it becomes available. See <https://bawbawartsalliance.org.au> for more.



David Jarman and Baw Baw Arts Alliance vice president Janine Richardson, looking over a range of hand crafted pens David has for sale in the gallery shop at The Station Gallery, Yarragon.

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Council reaffirms commitment to gender equality in local government

Baw Baw Shire Council has reaffirmed its commitment to the Victorian Local Government Women's Charter, and to progressing council's efforts towards increasing women's participation in the key decision-making forums across local governments of Victoria.

At the Wednesday, August 24 council meeting, council passed a motion to reaffirm its position as a signatory to the Charter and moved to appoint Central Ward councillor Jazmin Tauru as a VLGA Women's Charter Champion alongside Council Officer Champion Dean Sutton, council's manager connected communities.

To identify and work towards equal participation of women and men in key decision-making positions within local government, a group of local government agencies came together to form the Women's Participation in Local Government Coalition (WPILGC) in 1997.

By 2013, as the work for

gender equity in local government gained support, the coalition dissolved itself and action is now led by the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) and the Victorian Local Governance Association (VLGA)

Today, MAV and VLGA have obtained 74 Victorian Council signatories to the charter, in their efforts to address the ongoing under-representation of women as councillors and in senior management positions within local government, and to actively empower and encourage women to seek out these positions.

Council first joined the VLGA Women's Charter on September 24 2008, and has continued to advance its efforts towards gender equality in the workplace.

As of June, this year, Council's Gender Equality Action Plan was approved by the Commission for Gender Equality and is embedded within the organisation's operations and policy framework.

The reaffirmation of council's commitment to the Women's Charter comes shortly after council's director strategy and organisational performance, Caz McLean was appointed to the Local Government Gender Equality Advisory Committee (GEAC) to represent female leaders in the sector.

Ms Tauru said she was proud to serve the role.

"I am here to advocate for gender equality and welcome the opportunity to represent Baw Baw Shire council as the VLGA Women's Charter Champion," she said.

"We all need to make sure we are broadening our focus and applying a gender-lens to all the work we do to ensure we truly reflect our entire community and their health and wellbeing.

"I look forward to my ongoing involvement with the VLGA Women's Charter and hope to see real change happen across the local government sector."



Women's charter champion Jazmin Tauru.

Meet your local CFA

This month we are continuing our interview series introducing members of the Trafalgar CFA brigade to the community.

This month is featuring Naomi Gooden.

WHEN DID YOU JOIN CFA?

I joined late 2018

WHY DID YOU JOIN?

The majority of my friends are firefighters with local brigades, and I was already helping where I could with fundraisers. I got to be part of the comradery prior to being a member and always found it welcoming and like a second family. My reason for joining initially may not be the best, however over time I have learnt new aspects of the brigade and what the brigade does for the community and I love being part of that.

Plus my son has always loved fire trucks and firefighters, so joining just seemed to be the right course of action.

WHAT WAS THE PROCESS OF DOING YOUR TRAINING LIKE?

My GFF was done in station, so I was trained by senior members of Traf Brigade and able to be around people

I would be working with once I was qualified. I was also part of a smaller group so we were able to focus on areas we needed to focus on. It was a great introduction to the Traf CFA.

Since then I have done a number of courses, in person and online depending on the nature of the course, they are very informative and structured, but like anything there is always more to learn and the way our training is structured we get to focus on our skills overtime, ensuring we are going to conduct ourselves safely on any fire ground.

DO YOU HAVE A FUNNY OR INTERESTING STORY TO SHARE?

Being a member of CFA has opened some great opportunities for me, and allowed me to be involved in some amazing programs. From attending the first CFA Women's Leadership Retreat and meeting a fantastic group of like minded women, to now being a junior coordinator for our Trafalgar Junior Volunteer Development Program, training with these young adults and watching them thrive within the CFA, through a program specifically design to provide them

with opportunities to become confident community leaders, good fire safe citizens and potentially the next generation of fire fighters, is truly something amazing to be a part of.

we try our best to make it fair as far as who goes to training or meeting, and call outs. We decide in the moment depending on the pager message and our respective qualifications.

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

Do it! Come check out what we do, how we train. You never know what you are capable of if you don't give it a go

COMMUNITY NOTICES:

While the weather is still a bit wet and chilly it's important to remember to prepare for hot days and fire risk for when the weather gets warmer. You can sign up for MyCFA to get local information on how to plan and prepares for fires and other emergencies in your area. Go to <https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/my-cfa> to sign up.

The local brigade has many roles available to volunteers. Whether you want to be a firefighter or volunteer in another role, there

are many options for contributing towards our ongoing operations.

If you are interested in volunteering, or getting involved with the Trafalgar Junior Volunteer Development Program, you can submit an expression-of-interest at <https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/volunteers-careers/volunteer-with-cfa>.

You can follow the Trafalgar Fire Brigade on Facebook at TrafalgarFireBrigade.



Naomi Gooden on the job with Trafalgar CFA.

The legend of Stingy Jack

People have been making jack-o'-lanterns at Halloween for centuries.

The practice originated from an Irish myth about a man nicknamed Stingy Jack.

According to the story, Stingy Jack invited the Devil to have a drink with him.

True to his name, Stingy Jack didn't want to pay for his drink, so he convinced the Devil to turn himself into a coin that Jack could use to buy their drinks.

Once the Devil did so, Jack decided to keep the money and put it into his pocket next to a silver cross, which prevented the Devil from changing back into his original form.

Jack eventually freed the Devil, under the condition that he would not bother Jack for one year and that, should Jack die, he would not claim his soul.

The next year, Jack again tricked the Devil into climb-

ing into a tree to pick a piece of fruit.

While he was up in the tree, Jack carved a sign of the cross into the tree's bark so that the Devil could not come down until the Devil promised Jack not to bother him for 10 more years.

Soon after, Jack died.

As the legend goes, God would not allow such an unsavory figure into heaven.

The Devil, upset by the trick Jack had played on him and keeping his word not to claim his soul, would not allow Jack into hell.

He sent Jack off into the dark night with only a burning coal to light his way.

Jack put the coal into a carved-out turnip and has been roaming the Earth ever since.

The Irish began to refer to this ghostly figure as Jack of the Lantern, and then, simply 'Jack O'Lantern'.

Around the Historical Society

By Di Ireland

Office bearers recently elected to the Trafalgar & District Historical Society for 2022/23 are:

President; John Weymouth, vice president; Denise Sanders, secretary; Dianne Ireland, treasurer; Glenys Ralls, archivist; Jean Huffer, publicity officer; Jack McDonald, magazine sales officer; Glenys Ralls.

The magazine/editorial committee comprises Graham Hill, Jean Huffer, Julie McCulloch, Jack McDonald, Glenys Ralls and John Weymouth.

We were fortunate to have a visiting member, Bill Ferguson, chair the meeting

during the election process, and would like to convey our thanks to Bill.

Having grown up in Trafalgar, Bill was pleased to catch up with old acquaintances. His father Dr Ferguson is fondly remembered by the older residents of Trafalgar, as is his mother Sheila.

Unfortunately the 102nd edition of the Gazette experienced a delay in printing so apologies for the wait. It is now available at the usual outlets, the post office and newsagency for \$4.

Contained in this Gazette is an article on Mary Abbey McCrorey, nee Berry, who in the early days of Trafalgar was the deputy registrar

of births and deaths and at the same time was a general storekeeper.

It also contains an interesting excerpt on the state of the drains in 1902. Seems nothing has changed in 120 years!

The plans displayed for the new library for Trafalgar look like in years to come, our historical society will maintain it's role in preserving our past for the present in an accessible way.

CAN YOU HELP?

During the Royal visit to Australia in 1954, a special train was used to convey residents from Trafalgar and district to Warragul to see The Queen.

If you had any photos from this time, the society would love to have copies for our collection.

We also had a request from Mr Ross Dawson who is researching the history of the Old Sale Rd, in particular hotels along this route.

If you can help with information on hotels in Westbury and Tanjil, please phone our archivist, Jean Huffer, on 5633 1960.

The next meeting of the Trafalgar & District Historical Society will be held on October 20 at 7pm in the old kindergarten residence at 30 Contingent St, Trafalgar.

Everyone is most welcome to attend.

Busy bushwalkers

By Carolyn Dyke

The Strzelecki Bushwalking Club has a very full and interesting program on offer for Spring.

Some of the types of activities that are on offer are a day trip to French Island, a hike to Mt Hedrick and an evening bike ride between Warragul and Drouin.

Visitors are encouraged and welcomed on most activities.

On the second Wednesday of every month a club night is held at the Trafalgar Scout Hall beginning at 7:30 pm.

September's guest speaker was Maria Garrett talking about walking in Scandinavia.

All are welcome to attend these evenings.

Further information is available on the website at sbwc.org.au



Strzelecki Bushwalking Club members enjoying a hike near Poweltown.

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Probus visits the garden

By Elly Fallon

Probus members enjoyed a bus trip to the Royal Botanical Gardens in Cranbourne last month.

We were joined by six members from the Willow Grove/Hill End Seniors Club.

These gardens are surrounded by 300 hectares of natural bushlands. There are over 100,000 native plants from all over Australia growing in the gardens.

The centre of the garden features the desert areas of Australia and the stunning red soil with the arid plants is an eye catcher as you begin your walk.

Members were able to take the small train and listen to our very informed driver give us the history of the gardens.

He was able to explain the many 'garden rooms' and what they represented, and tell us the names of so many plants, many of which are in flower now that Spring has arrived.

Botanists are continually experimenting with endangered native plants, and have the extra challenge of getting plants from arid areas to grow in the cooler Victorian climate.

The gardens and surrounding bushland are home to many endangered birds and wildlife. These gardens are affiliated with the Melbourne Botanical Gardens and are well worth a visit.

Later we enjoyed a two-course lunch at the beautiful Cranbourne Racecourse.

Probus welcomed a new

member again recently in Marjorie Price.

She was inducted by president Maggie Attwell. We hope Marjorie enjoys all the various activities and the friendship that our club offers.

Sadly we also mourned the death of Rosilyn Mynard.

Ros had been a very active member of our club since 2007. She loved the Probus friendships, trips, morning teas, dine-outs and worked actively as a committee member for a number of years including this past year.

She supplied many beautifully knitted coat hangers towards our raffle each month and loved being the raffle lady for our club, selling tickets and talking to people as they came in. We

will miss her.

Our speaker for the month was Charlie Howell, a local qualified plumber and gasfitter who has worked in Antarctica five times, his longest stint being 14 months.

He had members enthralled by his experiences and was happy to answer the numerous questions of his Probus audience.

Australia has three bases in Antarctica: Mawson, Casey and Davis. Charlie had to do training in Tasmania prior to his trips. He actually did some work as an anaesthetist on one of his trips, after a short training session beforehand, so learnt to become a multi-tasker.

He learnt survival and self-rescue skills as blizzards could occur without warning

and he had to be able to save himself. Most countries have now signed an agreement to be able to carry out scientific research without disturbing the fragile environment.

You would definitely need to be a resilient person to work there. During the long Winter's there is no way of leaving and only a small crew of people to work with. Charlie had many wonderful photos of wildlife and his Antarctica experiences. He bought along clothing that he wore to show us the layers needed for warmth, as frost bite is always a danger.

The Probus walking group ventured out recently, nicely rugged up, and completed an urban walk in Morwell which led to Immigration Park for a much-awaited cuppa and a

chat.

Their four legged friends also enjoyed the experience and meeting new doggie friends.

This month at our general meeting we celebrate Probus Day with a free barbecue for all members and visitors.

Then later in the month we celebrate with our cluster Probus neighbours at the Black Tie in Warraul. Always something to look forward too.

If you would like to learn more about Probus, phone our secretary John Attwell on 0419 701 331.

You will be most welcome.



Ross Pethybridge (speaker coordinator) with Charlie Howell.



Bus trip to Cranbourne Gardens.



Bus trip to Cranbourne Gardens.



Walking Group in Morwell.



New member Marjorie Price with president Maggie Attwell.



The penguin from Antarctica.

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Ros Mynard, our much loved Probus member.



Cranbourne Gardens.



Dine out at Leggie's Hotel in Moe.

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TRAFALGAR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD

NOMINEE'S DETAILS (Details of the person you are nominating. Please provide as much information as possible)

Title: Mr [] Mrs [] Ms [] Other SURNAME: FIRST NAME:

Street/postal address

Town: Postcode:

Contact number: Email:@.....

If you are nominating more than one person, please complete a separate nomination form for each nominee

TRAFALGAR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR CATEGORIES (Please select the appropriate category)

[] Citizen of the Year award

[] Youth Citizen of the Year award (aged 25 years and younger)

SELECTION CRITERIA

Attach separate A4 sheet(s) of paper explaining how your nominee's actions have inspired you and contributed significantly to our community. This could be through their voluntary community contribution, work or a combination of these.

PLEASE ADDRESS EACH OF THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA IN YOUR NOMINATION:

- The role(s) or area(s) the nominee has excelled
- How the nominee has demonstrated service worthy of recognition
- The impact of the nominee's contribution on the Trafalgar community in a particular field(s) or group(s)
- The period of time the nominee has made that commitment to the Trafalgar community If possible, include dates of service.
- How this person stands out from others
- Has the nominee's contribution been recognised elsewhere (e.g., in the media, by other awards, professional/interest groups or through local government)?

All of these criteria must be addressed to ensure a proper appraisal of your nomination

NOTES:

- The nominee must be, amongst other things, a resident within, or contributes to the community of, the 3824 postcode – see Rules of Entry for all rules
- The judges may seek additional information from the nominator at their discretion

NOMINATOR'S DETAILS (Please complete your details)

Title: Mr [] Mrs [] Ms [] Other SURNAME: FIRST NAME:

Street/postal address

Contact number: Email:@.....

GUARDIAN'S DETAILS If you are nominating someone for the Youth Citizen of the Year, please have his/her guardian agree to the

nomination by completing their details

Title: Mr [] Mrs [] Ms [] Other SURNAME: FIRST NAME:

Street/postal address

Contact number: Email:@.....

[] I do not wish to be identified as the nominator (Please tick if you do not wish to be identified)

WHERE TO SEND THE NOMINATION

Send the completed nomination and supporting details (A4 sheet(s)) to:

Trafalgar Citizen of the Year, TCDA, P.O. Box 70, Trafalgar 3824

Applications close on 31 October 2022. Unfortunately, late nominations cannot be accepted

WHEN WILL THE WINNER BE ANNOUNCED?

The award winners will be announced at next year's Australia Day celebrations in Trafalgar

RULES OF ENTRY

- Nominations must be received by 5pm on 31 October 2022
- Nominees will be judged on actions and contributions made that have had a significant impact on the Trafalgar community (including all areas within 3824 postcode)
- Nominations must be the original work of the author and be factually correct to the best of the author's knowledge. The author may obtain information from other people in the preparation of the nomination
- Nominees must be an Australian citizen or permanent resident of Australia and be a resident, or contributes to the community, within the 3824 postcode
- Nominees are not restricted by age except for the Youth award which is open to all young people under the age of 25 years as at 31 October 2022. All other Rules apply to Youth award nominees
- The winner (or their guardian) of the Youth Citizen of the Year award will be required to produce a birth certificate if considered necessary by Trafalgar Community Development Association Inc (TCDA)
- All nominations (including any supporting documentation) become the property of TCDA
- The final judging of nominations will be conducted by a panel of judges appointed by TCDA
- If the judges consider there are no suitable nominees in either category, no award will be made for that category
- The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into
- Details of nominations of award winners may be published in local newspapers and in local media such as radio, etc
- Each nominator assures TCDA that it is the owner of the information in the nominations and has not breached any person's rights, including copyright
- By lodging this nomination, the nominator:
 1. the nominator agrees to the above rules; and
 2. if it is a nomination of the Youth of the Year award, by completing the guardian's details, the nominator has received the consent of the guardian for the youth to be nominated

(Nominator's signature)

(Date)

Dateline Thorpdale, not just spuds

By Phil Hopkins

Thorpdale, the hamlet nestled in the Strzelecki Ranges famous for its potato growing, has become the beating heart of Gippsland journalism.

Three journalists who grew up in Thorpdale, which has a population of 400-plus, are driving the local news received by thousands of Gippslanders from the Latrobe Valley to West Gippsland, and into East and South Gippsland.

Yvette Brand has just become editor of the Warragul and Drouin Gazette, while Liam Durkin was recently appointed editor of the Gippsland Times and the Latrobe Valley Express.

They join long-established senior journalist and editorial figure at the ABC in Sale, Laura Poole.

Quipped Laura: “Thorpdale is producing more than just great spuds!”

While the Durkin and Poole names were synonymous with potato farming in the town, Yvette’s family moved to Thorpdale in 1981 when her parents bought the local mechanical repairs garage.

Yvette attended Thorpdale Primary School and became involved in the local community, including the football club for which she was the scribe, submitting regular football reports to The Gazette’s then-sister publication the Trafalgar News.

Yvette’s interest in journalism intensified when she worked on the school magazine at Trafalgar High School and was cemented by Year 10

work experience at The Gazette.

“It was a dream come true to finish Year 12 and land a cadetship at The Gazette weeks later,” she said.

Yvette started at The Gazette in 1990 and subsequently completed a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism through Deakin University.

She has loved covering local government, police, court and telling the stories of local people.

Trilogy: Yvette Brand, one of three prominent Gippsland journalists to grow up in Thorpdale.

“Everyone has a story to tell and it’s a privilege that so many people have trusted me to tell their story in The Gazette over the years,” Yvette said.

Reporting on Black Saturday was the most memorable experience.

“Our contacts with local people proved invaluable; they saw us, embraced us and felt comfortable to tell their stories because they knew us and trusted us,” she said.

“In the days that followed our editorial team survived on the adrenaline of breaking news and the privilege of telling our community’s stories.”

Liam, the youngest of the trio at 28, grew up in Thorpdale on his family’s 400-acre (160-hectare) property that grew about 100 acres of potatoes and had about 1000 cross-bred ewes running around.

“Growing up in Thorpdale, you couldn’t ask for a better playground as a youngster,” Liam said.

“The rolling hills provided endless adventures to play, ride and explore, while the air had a certain crisp freshness to it.

“Visitors would often comment on the views showcasing hundreds of hills, valleys and mountain tops. People say they would pay good money just to see something similar overseas.

“Being a kid in Thorpdale meant white shirts and socks were strictly forbidden due to the red dirt - the one thing other than potatoes Thorpy is perhaps most known for.

“That red dirt was like superglue.”

As the eldest of two brothers, he always had to vacate his room for the travelling wool classer.

When home on holidays from boarding school at Assumption College in Kilmore, Liam helped out.

His first proper paying job was picking spuds for his dad – about \$2.50 a 50-kilogram bag then. The instruction was ‘tennis-ball size’.

Liam subsequently completed his undergrad in professional writing at Deakin University and then received a cadetship at The Gippsland Times in 2018, moving to the Latrobe Valley Express as a reporter and now editor of both papers.

He still maintains Thorpdale is “the coldest place on earth”.

Laura Poole, 36, went to Thorpdale Primary School and Mirboo North Secondary College.

Her first paid job as a journalist? Writing up the local cricket scores for the LV Express, where she was often

writing about her dad, a well-known local cricketer. “He gave me all my best lines,” she said.

Regional: ABC Gippsland journalist Laura Poole is flying the Thorpdale flag on the airwaves.

Laura went on to study journalism at RMIT before starting her first journalism ‘gig’ at the Wimmera Mail-Times in Horsham where, “because I’m a spud farmer’s daughter, I was assigned to the agricultural round”. Drought, floods then Western Victoria rural reporter, presenter of the South Australian Country Hour in Adelaide, of which she also became executive producer.

However, home called, and Laura moved back to Gippsland as the rural reporter in 2015.

“It’s a big privilege to report on the patch you grew up in, and now I’m home, I often spend time with listeners mapping my place in the world,” she said.

Laura took on a leadership role later that year, becoming ABC Gippsland chief of staff.

“The thing that stands out is the work the bureau did in the summer of 2019/20 in keeping the community informed while fires shut down East Gippsland and caused enormous losses,” she said.

Earlier this year, Laura became deputy regional editor for Vic/Tas, where her reporters in country Victoria, Burnie and Launceston file across radio, television and digital.

A member of the Rural Press Club of Victoria, she

was president from 2017 to 2019.

Laura also had twin girls in 2018.



Thorpdale boy Liam Durkin on the job as a cadet for the Gippsland Times at East Sale RAAF Base.



ABC Gippsland journalist Laura Poole is flying the Thorpdale flag on the airwaves.

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The Thorpdale Potato Festival returns next March.

Strzelecki Showtime is a wicked weekend

Strzelecki Showtime is an annual original musical theatre production, written, directed, produced and performed by the Scouts and Girl Guides of Gippsland.

This year’s production, The Wicked Weekend at Wentworth Manor, will see 50 local young people on stage, as well as around 60 backstage, entertaining audiences at the new Gippsland

Performing Arts Centre in Traralgon this month.

“For 54 years, Strzelecki Showtime has been entertaining theatre-goers from across Gippsland. The past two years have been hard for all community groups, particularly in the arts sector,” said producer Tammy Napier.

“At Showtime we worked hard during lockdowns and restrictions to keep our cast

engaged by making a film in both 2020 and 2021, but we’re all beyond excited to be back to performing in a theatre this year, especially the new fabulous Gippsland Performing Arts Centre”.

The Wicked Weekend at Wentworth Manor is described as “if it isn’t Baroque, don’t fix it! It’s the peak of the courtship season, and the Wentworth family have invited everyone who’s anyone

to their country estate for a weekend of sport and fine dining. But a sudden death sets off a chain of events that will have the guests and the estate trying to solve a mystery - and prove their innocence! As the weekend continues, the bad news keeps coming, and the evidence keeps mounting! Will the upper crust and the working class heroes be able to put aside their differences long

enough to put an end to this wicked weekend?”

Performance dates are:
Thursday, October 13, 7.30pm;
Friday, October 14, 7.30pm, and;
Saturday, October 15, 1.30pm and 7.30pm.

Tickets are \$25 (full) and \$20 (concession) and are available via the Gippsland Performing Arts Centre box office [www.latrobe.vic.gov](http://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/gpac/home).

in addition, there is a special accessible show with reduced lighting and sound on Wednesday, October 12 please email producer Tammy at producer@strzeleckishowtime.com.au for more information on this accessible performance.

Baw Baw’s performance trends upwards in 2022 satisfaction results

The 2022 Community Satisfaction Survey results have been released, with Baw Baw Shire Council scoring an overall performance rating above the average for similarly sized councils and demonstrating a long-term upwards trend in community satisfaction with council’s performance.

Conducted by the state government on behalf of participating councils, the annual Community Satisfaction Survey assesses council performance across a range of indicators, and provides insight into council’s high performing areas, areas for improvement and overall performance.

The performance areas assessed in this year’s survey for Baw Baw Shire include:

Council’s overall performance;

Overall council direction; Customer service; Consultation and engagement;

Decisions made in the interest of the community; Condition of sealed local roads;

Art centres and libraries; Appearance of public areas;

Waste management; Recreational facilities; Emergency and disaster management;

Environmental sustainability; Business, community development and tourism;

Lobbying on behalf of the community, and;

Council’s value for money.

The survey gathered information from over 400 Baw Baw Shire residents in a range of ages and locations between January 31 and February 18 2022.

A breakdown of the survey results is as follows.

OVERALL PERFORMANCE:

For two consecutive years, council displayed an increase in its overall performance rating, and this year is rated above the average for the large rural group of councils.

The largest score improvements came in the ratings for council’s customer service and waste management services areas, each measuring 70 and 71 respectively - both above the state and large rural group averages.

Council’s customer service received its highest score since 2012 with seven out of 10 residents rating council’s customer service as good or very good.

HIGH PERFORMING AREAS:

Council received higher than average large rural group ratings across a range of key service areas including:

Art Centres and libraries (index score 73);

Appearance of public spaces (index score 71);

Waste management (index score 71), and;

Recreation/sporting facilities (index score 69).

Council’s waste management services continue to trend upwards, having increased a further two points since the previous year, and remains higher than the state-wide average for all councils.

Similarly, council’s recreational facilities, including sporting fields, remain an area of high community satisfaction, with council scoring 69, compared to the large rural group average of 45.

AREAS TO IMPROVE:

The following areas were identified as focus areas for improvement:

Consultation and engagement;

Decisions made in the interest of the community, and;

Condition of sealed local roads.

Council received an index score of 51 across the areas of lobbying, consultation and engagement, and decisions made in the interest of the community, falling just under the state-wide averages, but on par with the average for similarly sized councils.

Following an increase of five points in the previous year, condition of sealed local roads received an index score 43, falling just below the state-wide and large rural group average of 45.

While these service areas reflect a dip in 2022, the figures display an overall long-term upward moving trend.

Baw Baw Shire mayor Cr Michael Leaney said the survey results would help council in the year ahead.

“These survey results provide us with great insight into what’s working well and where, as a council, we need to improve,” he said.

“As a region experiencing population growth at a significant rate, it is welcoming to see an overall positive trend in the right direction for council’s performance.

“Our interaction with our community is an all-time high and this is something we can strive to maintain.”

By TOM PARRY

bera and from the Sapphire Coast in New South Wales, and they’re travelling for many hours.

“They do have a break at Cann River, but they’re still about a three-hour run into Bairnsdale to connect with the trains, and there’s no facilities at all at Bairnsdale Station for people to get any refreshments before they transfer from a coach onto the train.”

Two V/Line passenger services on the Gippsland route currently provide on-board catering facilities – a standard feature on V/Line rail carriages.

These carriages, which are typically hauled by diesel-electric units, are soon to be replaced by high-speed VLocity trains.

The Gippsland Times understands that none of the VLocity trains intended for service on the Gippsland line will have on-board catering facilities.

Mr Hearsch said such facilities are available on the Albury line, which VLocity trains traverse.

“They’re a long-distance version with more space, more comfortable seating, and they’ve got ... what (V/Line) calls a “Café Bar” on those trains, and we’re saying that should be standard for all trains for journeys that now exceed two-and-a-half to three hours, which includes Bairnsdale (services),” Mr Hearsch said.

The Department of Transport was approached by the Gippsland Times for comment, with a spokesperson providing the following response:

“The majority of Bairnsdale services have been operated by modern, comfortable VLocity trains since 2018 and work is under way to enable these trains to operate on all services to and from East Gippsland.

“We worked closely with the community to provide alternative refreshment options when VLocity trains were introduced and will investigate ways to expand this offering in the future.”

One of the “alternative re-

freshment options” offered by V/Line is the provision of vending machines at stations along the Gippsland line.

Mr Hearsch described the alternative as a “second-rate service”.

“Some of those vending machines aren’t particularly cheap, (and) they don’t always work,” Mr Hearsch said.

“I’d concede it’s better than nothing; (but) it doesn’t really make-up for a service on a train which is provided by a real person, and with a reasonable choice of different foods, drinks, snacks, sweets and so forth that they offer currently.”

The Department of Transport is apprehensive about introducing catering services on the Bairnsdale line because its VLocity trains also run on the high-patronage Ballarat line.

V/Line estimates that 42 seats would need to be removed from a three-carriage VLocity train in order to install a catering facility.

Mr Hearsch believes such an issue can easily be managed.

“The sort of thing that should be done is that the commuter trains (without catering facilities) run the shorter distances to places like Traralgon,” Mr Hearsch said.

“The VLocitys are designed so that they can be coupled-up to ... what we call a ‘set’ – another train, almost – in no time at all.

“So, you can still have the commuter VLocitys running to and from Traralgon, and when you get to Traralgon, you simply couple onto another three-car set which can continue on.”

Another solution he offered was to have Bairnsdale services continue on another route that also offers catering facilities.

“You can organise your schedules in such a way, for example, that a train coming from Bairnsdale then goes on to Warrnambool or Swan Hill, or vice-versa.

“That’s usually part of the solution when you have two different types of trains.”

News of the Bairnsdale passenger service losing its ca-

tering facilities is yet another blow for rail commuters in the Wellington Shire, who are already undermined by a lack of trains to Rosedale, Sale and Stratford.

Just three daily V/Line services currently operate each way between Stratford and Melbourne’s Southern Cross Station.

Last month, the Committee for Wellington, Sale Business and Tourism Association, and Wellington Shire Council made a joint plea for more train services in the region, a call which has been backed by the Rail Futures Institute.

Both council and the Committee for Wellington have been asked for comment, but at the time of going to press had not responded.

Asked when, or if, more than three trains a day would service the Bairnsdale line, Public Transport Minister Ben Carroll on Wednesday said: “I’ll take that question on notice.”

He said “improved rolling stock” was destined for the Gippsland route.

Spud festival is back

The tiny village of Thorpdale, nestled up in the Strzelecki Ranges in Gippsland, has a population of just 471 people... but their potatoes are known Australia-wide. The Thorpdale Potato Festival was established in the late 1970’s as an annual event to celebrate the humble spud, highlighting the skills of the potato pickers of the time, as well as a community fundraiser for the small farming town of Thorpdale.

After a 12-year hiatus, the festival returned in 2015 as a biennial event with renewed vigour, embracing the current passion for understanding where our

food comes from, and celebrating it with the sort of fun and frivolity that this event has long been known for.

After COVID caused the cancellation of the festival in 2021, the Thorpdale community is excited to officially welcome the festival back for 2023.

The core values of the festival remain the same as in its 1980’s and 90’s hey-day: A good old-fashioned fun day out, with something for the whole family to enjoy.

The Thorpdale Potato Festival offers up activities that you just can’t find elsewhere - and spuds rule the roost, of course. There is the Vin Rowe Spud Challenge, which brings

competitors back year after year to shoulder the 50-kilogram bag of spuds and run the course.

Then you have the potato stack - throwing sacks of spuds onto pallets - growing higher and higher.

The potato picking for young and old, guys and gals is hotly competitive too.

The hugely popular hessians on the field will be held again, with a fashion parade and prizes across multiple age groups for the most creative outfits constructed from hessian spud bags.

Other crowd favourites include sheep shearing demonstrations, working dog trials,

professional wood chop, and over 60 market stalls to peruse. All money raised from the Thorpdale Potato Festival is distributed throughout the local community to groups such as the school, kindergarten, sporting groups and many more.

More events and attractions will be announced in the coming months. To stay up to date with the latest info about The Thorpdale Potato Festival, including ticket releases, visit www.thorpdalepotatofestival.com and subscribe to the festival’s social media channels.

Skateboarding clinic at St Joseph's

Recently, Anita and Tyson from YMCA Action Sports came to run a skateboarding clinic for students in Grades 4 to 6 at St Joseph's Primary School.

The session was so much fun and students learnt the basic skills of how to safely ride around on a skateboard.

They even had the opportunity to 'drop in' off a small ramp.

Grade 6 student Ava McCutcheon said "it was so amazing and I didn't know how to skateboard but now I do".

Thank you to Anita and Tyson for such a wonderful experience.



Kiarah Shields learns to skateboard.



Scarlett Donald balances.



Alex Jacobs is a 'regular' skater as he pushes the board with his right foot. The term 'goofy' is used to describe those who push with their left.



Ella O'Connor Roche drops in.



Aidan Cathomen during the skating session.

A healthy way to start the day



St Joseph's Primary School curriculum leader Katie Balfour and Trafalgar IGA manager Dom Griffin.

A healthy breakfast is always a perfect way to begin any day.

At Joseph's Primary School, Trafalgar, students

are being offered a healthy breakfast every Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning.

We are grateful for the support from Dom Griffin and the IGA team in Trafalgar for their generous donations.

These donations help to make a difference in our

school and most importantly, for the students.

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Celebrating the culture of Japan in Traf

St Joseph's Trafalgar flew the Japanese flag last month and was abuzz with Japanese cultural activities.

Starting the day well with 'rajio taiso' (radio exercise), which many Japanese schools and workplaces do daily; a practice that started in 1928.

Calligraphy, origami, Japanese koi (fish) art, Japanese (sakura) cherry blossom art, manga (cartoon) drawing, and a kahoot quiz were enjoyed by all.

The day concluded with a Tokyo Ondo dance outside.

As well as learning Japanese language, understanding, respecting and including people from all around the world is vital to developing our young global citizens.

From the students: "Japanese Day is good fun. I liked doing the paint blowing because the paint spreads a lot".

"If we want to go to Japan, we already know how to speak Japanese and write calligraphy," Nyah Hicks.

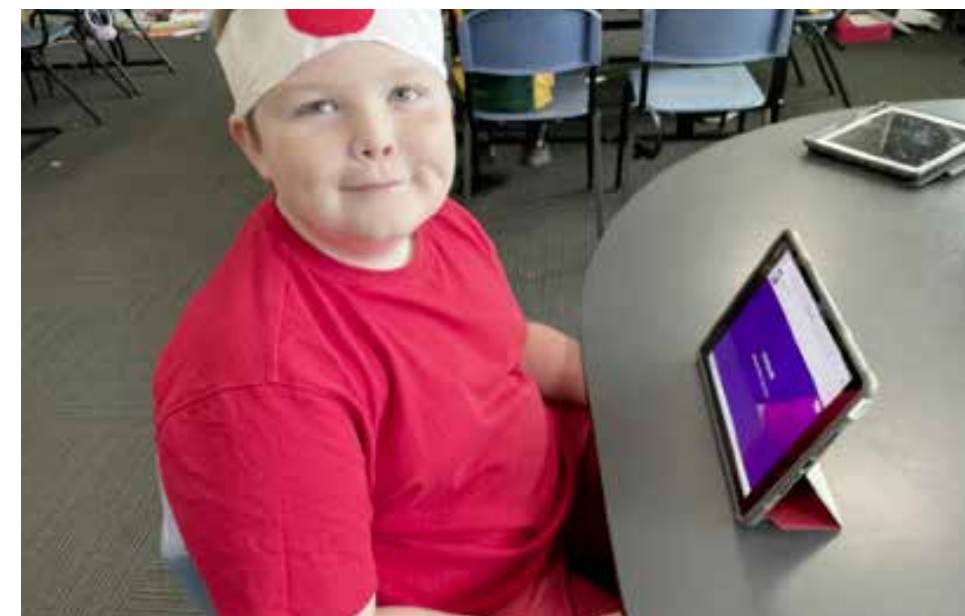
Charlotte sad: "You have to say 'hai' in Japanese and I love it". After winning the kahoot quiz demonstrating his Japanese knowledge, Reuben McCartin said "It was great" and showed me 'the worm' - his winning move.



Eleanor Steendam.



Rajio Taiso in the morning with the whole school.



Owen Yeats.



Summer McCutcheon.



Sienna Jamieson.



Nyah Hicks.

Traf News puzzle bonanza

Composed by Matilda Ott – Year 7 Trafalgar High School

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.	E	E	S	I	L
2.	Y	S	B	A	H
3.	O	R	G	R	E
4.	C	A	S	U	L
5.	N	U	S	Y	N

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.

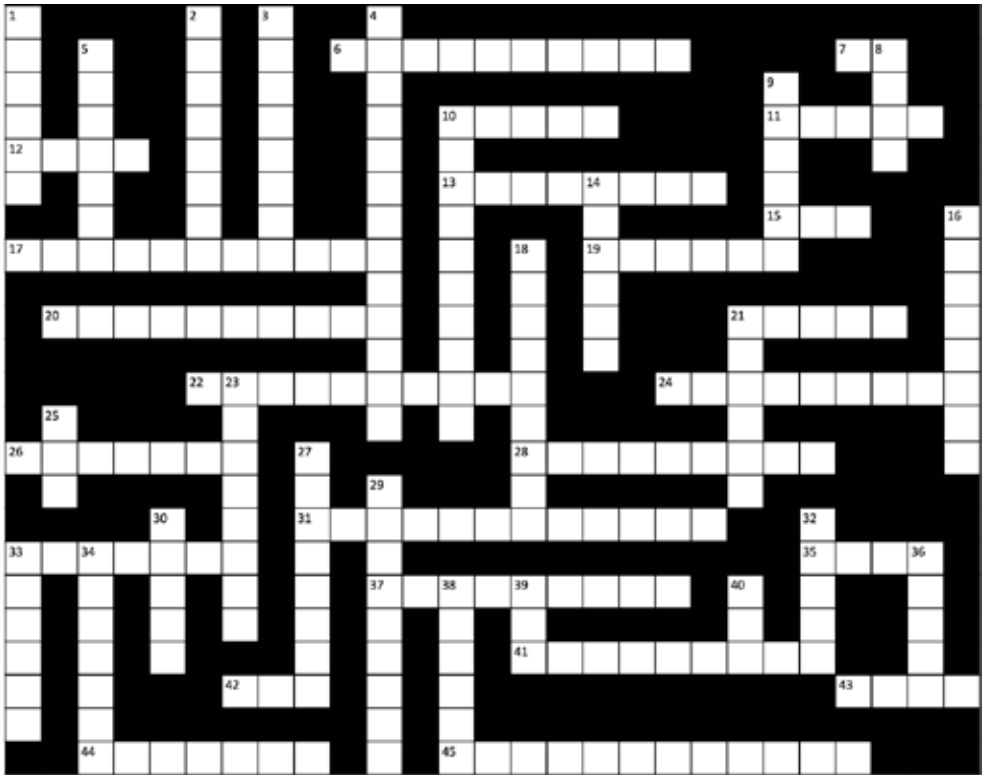
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E	M	R

This months targets:

35
28
20

Excellent
Very Good
Good

Crossword



Across

- Men's Shed street
- New fuel station
- Main Zingarelli product
- Street off Anzac
- ___ Motors, tractor dealership
- Not just potatoes (4,4)
- Supermarket
- 61 Kitchener Street (4,7)
- Bakehouse
- A minty street
- Tattoo studio
- Real estate agent named after explorer
- Dog friendly park
- Soccer club
- Waterway to the east (4,5)
- Butcher (7,5)
- Community Bank
- Court off Chapmans
- Hardware (4,5)
- Adventure park (3,6)
- Main street takeaway
- Style of food and massage
- ___ Fresh (3,4)
- Aged care facility (7,5)

Down

- Off Vincent Blvd
- Contingent Street park
- Offered at A Little Patch of Country
- Mental health hub
- Road adjacent to main drain
- Horse club
- Sport played close to Police Station
- Mobile library parks behind here (4,5)
- Sandwich makers
- Road named after famous battle
- New south side estate
- Car museum
- Café named after a herb (5,3)
- You and ___ Fitness
- Bar and grill
- Hotel
- Leads to the Transfer station
- Street for retirees
- Trafalgar municipality
- Lane named after battle ship
- Steve's carwash
- Nature reserve
- Place for animal care
- Building design service

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: Trafalgar Question: Street named after a Lord

AndrewsHouse	Dodemaides	Rose
Anzac	Evan	School
Burgess	Gibson	Settlement
Canal	Gum	SevenMile
Carnegie	Guy	Summerlea
Chestnut	Hardy	SunnyCreek
Church	Holden	Uralla
Collingwood	Holland	Victory
Contingent	LadyHamilton	Villeneuve
Contour	Murray	Ward
Cross	Neptune	Waterloo
Davey	Red	

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Easy

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	5	9	8	3				4

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Victorian Seniors Festival 40 Years 2022

Celebrating 40 years of the Victorian Seniors Festival.

Strategy adopted to protect Baw Baw's natural environment.

Guided by community feedback, Council has adopted the Environmental Sustainability Strategy that will shape its environmental practices and sustainability goals for Baw Baw Shire over the next 8 years.

To guide Council's actions towards positive environmental outcomes, the adopted Strategy outlines 4 goals:

- To reduce energy use and emissions.
- To create sustainable and resilient communities.
- To protect the natural environment.
- To shift towards a more circular economy.

To view the Environmental Sustainability Strategy 2022–2030, visit Council's website and search "A-Z Policies and Documents".



Save the date for Baw Baw's Children's Expo!

To celebrate Children's Week, Council is hosting a Children's Expo with free activities for your little ones!

Tuesday 25 October
10am to 1pm
Grace Berglund
Kindergarten Warragul
12 George Street, Warragul

For more info, head over to:
www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/ChildrensExpo2022



>> bawbawshire.vic.gov.au

2023 Australia Day Award Nominations open soon!

Nominations for the 2023 Australia Day Awards will be open from 4 October 2022 – 11 November 2022.

The awards are an opportunity for community members to acknowledge an individual or group for the noteworthy contributions they have made to Baw Baw Shire.

Nominations can be made across four categories this year:

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Community Organisation of the Year
- Community Event of the Year

2022 Community Group of the Year recipient, Baw Baw Soup Kitchen.



To be eligible to be recognised in these awards:

- all individuals must be Australian Citizens;
- nominees for Baw Baw Shire Council's Citizen of the Year and Young Citizen of the Year must be a resident of Baw Baw Shire;
- nominations for the Community Group of the Year must be a registered not for profit organisation in Baw Baw Shire and have provided the community service primarily in Baw Baw Shire;
- only one person may be nominated per nomination form;
- no self-nominations will be accepted.

To make a nomination and to find out more information go to:
www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/AustraliaDayAwards

Celebrating Seniors Festival in Baw Baw this October!

Throughout October, Baw Baw Shire Council is helping you celebrate the Victorian Seniors Festival with a variety of free and low-cost events and activities to promote ageing positively:

West Gippsland Health Group – Heart Foundation Walk

- Tuesday 4th and 11th October
- 9:45am – 12:00pm
- Cost: Free

Eastern Park Community – Gardens Cuppa and a chat.

- Tuesdays throughout October
- 10am – 12:00pm
- Cost: Free

Warragul Harness Racing Club – Race meeting

- Monday 10th October
- 12:00pm onwards
- Bookings are essential.

Wakefield Vogrig & Boote – Free Estate Planning session

- Wednesday 5th October
- 10am
- Bookings required via email to emilyf@wvblawyers.com.au

Warragul Leisure Centre – FREE Seniors Group Fitness

- Monday 10th October – Friday 14th October
- Cost: Free
- Bookings required at www.warragulymca.org.au

Warragul Bowling Club – Fun and learn to bowl

- Monday and Wednesdays throughout October
- 1:30pm onwards
- Bookings required via phone call to 5623 4219.

Voyage Fitness – Active Age Fitness Class and Morning Tea

- Monday and Fridays throughout October
- 11am – Active Age Class
- Cost: \$5.50 per class for non-members.

- Friday 28th October
- 11:45am – Morning Tea
- Cost: Free

Lardner Park – Garden and Home Expo

- Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th October
- 9am – 4pm
- Pre-bookings: Adult: \$14 Child: \$7 Family: \$38 (2 Adults+2 Children)
- *Booking fees apply.

Lonnie Lee – Presented by Baw Baw Shire Council

- Thursday 13th October
- 11:00am
- Cost: All tickets are \$8 and can be purchased via the West Gippsland Arts Centre box office or via phone 5624 2456 or website www.wgac.com.au

Neerim District Senior Citizens Club – Concert and Afternoon Tea

- Wednesday 19th October
- 1:00pm – 3:30pm
- Cost: \$10 per person

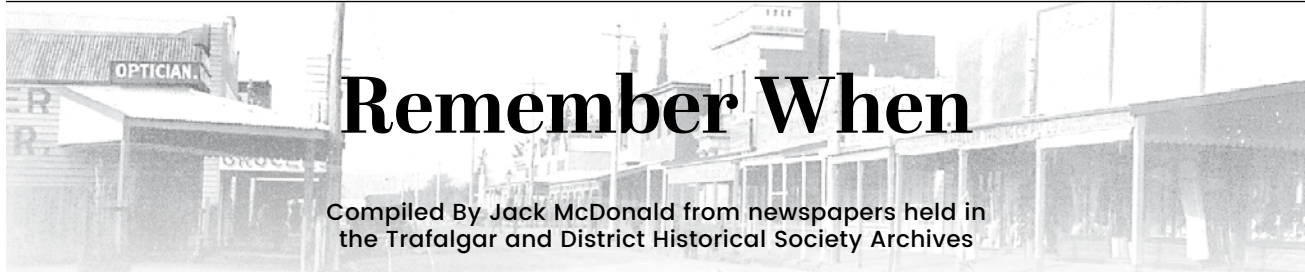
Warragul Croquet Club – Open day

- Wednesday 19th and 26th October
- 10:00am onwards
- Cost: Free

For more information on what's happening near you, pick up a copy of the Baw Baw Local Event Guide at a local retailer or head to our website www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/SeniorsFestival

TRAF NEWS SUDOKU

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Remember When

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

THE TRAFALGAR, YARRAGON & YALLOURN NEWS, OCTOBER 1932 6 OCTOBER – FIREMEN’S BALL

Another distinctive success was achieved by the annual Fire Brigade Ball at Trafalgar, which is in the front rank of Gippsland dance fixtures.

Over 300 happy people were present last Monday night, the door takings being approximately £28/10 (\$3015 today).

The hall had received attention from the firemen, and looked most picturesque. An archway of streamers was relieved with hanging baskets of flowers, with clematis clinging to the walls.

Skinners orchestra was up to its usual high standard and the Mouthorgan band was likewise popular.

13 OCTOBER – OPENING OF YARRAGON RIFLE CLUB

There was a large and representative gathering at the official opening of the Yarragon Rifle Club held on the newly constructed range on Saturday.

The club has already become the strongest in the Union and has a membership of 65 efficient members.

20 OCTOBER – BAD-MINTON CLUB FORMED

A Badminton Club was formed at St Mary’s Church, Trafalgar, on Tuesday evening.

The Parish Hall will be used and should provide every facility for this interesting game.

The game closely resembles tennis from which the latter game originated.

27 OCTOBER – GIRL GUIDES AT TRAFALGAR?

All those who are interested in the young womanhood of Trafalgar are asked to attend the Memorial Hall on Wednesday next, for a meeting convened by Mrs Shanahan, to have a troop of Girl Guides formed.

A talk on the subject will be given by Mrs Dixon, of Yallourn, who is the District Commissioner.

THE GIPPSLAND NEWS, OCTOBER 1962 4 OCTOBER – CAR CLUB MUD SCRAMBLE

Thrills and spills were had by most drivers of hot-rods at the Trafalgar Car Club’s mud scramble on Sunday last.

The track was in good condition for racing but quite a few of the motor cycle riders had spills.

FOOTBALL GRAND FINAL

Owing to the inclement weather at the latter end of last week the grand final of the Latrobe Valley Football league which was to have been played between Trafalgar and Traralgon at Morwell on Saturday was postponed for a week.

TRAFALGAR ANGLING CLUB

At the monthly meeting of the Trafalgar Angling Club held on 24 September, it was decided to hold a competition at the Yallourn Storage Dam on Sunday next.

In the ladies and junior sections trophies are available for the heaviest trout.

11 OCTOBER – ‘BLOODS WIN PREMIERSHIP

With an 18-horse power burst of dogged straight-ahead football during the early part of the last term, Trafalgar absolutely squashed any hope their opponents may have had of taking out the 1962 premiership of the Latrobe Valley Football League at Morwell on Saturday.

The final scores were: Trafalgar 14.8 – Traralgon 10.10.

Soon after arriving back in Trafalgar after the game, the Narracan Shire Council tendered the club a civic reception.

YARRAGON RED CROSS

Red Cross Headquarters have forwarded a parcel of material to the Yarragon Red Cross branch requesting that it be made into boy’s short sleeved sports shirts; dresses and panties to help the urgent need for summer clothing for the unfortunate refugee people arriving from Red China.

Material received by the branch last month is being made into skirts for migrant girls.

18 OCTOBER – CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR TRAFALGAR?

A meeting was held in the RSL hall on 8 October, when business people of the town met to discuss the necessity of the co-operation of Traders to endeavour to improve business and civic pride in the town.

A discussion took place regarding the formation of

a Chamber of Commerce in Trafalgar.

25 OCTOBER – COMMUNITY CENTRE AT TRAFALGAR

The Rotary Club of Trafalgar is to open a Community Centre in Purvis’s Buildings in Contingent Street on Friday, 26 October.

The Centre, established mainly for use by the older residents of the district, will be opened by Cr J C M. Bal-four, MLA, and will be kept open on each week-day.

Two rooms will be available and supplied with a heater, table and chairs, and facilities for preparing light refreshments.

MEN’S BOWLING CLUB

Saturday, 13 October, marked the official opening of the newly-formed Trafalgar Park Men’s Bowling Club.

Although the weather was not kind for the grand old game of bowls, the fellowship and the meeting of old friends more than compensated for not being able to bowl.

TRAF NEWS, OCTOBER 2004 FAST TRAIN TESTED

One of the new V-Line fast trains breezed along at 160kmh between Warragul and Moe on 17 September.

All aboard included Premier Steve Bracks, Transport Minister Peter Batchelor, Member for Narracan Ian Maxfield, and an assembly of engineers.

It was “show off” day for the new “V/Locity” trains that will make their official debut for Gippsland train travellers for next year.

Most of the invited passengers commented on the smoothness of the ride on the upgraded track and the comfortable seating.

DAFFODIL DAY IN TRAFALGAR

Thank you to everyone who supported the Anti-Cancer Council Daffodil Day in Trafalgar. As a result of your generosity we raised \$460.60 (\$660 today).

The daffodils are grown locally in the hills south of Trafalgar and were originally planted by Ruth and Ray Speck.

TRAFALGAR PASTIES ARE BEST

Kevin Gracie’s Trafalgar pasties recently proved what many people in Trafalgar al-

ready know.

Gracie’s Bakery took out three prizes in the Great Aussie Pastie Competition held recently at the Melbourne Showgrounds.

First time entrant, Gracie’s Bakery beat off entrants from all over Australia to be awarded first prize for taste and aroma in a meat pastie, bronze for his vegetarian pastie and another bronze for his gourmet pastie.

TRAFALGAR’S GUARDIAN ANGELS

Guardian Angels in Trafalgar and district have exceeded expectations as more than 800 garments have now been knitted in an outstanding bid to keep poor children around the world warm next winter.

The Guardian Angel program is a Guardian Pharmacy initiative in association with World Vision.

Local Guardian pharmacist Craig Holmes, has been over-whelmed with the ongoing success of the campaign and the support from local residents.

HIGH SCHOOL 40TH ANNIVERSARY

Trafalgar High School will celebrate its 40th Anniversary on Friday, 22nd and Saturday, 23rd of October.

Preparations are well underway with a committee of former students led by Luana Brock, Angie (Reynolds) Blackshaw, Yvette (Brand) Templeton, Debbie (Reynolds) Richardson and Kay Larkin.

BETHANY IS A CHAMPION

Trafalgar High School Year 9 student Bethany Crane is ranked the number two Under 15 badminton player in Australia, and number three in Australasia.

Bethany recently competed in the Australasian Under 15 competition in Victoria’s first team where she and her partner won the doubles competition.

She was also selected in the Victorian second team for the Under 17 Australasian Championship in Auckland, and was also an emergency player for the Under 19 Championships.

Bethany has played in the school round-robins, leading her team to State finals in 2002 and 2003.

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

Magnificent murals brighten up Yarragon

Yarragon and Warragul just got a little brighter following the completion of three eye-catching murals that have been designed to liven up the streetscapes.

Laneways and public toilets aren’t your usual ‘attractions’, but that recently changed thanks to Baw Baw Shire Council’s Outdoor Activation Program, which saw sites at Palmerston and Napier Sts, Warragul, and the Yarragon Public Toilets, transformed by picturesque murals, inspired by Baw Baw’s native flora and fauna.

Matthew Thompson, who goes by the artist name ‘Ling’, was behind the Napier St, Warragul and the Yarragon Public Toilet murals.

He drew his inspiration for the designs from the area’s natural environment. Spending time with associates from Alchemy Orange (a botanical design studio) and Alice Pepper from Gunaikurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation (GLaWAC), to design meaningful pieces that blend seamlessly into

their surroundings.

The concept behind the final design for Yarragon was to showcase the Southern Emu Wren and Superb Blue Wren, which represent males and females in the Gunaikurnai culture.

The design also includes gum nuts and other local flora and fauna, which can be found on the design of the Napier St mural, highlights the history and beauty of the area.

The mural on Palmerston St was designed by James Beattie, who goes by the artist name ‘Jimmy Dvate’.

Jimmy’s inspiration for the mural was based on a photograph of the native White-Naped Honeyeater, taken by photographer Greg Wyncoll. The Honeyeater is featured and is set among a vibrant background of local plant life.

Council identified the three locations as areas of high pedestrian traffic, ripe for a splash of colour. Potential artists were tasked with providing vibrant visuals that promote the region and

capture a part of what makes Baw Baw unique.

Following an expression of interest process in June, the successful artists quickly got to work, fighting the wet weather to create their masterpieces.

The captivating murals now provide colourful reference points for locals and visitors, with the pieces becoming points of inspiration and creativity for the entire community and helping to brighten up Baw Baw.

Baw Baw Shire mayor Cr Michael Leaney said the new artworks looks stunning.

“Public art plays a valuable role in beautifying our existing spaces - and provides a platform for incredibly talented artists to showcase their work,” he said,

“These vibrant murals truly transform the walls they are on. They brighten up the otherwise bland spaces and give the community something to take pride in.

“Additions such as these murals help to make the visitor experience in our region even better.”



New mural outside the Yarragon Public Toilets.



The Superb Blue Wren mural in Yarragon.

Reflection

By Moira Dodsworth

Living in Australia

Recently I have been thankful that I live in Australia in 2022.

I was overseas visiting my delightful granddaughter, but I came home without my glasses. I do not know where I lost these.

My son and daughter-in-law have searched the house and we ran for the bus so I could have dropped them, but that delightful granddaughter is three years old.

I had to catch my plane, so I left, confident that I would find some magnifying glasses at the airport - no such luck!

It was with great difficulty that I filled in my arrival card in Australia! I think I may have filled in my date of birth instead of date of arrival and just ticked ‘no’

to bringing anything in that I shouldn’t - only chocolate in my bag.

I was thankful for iPods and audio books on the plane, I could just watch the plane flying over the ocean and Moe on the map. I am now squinting through old glasses, coping with blurry sight and moving computer and book into focus.

I will have new glasses in a fortnight! (I don’t need glasses to drive so I am safe on the road.)

I am very thankful for all the assistance we get through things like glasses, there is so much we need to read and be able to focus on. I will be more particular about passing on old glasses to those who send them to countries where these

things are not so readily available.

I realise too that my old glasses are only a year old, but my vision is considerably different, when I think of my father, who had very poor eyesight, wore the same glasses for 10 years or more. It was a big occasion and expense when he got new ones and certainly not graduated ones!

This experience has reminded me of how lucky we are to have all that Australia and the 21st century offers.

I will try to think more of those who haven’t these advantages and consider how I can share the considerable resources and comfort I have.

Let’s all be more generous! Blessings

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	wombatlions@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

GRANTS OPEN

Applications are now open for the Agricultural and Pastoral Society Grants 2022-23 round, to support shows and field days that promote the best of Victoria's agricultural offerings and benefit the state's regional and rural communities.

As with previous years, eligible applicants can apply for up to \$10,000 for infrastructure development and business activities to celebrate Victoria's agricultural communities, practices, industry and produce.

Grants may be used to upgrade or build new facilities including judging areas, staging or display areas, or for public amenities for multi-purpose community use.

The money may also be used for business activities that assist in the planning of events.

Agriculture Victoria executive director, agriculture policy and programs, Sarah-Jane McCormack, said the new round of funding ensured agricultural shows across the state would continue to deliver exciting events for local communities.

"The Victorian government continues to support agricultural and pastoral societies to get back up and running this year," she said.

"In addition to the one-off support for free entry of children at shows, these grants

are also available to make sure that showgrounds, facilities and events are in top shape, making events enjoyable and safe for communities."

The projects will help societies deliver exciting events that build confidence in the agriculture sector, and support regional economies and jobs.

The grants are open to all eligible Victorian agricultural and pastoral societies, including the Royal Geelong Show, Whittlesea Show, Mildura Show and many more.

Regional and rural shows are a fixture of Victorian society, building community spirit by celebrating agriculture in a fun, entertaining, educational and inclusive environment.

Applications are now open and close at midnight on October 21 2022.

For more information on the program and to apply, visit the Agriculture Victoria website.

WATCH FOR WEEDS

Agriculture Victoria is concerned about rise in the sale of state-prohibited water weeds such as salvinia (Salvinia molesta) and water hyacinth (Eichhornia crassipes).

Concerns have been raised by the practise happening through the aquarium industry in Victoria.

Agriculture Victoria incursion controller, Victoria Byrne, said reports of salvinia

for sale at aquarium shops and via online platforms such as Gumtree and Facebook marketplace had increased in recent months.

"Aquarium retailers could face serious legal consequences, such as large fines, if they are found to be selling state-prohibited weeds," she said.

"Salvinia and water hyacinth are both floating aquatic plants that can quickly form dense mats and completely cover the water surface.

"They can block waterways, impede irrigation, and prevent recreational activities and impact water quality, resulting in the loss of native flora and fauna.

"It's very important an effective eradication program be implemented as soon as an infestation is discovered to prevent linked open water systems from becoming infested."

Ms Byrne said people are often unaware of the serious problem posed by these weeds.

"It's an offence under the Catchment and Land

Protection Act 1994 to buy, grow, sell, propagate or give away state prohibited weeds, such as salvinia and water hyacinth," she said.

"We want to work with people, both householders and aquarium retailers, to ensure state-prohibited weeds such as water hyacinth and salvinia don't establish in Victoria."

If you spot salvinia or water hyacinth, email photographs and details of the plant to weed.spotters@agriculture.vic.gov.au, and an officer will reach you to offer assistance.

For more information on state prohibited weeds, visit the state-prohibited weeds in Victoria page on the Agriculture Victoria website.

WILD DOG CONTROL

Mansfield's Less Predators More Lambs Group presented their findings of the first year of a project at a field day at Mansfield to members of the Goulburn Murray Best Wool/ Best Lamb Group.

The Mansfield group takes in eight winter and spring lambing Merino and first-cross enterprises in the Mansfield, Goughs Bay, Merrijig, Barwite, Bonnie Doon and Merton areas.

Funded by Meat and Livestock Australia, the producer demonstration site is supported in partnership with National Wild Dog management coordinator Greg Mifsud and Australian Wool Innovation Community Wild Dog management coordinator project coordinator Lucy-Anne Cobby.

Dr Matthew Mahoney, from Agridome Consultancy, said the area included areas of high wild dog activity.

He said the aim of the project was to improve lamb survival within participating flocks and demonstrate best

practice in sheep management practices and predator control.

"We wanted to tick all the boxes, for other reasons we would be losing lambs, including blood testing flocks to determine if campylobacter (an infectious disease) was a problem, uniform management using Lifetime Ewe Management principles and implementing a sound baiting program," Dr Mahoney said.

"Producers began baiting six weeks prior to their lambing dates to create a predator free buffer zone around the lambing paddocks.

"This was required because the eight properties weren't neighbouring one another, therefore reinfestation of predators from non-participating properties had to be addressed.

"Each property has a predator management program to record the number of baits and tools used, of which an integral part was use of the FeralScan app which GPS mapped the bait sites and logged sightings and control measures for our private group."

In the first year, 6110 ewes and 9484 fetuses were monitored under the project.

Delatite Veterinarian, Dr Anna Manning, carried out 44 lamb post-mortems, with the dead lambs randomly collected during monitoring rounds by the producers.

Of these, 18 per cent were found to have been killed by primary predation, with a 50 per cent split between single and twin born lambs - although a small subset, it appeared there was no differentiation by predators on birth rank.

A total of 43 per cent of lamb post-mortems was found to have died from starvation or misothering, with 74 per cent of those from twin lambing ewes.

Fourteen per cent were found to have died from an undiagnosed infection, goitre or intestinal torsion, while 25 per cent were found to have died from dystocia.

Dr Matt Mahoney said lamb survival had increased on all properties using predator management programs, compared to the previous year from two per cent up to five per cent.

"This equated to potentially an extra \$42,000 income (280 lambs at \$150/head) over the participating farms," he said.

"We found if single lambs are going to be lost, it is more likely to be from a predator than other causes, while multiples were at the main risk of misothering leading to exposure/starvation." Farmer to farmer

Swap meet and car show is back

The Lions Club of Trafalgar Swap Meet and Car Show will return on Sunday, November 20 at the Trafalgar Recreation Reserve after a two year COVID hiatus.

Trafalgar Lions will be cooking the barbecue, providing

bacon and egg sandwiches, hamburgers and sausages.

Once again, the Trafalgar Scouts will be running the canteen, where the Lions Club provide what they sell and the Scouts receive the total proceeds of what they

sell.

Selling sites will be \$10, show cars \$10 including two adults with general admission \$5 per person with under 16 free.

For more information, phone Ian on 0407 254 337



Trafalgar Lions Swap Meet from several years ago.

Holden Museum car of the month

By Bob Moss

The Willys and Whippet cars

The more recent residents in Trafalgar would not realise that at one time Trafalgar had up to four motor traders in the main street of town.

In 1926, Willys-Overland introduced a new line of small cars named Willys-Overland Whippet.

The Whippet at first was available only as the Model 96 with a 30HP, four-cylinder engine on a 3.93M wheelbase chassis, but the Model 98, powered by a 40HP six-cylinder engine with a 4.29M wheelbase, was added in 1927. Bodies available in both models were coupe, roadster, two-door and 4-door sedans, cabriolet and landau.

All Whippet models were also manufactured and distributed in Australia by the Holden bodyshops, but with 21-inch instead of 19-inch wheels and minor changes to the body.

Whippet production

ended in 1931; its models were replaced by the Willys Six and Eight. Production of the Willys-Knight ended in 1933.

The history of Willys Knight goes back to 1913 when J.N Willys met up with Charles Y Knight while on a trip to England. Knight managed to convince him that the sleeve valve engine had some very desirable attributes over the poppet valve motor.

During The Great Depression, Willys Overland declared bankruptcy and a reorganisation plan was implemented to rationalise the line-up of models.

This unfortunately spelt the end of the Willys Knight and the last sleeve valve car built in America was the 1933 Model 66E Great 6.

Between 1914 and 1933 he was to sell almost half a million of the relatively low priced but high quality sleeve valve engined Willys Knight.

In 1937 Willys redesigned the four-cylinder model. It gained a semi-streamlined

body with a slanted windshield, headlamps integrally embedded into the fenders, and a one-piece, rounded hood transversely hinged at the rear.

For 1939, the Model 39 featured Lockheed hydraulic brakes, a 50mm increase in wheelbase to 401mm and an improved 134 DID four-cylinder engine, power increased from 48 to 61 hp. The Model 39 was marketed as an Overland and as a Willys-Overland rather than as a Willys.

The Willys Jeep was one of two bidders when the United States Army sought an automaker that could begin rapid production of a lightweight reconnaissance car.



Willys 1926 Knight.



A 1928 Whippet.

The ‘Will’ process

By Trafalgar solicitor Jade MacGregor

One of the many questions our office gets asked almost daily is 'how long and how hard is it to get a Will made?'

Our answer is always, 'it is actually very easy and takes about an hour of your time'.

The process:

1. You call, email or drop into our office to make an appointment, which in most circumstances we can fit you in within the week. The initial appointment takes between 30 to 45 minutes and all you need to bring into our office is yourself. We do ask that in advance you think about the following:

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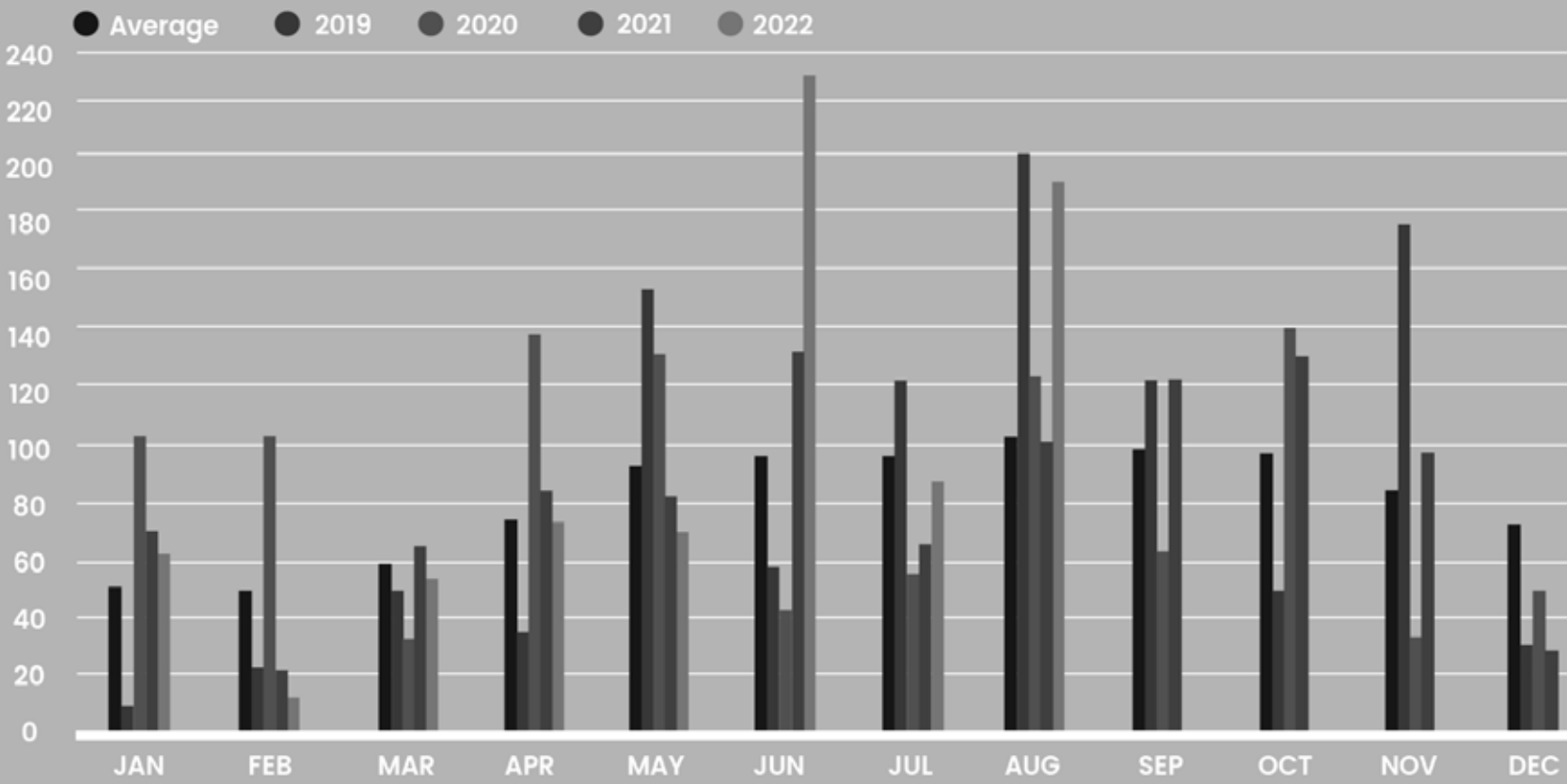
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Trafalgar Monthly Rainfall



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 August 190.5ml.

One of the jewels in crown of Trafalgar

By Michael Fozard

It all started in the late 1950s when a decision to create a new bowls club was made.

At the time there was already a functioning facility. But the decision was made to introduce alcohol to the activity. This created a lot of conflict to the running of the club as there was a number of very strict Methodists in the membership.

This issue occurred at a time when there were very clear values that saw alcohol as an issue. So began the construction of the second green bowls centre by Ernie Cook for his strong Methodist family members.

The site in Ashby St was chosen as Ernie donated the land from a parcel he owned. The building was constructed by local traders and the greens were built by Ernie, as he had done for the first bowls club.

The Trafalgar Parks Bowls Club became the proud owners of a community asset. Over the years it has had success with it having two pennant sides and over 40 members.

Today it is still a place for the community. Bowls has stopped but it has reinvented itself as a community facility.

We have a number of activities occurring: Croquet,

indoor carpet bowls, yoga, Zumba, and Probus Club.

It has also been used for other celebrations, anniversaries, birthday parties, wakes etc. Presently the yoga is on a Thursday with both a chair yoga and a mat yoga taking place.

The committee would like to hear from anyone or group that would be interested in using the facility, for a fee. It has a fully equipped kitchen, a large room, tables and chairs, fully fenced and plenty of outdoor room.

For details, phone Michael Fozard on 0418 513 092.



Trafalgar Park Bowls Club is available for hire.



The venue is a great community asset.

History created

Local umpires Mark and Liam Smith entered an elite group last month.

The pair umpired the senior Mid Gippsland Football-Netball League Grand Final, becoming one of a very select group to do so.

The senior Smith officiated in the field, while junior

was on boundary.

It was an especially great achievement for Liam, as he gained a senior Grand Final appointment in his first season of umpiring - no mean feat.

With both now part of Latrobe Valley Umpires Association ranks, the names senior and junior have been

adopted to differentiate between 'Smithy'.

Trafalgar is home to a number of prominent local football umpires.

LVUA 1000 games Steve 'Budgie' Buhagiar resides in Traf, as does current LVUA director Scott 'Moose' Moorhouse.



Mark and Liam Smith before the Mid Gippsland FNL senior Grand Final.

Cricket season is here

By Liam Durkin

The Trafalgar Cricket Club will begin its 2022/23 campaign in a matter of days.

The senior season commences Saturday, October 8.

Trafalgar will be aiming to enjoy another good season, and will again field three senior teams and a number of junior sides.

The season will be much welcomed by the traditionalists at the club, who will get to play and see two-day cricket once more.

Long-form cricket was put on the back-burner last season, as the changing COVID landscape did not make it feasible to play matches across two weekends.

Matches will return to a mix of one and two day

games. The Ships will play all one-day games in A Grade up until Christmas, before moving into two dayers.

Games in B and C Grade will remain as one-day, 45 over games.

Trafalgar players have been busy working during preseason, with sessions at the indoor centre in Moe.

The Ships will be rolling with virtually the same squad from last season, albeit adding a couple of tweaks for adaptability and contingency sake, such as getting Aiden George to wicket-keep in two day matches for veteran Col Parnell.

In junior cricket, coaches Zack Brown and Billy Pace have been putting the young players through their paces

so to speak, in readiness for the season ahead.

The junior players have been a credit to themselves, recruiting friends to come and play.

Places are still available, and there is sure to be a spot in the Under 16s, Under 14s or Under 12s for your child.

Coming off the back of a competitive 2021/22 season, the Trafalgar Cricket Club is expecting performances across the grades to display the Ships trademark blue collar spirit as the club seeks further premiership glory.

The club receives great support from local businesses and spectators who follow the teams around the district for which it is extremely grateful. Sponsors and sup-

porters allow the club to execute its core business which is to provide a place for people to play and enjoy cricket.



James Pace has shown promise moving into senior cricket and will be looking to have a strong campaign for Trafalgar this season.

If anyone is interested in joining a great family club, please phone club secretary Liam Durkin on 0402 556



Zak Larkin, one of the up and comers at Trafalgar Cricket Club

338, email trafalgarcricketclub@gmail.com, or visit the clubs public Facebook page.

Emotions evoked by September's stage

By Liam Durkin

There was football grand final on in Gippsland last month. I've never played in a grand final. In 10 years of open-age football I've never even got close.

The closest I've got is a semi-final.

That came in 2018. We lost to one team all season - and then went out in straight sets.

The next year we beat the top-two sides - and lost the elimination final by golden point.

Two opportunities gone in an instant.

At the time you think you can get back from there, but the football cycle just doesn't work like that.

People say football premierships are 'hard to win'. I believe they are the hardest to win.

In other sports your success can be largely self-determined, or even self-governed.

If you are a boxer, you never fight someone in another weight division; in golf you are given a handicap; in athletics you choose the distance best suited to you.

In soccer you might not win the league; but you can still win the knock-out cup or finals series. In swimming you might not win the 100 metres freestyle, but you can still walk away from a meeting with a swag of medals in other events. In tennis you can go from losing the singles to winning the doubles in a matter of hours. Cricket offers the chance to win titles in three different formats.

In local cricket they even let clubs decide for themselves what level of competition they wish to play.

There is none of that in football. You play for one prize, on one day of the year, and only two teams ever take part.

Is it any wonder grand finals are always a highly emotional time?

There isn't just the stories of club success and supporters joy, there is the interpersonal tales of the players involved, either directly or indirectly.

I think a lot of us idealise about being like Shane Crawford, going out with a premiership after 300 games. Has there been a more fitting

end to such a loyal journey?

Taking a different perspective, think how another Hawthorn player in Ryan Schoenmakers felt after the 2015 grand final. A man who was castigated by supporters for dropping a mark in the 2011 preliminary final, finally able to put those demons to rest four years later.

Or Dom Sheed, the man who kicked the winning goal for West Coast in the 2018 decider. He probably wouldn't have even been in the team if Andrew Gaff didn't suffer his brain explosion.

A similar thing happened around 20 years earlier when Cameron Mooney came in for Jason McCartney and came out a North Melbourne premiership player. We all know Mooney's stats that day.

The man who has become perhaps unfairly linked with stats on grand final day is Collingwood's Leon Davis. However, do people ever stop and think of the crucial goal he kicked that enabled the Magpies to draw the grand final in 2010?

Had it not been for Davis, there may have never been a next week for Collingwood.

For that effort alone I count him as much a member of that premiership team as anyone.

Just as I do Simon Prestigiacomo, who was selected for the game but selflessly ruled himself out.

And who could forget Nathan Jones doing virtually the same thing last season?

Jones of all people would have been well within his rights to play as the sub and come on when it was clear Melbourne was going to break the drought.

Recently I was granted an interview with Jones. I was told I could ask him about anything except the grand final.

"He wants to move on from it" was the response I got from the organiser when asked for an explanation.

As I said - grand finals are a highly emotional time.

Those emotions are surely not lost on players whose lives have been almost defined by the fact they happened to be in the right place at the right time on grand final day.

Richard Hadley's fourth game for Brisbane was a pre-

miership. Mitch Morton only played 12 games for Sydney, and had a flag after game five. Jacob Townsend played five games for Richmond in 2017, and ended the year with a premiership medal around his neck.

Shane Ellen kicked five goals for the entire 1997 season - all in the grand final as Adelaide won its maiden title. A couple of seasons earlier, Glenn Manton was called onto the dais for Carlton after being axed by Essendon less than 12 months earlier.

The name Steven Armstrong might not mean much to anyone except West Coast fans. Armstrong's last quarter goal in the 2006 grand final proved the difference in a game decided by a point.

You wonder if these players are ever told to hand back their medals if approached by drunken fans on a night out. You do hear some horror stories of local players being told to do likewise once the dust settles in the post-grand final mortem.

Once again, emotions run high.

For me, emotions of envy, jealousy and even anger are

felt over Grand Final week.

These emotions are understandable when you feel you commit yourself so fully to trying to be the best you can.

For five months you undertake preseason, you do extra running, do your weights in the gym and monitor what foods you eat. Then for the next six months you train two nights a week, do more extras working on your skills and fitness, then play your game, and before you know it, you're jumping in ice cold water on a Sunday morning to make sure you can do it all again.

For a team sport, there is a certain amount of loneliness in football.

In years gone by a group of us would even train on Christmas and New Year's Day because we knew no one else would be.

For all of that, when you get to grand final day as nothing more than a spectator, and see people on stage celebrating, you just can't help but think - "that should be me, that's what I deserve".

We'll try again next year.

First 'full' season done and dusted

By Liam Durkin

Trafalgar footballers and netballers had a consistent end to the 2022 season.

Unfortunately, it was a straight sets ending.

The seniors, reserves, A Grade and B Grade teams all made it to the first semi-final; and all lost on the same

day.

The results brought about an abrupt on-field ending to the Bloods' first full season in the Ellinbank and District Football-Netball League.

There was some joy for the junior netballers, most notably the Under 13s, who won the premiership.

This team can now lay claim to winning Trafalgar's first ever EDFNL flag.

The 17s also made the decider, but couldn't quite get the desired result.

Off the field, the season acted as a good way for the club to establish itself in a new league.

Final ladder positions demonstrated the club's ability to compete, and should give teams confidence moving forward.

Trafalgar was given hosting duty for the first semi-final, and allowed the club to showcase its facility on a large scale.

As one prominent club official said when asked how the semi-final went: "Everything was a success except on the field".

The Bloods developed a strong rapport with other clubs, so much so the Trafalgar ground was loaned to Ellinbank FNC during the fi-

nals when their ground was too waterlogged.

Moving forward, Trafalgar has reappointed Tom Hallinan and Mitchell Smart as senior and reserves coach respectively.

Blake Radford will coach the Under 18s and Matt Dev-on the Under 16s.

Best and fairest winners this season were: Klay Butler (seniors), Ben Doran (reserves), Ella McDonald and Tara Potts (A Grade), Aleshia Hallinan (B Grade) and Brandi King (C Grade).

Annual meeting

Trafalgar Football-Netball Club will hold its annual general meeting on Monday, October 24.

The meeting will commence from 6pm in the Trafalgar FNC social rooms.

Those interested in attending the meeting are encouraged to make their way to 15 Reserve Road.

All positions will be declared open.



Trafalgar celebrates their premiership in Under 17 netball.

Super Sullivan

Trafalgar's Sullivan Jennings took out the Warragul District Junior Football League Under 12 best and fairest this season.

At the league presentation night in Warragul held on September 10, Sullivan polled 29 votes to finish seven clear of the second place getter.

This is an outstanding achievement from only 13 rounds.

Teammate Cooper Hammond also finished top 10 with 15 votes.

In the Under 14s, Trafalgar's highest vote getter was Memphis McQualter with 15, finishing seventh overall in the league.



Sullivan Jennings with his league best and fairest award.

Junior footy goes great guns

Trafalgar Junior Football Club enjoyed a fantastic first season in the Warragul District Junior Football League, with two of the three teams making finals.

The work really began at the end of last year when the TJFC made the big decision to move from the Central Gippsland Junior FL to the WDJFL.

The major reasons for the shift was to follow the senior club into the West Gippsland geographical corridor, even age groups (Under 10s, 12s, 14s), more teams and less travel, as well as making a smooth transition into the fourths (Under 16s) and thirds (Under 18s) at Trafalgar Football-Netball Club.

By the end of a very busy first season there was plenty of highlights and a lot to look forward to in 2023 and beyond.

The Under 10s had a solid list of 26 players, many of them bottom age and although the goals and wins were few and far between, the improvement shown was there for all to see.

Coach Matt Hoiles and his assistant Steve Fallon were proud of their players and the efforts they put in every week.

The Under 12s were part of a very even competition, particularly the top six teams.

After finishing third on the ladder they played in

an unbelievably close finals series, winning one final and losing the other two by a combined total of three points to the eventual grand finalists.

Coach Stuart Jennings, his assistant Ben Johnston and the team of 22 players had a great season, highlighted by several scores of over 100 points.

The Under 14s were part of a very strong competition and did well to finish the home away season in seventh spot (only one win from fourth), enjoying some great wins throughout the season.

Unfortunately they couldn't get over the line in their elimination final, going down by a goal. Coach Troy Gill and his assistant Jamie Marslen certainly got the best out of this team of 21 players.

Other points of Interest from season 2022:

-TJFC entered an Under 8s team in a WDJFL carnival at Garfield in July, plus playing another game against rivals Yarragon. There is a strong chance a modified Under 8 competition will be part of the league next year and Trafalgar is extremely keen to be part of this.

-TJFC was fortunate to receive a sponsorship grant of almost \$3000 from Community Branch Bendigo Bank. This will go towards a variety of projects that will be up and running at the start of 2023.

-TJFC and Trafalgar Rec-

reation Reserve hosted a huge crowd for semi final day on August 20. There was six games involving nine of the league clubs. The early morning rain didn't dampen anyone's enthusiasm and it was huge team effort by many club volunteers. Belinda and her team of helpers in the canteen sold a tonne of food and drinks, including 195 kilograms of chips, 200 hot dogs, 150 dimmies and 80 hamburgers.

The season concluded with club presentation day on August 28. Awards were presented to the following:

Under 12s: Sullivan Jennings (best and fairest), Cooper Hammond (runner-up best and fairest), Sam Jones (best team player), Cohen Urbanic (best utility), Lachlan Gringhuis (most consistent), Charlie Johnston (most improved), Noah Ally (most determined and Peter McGrath Memorial award).

Under 14s: Mason Malady (best and fairest), Memphis McQualter (runner-up best and fairest), Mason Snowden (most consistent), Coen Jennings (most determined), Sienna Paul (encouragement award), Tait Kersten (most improved), Zak Larkin (coach's award and TFNC senior club award).

The Under 10 winner of the Laurie Watt perpetual award was Ari Smith.

The annual meeting was also held on August 28, with Jamie Marslen reelected

president. Vice presidents are Adrien Makins and Kevin Hennessy, Kellie Jennings secretary, Alison Bailey treasurer, Kevin Hennessy and Heath Dinsdale league delegates and Emma Van Boven child safety officer.

Also on the committee are Bianca Edwards, Ben Johnston, Steve Fallon, Matt Hoiles, Troy Gill, Kellie Brotherton, Kylie Marslen, Maria Gill, Brent Edwards, Trudy Scott, Caley Malady and Brett Tonkin (senior club rep).

The club is hoping to have 2023 coaches appointed before the end of this year, with a meet the coaches and club get-together planned for November. More details to follow.

Season 2023 should see very strong numbers for our Under 14 and Under 10 teams (and Under 8). The Under 12 team will have room for any new players due to the majority of this season's team heading up to 14s, and not many of the 10s progressing to 12s.

Finally a huge thanks to our 2022 club sponsors: Sport2Street, Strzlecki Realty, Community Branch Bendigo Bank, Edcomp Computers, JB Pumps, Trafalgar Tyre Service, BKs Takeaway, Fish Bits, Zingarelli Pizza, Criterion Hotel, Gracie's Bakery, Sweet Treats and Trafalgar Newsagents.

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