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STARSHIP CAPTAIN IN WBBL

By Zoe Askew

Not bad for a hard-deck hack. At 22, former Trafalgar cricketer Nicole Faltum became the youngest captain in the Women's Big Bash League (WBBL) following official announcements that the Gippslander will head the Melbourne Stars for the upcoming WBBL|08 season.

If you don't already know the name Nicole Faltum, you soon will.

Faltum has come a long way since playing junior cricket with the boys teams at Trafalgar Cricket Club, signing with the Melbourne Stars in 2017, representing Victoria in the Women's National Cricket League and being named in the Australia A squad for its series against England A earlier this year.

Last week, she added another dot point to her resume, becoming the fifth player to lead the Melbourne Stars after Meg Lanning, Kristen Beams, Elyse Villani and Erin Osborne.

In light of the announcement and the WBBL Moe Festival next month, Faltum returned home, sharing the news with students from Moe South Street Primary School, Latrobe Valley mayor Kellie O'Callaghan, and former primary school teacher John Duck.

While cricket bats and balls preoccupied Moe's youngest learners, Faltum took the opportunity to shed light on the impending WBBL season and her

captaincy of the Melbourne Stars.

"It is such an honour to be able to captain the Melbourne Stars; I'm so stoked," Faltum said.

"I'm pretty nervous if I'm being honest, but it's really exciting.

"Never really thought that it (captaining) was something that I would do, it was never really something I wanted to do, but I just found myself doing it more and more.

"I love leading, and leadership is quite important to me, so to be able to do that, especially for the Melbourne Stars, is incredible; it's so cool.

"Especially coming from Traf, I just think that's really special."

Trafalgar Cricket Club has a special place in Faltum's heart, with the new Melbourne Star captain accrediting her success to the club and former coaches Sean Cameron and Christian Burgess.

"I owe a big thank you to Traf; they have been amazing," Faltum said.

"Also, to my old coaches Sean Cameron and Burgo, I wouldn't be where I am without those two."

Christian will be proud as punch, having now coached a WBBL captain and AFL footballer (St Kilda's Leo Connolly).

Cooper Burgess, son of Christian, was once described as the best bowler Faltum had kept to, but has

since lost that place, it would seem.

"He is definitely one of the funniest bowlers I have ever kept to," Faltum said, laughing.

"We used to call him the frog in the blender."

Women's cricket continues to evolve, having grown exponentially in the past five years.

With Gippslanders Nicole Faltum captaining the Melbourne Stars and Sophie Molineux captaining rival team Melbourne Renegades, Faltum is hopeful for an even brighter future for women in cricket, especially in regional areas.

Faltum's passion for cricket and the love of her hometown only adds to her excitement for the first-time arrival of the WBBL in Gippsland with the WBBL Moe Festival at Ted Summer-ton Reserve across Saturday, November 19 and Sunday, November 20.

"Melbourne areas and metropolitan areas get exposed to it (women's cricket) so much more than country regions," Faltum said.

"So to come back here and play in a region where young boys and girls don't get exposed to lots of female sport, I think, is so important.

"Not only for the young girls to be able to watch it, but for the young boys to watch females play professional sport, here in Moe, is going to be so cool."



New Melbourne Stars captain and former Trafalgar cricketer Nicole Faltum.



Nicole during her early days with Trafalgar Cricket Club.

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Electoral deadline looming

The Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) is reminding everybody to enrol if they wish to vote in this year's state election.

The deadline for enrolment is 8pm on Tuesday, November 8. Voting in all elections is compulsory for all Australian citizens, who can

be fined if they do not participate.

The VEC notes that some Victorians may be unaware that they have been "directly enrolled" to vote in the upcoming election.

Direct enrolment occurs when the VEC uses information provided by other gov-

ernment bodies such as the Department of Transport or the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority to add people to the electoral roll.

Deputy Electoral Commissioner, Dana Fleming, said that although the VEC writes to everyone whom the VEC proposes to directly enrol, research indicated that people were often not aware they had been directly enrolled.

"The process is that we write to people and advise that unless they are not eligible and tell us within 21 days, we will automatically update their enrolment with the address details we have been provided," Ms Fleming said.

"At the last state election, voter turnout for directly-enrolled voters was close to 78 per cent, compared to the overall voter turnout rate of 90 per cent, accounting for a significant proportion of the drop in voter turnout at the 2018 election."

The VEC will be using mobile numbers and email addresses to send VoterAlert

messaging to directly-enrolled voters ahead of the election, reminding them to check their enrolment details.

"If you've recently moved home, you may not be aware that you've been directly enrolled to vote," Ms Fleming said.

"As everyone on the electoral roll must vote, I cer-

tainly don't want a situation where a person first realises that they should have voted when they receive our 'please explain' letter after the election," Ms Fleming said.

Eligible voters can enrol or update their details by visiting www.vec.vic.gov.au/enrolment

Workers wanted now

By Stefan Bradley

Almost one third of advertised job vacancies are in regional Australia, according to last week's National Skills Commission (NSC) data. Regional Australia Institute (RAI) chief executive Liz Ritchie said August data showed 309,000 job advertisements nationally, of which 91,000 are in the regions.

"When accounting for unadvertised jobs, which are often low-skilled, temporary positions, we know this number could be doubled or even tripled," Ms Ritchie said.

The NSC's 'skills priority list' identifies national shortages across 286 occupations, an increase from 153 in 2021.

The most pronounced national shortages are in the areas of healthcare, trades, machinery operators and personal services, such as aged care and childcare workers.

Two thirds of the regional vacancies are for managerial, professional, and qualified trades positions.

The shortages in these skills are hitting the regions hard and, if left unaddressed, threaten to widen the gap between city and country and see the regions miss out on valuable opportunities.

Sale businessman Gagandeep Singh runs a trucking business, and has been working on the redevelopment of the Gippsland Line Upgrade. Mr Singh has two employees who join him in driving a truck to "move dirt around".

But like most employers around the country, he's experiencing a skills shortage.

"It's getting hard, there's a shortage of drivers. I need to find someone who has a truck licence," he said.

"I need a casual driver to open more work options. I need drivers to work at night and during the day.

"I'm trying to run a business in Melbourne as well, so I'll need two more drivers.

"I'm offering good pay, it's not like I'm ripping people off. I have trucks on hold that I can't make any money from.

It's running me down. I can't afford to park these things and money keeps going out. I'm trying to find locals."

About 3.7 million regional Australians live in a regional childcare 'desert'.

When it comes to access to a doctor, there are about 328 full-time equivalent GPs for every 100,000 people in the regions, compared with an average of 465 in the capital cities.

Ms Ritchie said a shortage of builders, plumbers, electricians, machinery operators and labourers was constraining badly-needed developments.

Closing regional Australia's unprecedented jobs and skills gap is a key aim of the RAI's Regionalisation Ambition 2032 - A Framework to Rebalance the Nation, launched last month.

The framework includes a goal to reduce recruitment difficulty to less than 40 per cent, from 70 per cent today, and to increase the share of skilled workers employed in regional Australia to 80 per cent, an increase from 73 per cent in 2022.

RSL Hall is 100 years old

Seventy-five people celebrated the centenary of Trafalgar's RSL hall on October 8, exactly 100 years to the day that it was officially opened by Australia's governor-general, Lord Forster in 1922.

The celebration of the

hall, now the home of Trafalgar Thorpdale RSL sub-branch, was attended by RSL Victoria's president, Dr Robert Webster OAM, Frank Waterton, the sub-branch's remaining World War 2 veteran, as well as other sub-branch members and

representatives of local RSL sub-branches.

Speeches were made by the sub-branch's president Jim Crowe, Dr Webster and the sub-branch's Paul Altamore. The master of ceremonies for the evening was secretary Chris Johnson.

Jim, in his welcome speech, among other things, acknowledged the work of previous sub-branch president Ray James AOM, who was ably supported by many volunteers since the reformation of the sub-branch.

Dr Webster spoke of the

original formation of the now Returned Services League (RSL) and the issues facing the RSL today.

Paul Altamore gave an outline of the hall's history.

A booklet on the hall's history was launched by Jim at the conclusion of his speech,

and will be distributed to every household in Trafalgar and to surrounding towns in various methods.



Trafalgar Thorpdale RSL sub-branch Jim Crowe welcoming guests and members to the centenary of Trafalgar Thorpdale RSL's hall.



Trafalgar Thorpdale RSL members enjoying the centenary of the sub-branch's hall.



More members enjoying the centenary celebrations.



Trafalgar Thorpdale RSL's oldest member and last surviving World War 2 veteran, Frank Waterton with president Jim Crowe.



The book outlining the history of the sub-branch's hall was launched during the celebration by sub-branch president Jim Crowe. The book was made possible through sponsorship from Community Bank Trafalgar & District. Pictured is Trafalgar Thorpdale RSL president Jim Crowe, Community Bank branch manager Torina Johnston, Trafalgar & District financial service deputy chair Debbie DiSisto and book author Mick Bourke OAM.



Trafalgar Thorpdale RSL sub-branch's executive and previous president. Pictured is president Jim Crowe, previous president Ray James OAM, secretary Chris Johnson and treasurer Paul Altamore.

History of the RSL Hall

The hall's history began when local returned ex-servicemen in Trafalgar decided in 1919 to build a hall of their own. The association of returned service personnel, at that time, was known as Returned Soldiers and Sailors Imperial League of Australia (RSSILA). It was only after World War 2 that the name was shortened, and after some changes is now known as Returned & Services League (RSL).

Messrs R T (Dick) Rolls and John Holman convened a meeting at Trafalgar Scout Hall on February 18 1919.

Around 30 returned soldiers were present at the meeting and voted to form a sub-branch of RSSILA in Trafalgar, there being no sub-branch between Warragul and Traralgon at that time.

In 1921, the scouts offered Trafalgar RSSILA a portion of land on the corner of Contingent and Kitchener Sts for £35 (equivalent to \$2955 today) plus the cost of moving the scout hall to the adjoining site facing Kitchener St, together with any fencing needed. This offer was accepted.

The building committee

of 1921 reported that the cost of a brick hall would create too much debt, so it was agreed that the lowest bid for a timber construction was accepted at a cost of £1120 (\$94,500 today).

Plans for the opening of the hall were made in August 1922, with the building to be opened by the Governor General Lord Forster, who had been invited to attend.

Lord Forster opened the Memorial Hall on October 8 1922, and his wife, Lady Forster, opened the Friendly Union of Mothers, Wives and Sisters (FUMWS) stall nearby.

Following the departure of their Excellencies, the Trafalgar community continued its celebrations into the evening with a ball.

Monies were raised locally entirely by effort of the RSSILA members, Dads' Association and FUMWS, as well as donations from the community.

Sub-branch meetings were held fortnightly, which would have been very difficult, as many would have come in on horseback, or horse drawn vehicles in all types of weather. There was

always a good attendance and much business was discussed.

In the mid-1930s, the hall was used to hold parades in the hall grounds. Equipment such as Light Horse gear, pack saddles and Hotchkiss machine guns, were stored in a small storeroom on the same site as the present one. The old storeroom, measuring three metres by three metres, was formerly the caretaker's residence. At some stage around that time, the equipment was moved from the storeroom and placed on the west-facing verandah.

When the veterans of World War 2 started trickling back, the original ex-servicemen, the veterans of World War 1, were in their late 40s and early 50s. Within a few years, the World War 2 veterans were taking increasing responsibility in RSL affairs and the hall.

The sub-branch had trouble finding office bearers in the mid-to-late 1970s, and after many discussions, the sub-branch decided to assimilate with Moe.

Some years previous to the decision to assimilate, the committee had decided to lease the hall, and acting on the original Deed of Trust, the local service clubs were approached to take over the running of the hall on a 'peppercorn rental' with RSL still having use of the hall as required.

The Lions Club took up the lease, and it was its home until, with the hall in need of maintenance and uncertainty over continued lease, it decided to relinquish occupancy.

Trafalgar RSL went into recess in 1993, although West Gippsland Health Care Group had held the lease on the hall from 1988.

The 'resurrection' of the newly named Trafalgar Thorpdale sub-branch came about due to the actions of one former World War 2 member, Jack Cooper, and a number of Vietnam veterans, led by Ray James, who was awarded an Order of Australia Medal in 2018 in recognition of his service to veterans and their families.

A meeting was held on March 7 2007, from which the newly named Trafalgar Thorpdale RSL sub-branch came into existence. A new charter was eventually granted

four years later on November 18 2011.

The hall itself has seen significant change since 2007. The old tiled roof was replaced with a colorbond one during 2014, followed by the development of an outside area and blinds installed on the front verandah for those who wish to sit outside. Solar panels were installed on the roof; the first with the financial assistance of Trafalgar & District Community Bank. Further panels were subsequently added from the sub-branch's funds.

With the formation of Baw Baw Shire in 1994, the former Shire of Narracan building, which housed the World War 1 shire honour board (also known as the Roll of Honour), was used only periodically for shire business, and in the early days of the shire commissioners in the mid-1990s, the shire building was being considered for sale.

Concerned that the building may ultimately be sold and the honour board removed, or worse, destroyed, Trafalgar Thorpdale RSL, led by Ray James, approached Baw Baw Shire Council to have it moved to the RSL hall.

This created a chain of events that led to the hall being extensively re-modelled internally during 2015, while keeping its original aesthetic appearance.

Led by project manager and RSL member, Grady Edwards, the eastern section of the building was renewed with upgraded toilets and kitchen; a new shed was erected and concreting laid.

As part of the same works, the building itself was extended to the southern boundary of its land which has enabled the Shire of Narracan's beautiful honour board to take pride of place.

The cenotaph was relocated to the RSL grounds on October 28 2014.

It was originally erected on the corner of, at that time, Main and Wellington Sts, and was unveiled by the Governor of Victoria, the Earl of Stradbroke, on December 7 1921.

Wellington St originally ran from Kitchener Stt to Main Street (Princes Highway), which, for contemporary readers, is to the front of the current community centre fronting Princes Highway.

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Mental health hub needs support to continue

by Trafalgar's own Nicholas Duck

A Trafalgar couple dedicated to bettering mental health in the community has put out a plea for help to keep the Bettermentall storefront open.

For the past two years Jason and Kerry Rantall have been running Bettermentall, a mental health drop-in service in Contingent St that provides peer support, mentoring, counselling and a variety of other services, mostly free-of-charge. But between running the centre which they call 'The Hub,' their own respective jobs and their seven children, the cost of keeping it open has become too much.

Without proper funding and support, the Rantalls said The Hub would be closing its doors on December 21. "We don't want to stop doing what we do, but we can't keep doing it the way it is," Jason said.

"Everybody's struggling and we're in the same boat, and we're trying to help people who are struggling, but we need help."

Jason and Kerry have a lengthy history involved in mental health services, with both being qualified mental health facilitators. Jason, who has life experiences with mental health and addiction issues, does support work for National Disability Insurance Scheme participants.

Kerry is an alcohol and other drugs counsellor as well as a root cause counsellor, a type of counselling dedicated to finding and working through the origin of certain behaviours and feelings.

Through their efforts, and the assistance of volunteers, Bettermentall currently runs a number of programs including men's and youth groups, counselling and food relief. The Hub also has a psychologist who visits to see patients twice a month, circumnavigating some of the extreme delays people have faced at other mental health facilities.

"We want to be known as a mental health place, not a mental illness place. We never let someone go out the door without offering something," Jason said.

"There are so many people that do just drop in to say hi and say thanks and say if it wasn't for our doors being open a year ago they don't know where they'd be," Kerry added.

Since opening the Hub, both Jason and Kerry say the impact they've seen has been profound, particularly on the

community's view of mental health.

Kerry said when they first began, some of the stigma around mental health in the rural areas was "horrible," but through Bettermentall's efforts to educate the tide had turned.

"It was really good to see people come in, think about their life and realise 'oh maybe I've had mental health issues before' and learn about them," she said.

The Rantalls also said the recently established youth group had been a highlight, where local kids are given a space to come in, feel comfortable, play games and socialise.

"The kids come in and get to know other kids that they might not have otherwise even talked to, and other kids that might be having some issues get to have a space where they feel safe," Kerry said.

As things stand, however, the cost of keeping the storefront open has become too much. While some of the therapy services offered cost money, most of the upkeep has been coming out of the Rantalls' pockets.

The Hub went through a similar issue when the lease was due last year, but was able to stay open thanks to COVID relief grants. Without that money the Rantalls fear this will be the last few months they will be able to keep the doors open.

Jason described the Hub's situation as "treading water." "We can't do the best work when we're treading water. When you're just surviving, you're not thriving, it's impossible to thrive," he said.

Since putting out the call for help on social media the Rantalls said the response from the community had been "massive," with community members setting up GoFundMe and Patreon accounts to encourage others to donate. Some locals used the recent Melbourne Marathon Festival as a chance to fundraise, running alongside Jason for Bettermentall.

And while those efforts have been incredible, the Rantalls say they'll need something "guaranteed" to stay open.

"They're fantastic and they keep us breathing, but there has to be security," Jason said.

For now, Jason and Kerry said their best hopes lie with attaining sponsorships from businesses, or they may have to try and find a new location in a less ideal area. Jason said

any potential sponsorship would be a two-way street, and that they had plenty to offer if businesses were to enquire.

"If a workplace comes in we can offer things like mental health first aid and their employees can come here for their own mental health challenges. So if they had a sponsorship deal, they could use Kerry and myself as mentors or counselling services as well for employees. And they get their name out there, helping mental health in the community," he said.

Government funding has proven difficult to find, as Jason said there was a lot of talk but "not a lot happening."

While they were in discussions with a variety of groups over potential options, they also said they were trying not

to get their hopes too high.

"We love what we do, and if we won Tattslo to tomorrow the whole community would benefit forever because we wouldn't have any

issues," Jason said.

"We just want to keep doing what we're doing but without the stress."

To find Bettermentall's Patron campaign go to www.patreon.com/bettermentall.

To find their GoFundMe campaign go to www.gofundme.com/f/helping-better.

Source: Warragul Gazette



Kicking goals for mental health

by Alyssa Fritzlaff

Sustainable woodworker Amy Hay of Trafalgar is kicking goals as a woman working in woodwork and a mental health advocate.

Her business The New Red, produces sustainable, custom furniture made from recycled material, and doubles as a platform for Ms Hay to promote her work and encourage mental health conversations.

Ms Hay began her business in November 2019 after quitting a job that she said was destroying her mental health, leaving her looking for a way to keep the income flowing in.

Woodworking has always been a part of Ms Hay's life and she learnt a lot in her early years from watching her father work on various projects. However, she is primarily self-taught and most of what she knows comes from years of trial and error.

Ms Hay thought she "would be lucky to last six months" when she began her business, but three years on it is still going strong.

"It's been a very organic growth," she said.

"I started in a little three by five metre shed that flooded when it rained, it had no power, it had no lighting and I had to keep everything propped up off the floor

"Now I rent a commercial workshop...it's a bit surreal." Ms Hay now partners

with Haymes Paint for her furniture projects, and recently used their paint to create a rainbow staircase in her home. "The previous owners, Jodie and Paul, had lived here for 10 years and renovated the house the entire time," she said.

"It was everything we had been looking for - it's perfect for us."

"We've been here two years this month...they did such a good job with the basis and the little things we've been doing are just putting our own stamp on things."

A walk through Ms Hay's house is like a showroom of her creations. The majority of the furniture inside are pieces she has created in the past three years - a demonstration of what sorts of items now exist in her clients' homes.

"At the moment I make custom furniture. Someone will come to me with an idea, they'll bring their own piece or I'll source it," she said.

"It's just taking what we have and making what we can from it."

Ms Hay only uses reclaimed, recycled materials. Whether it is old furniture from Facebook marketplace or a follower who has called her after pulling down an old barn.

She also works with a sub-contractor to make smaller pieces, also made from sustainable wood.

"Together we make small timber items, little trays,

earring racks, scrunchie racks...the items that are still made from reclaimed timber."

"We quite often work with other small businesses - so we make earring racks and sell them with earrings from another small business, or scrunchie racks."

Ms Hay also runs online woodwork tutorials through a Patreon account. People wanted to learn how to create certain pieces or develop their skills can watch uploaded videos and ask questions along the way.

"I also make DIY build plans that they can follow along...plant stands, bath trays," she said.

Ms Hay said she had been lucky as a woman working in a trade. Because she runs her own business she can decide who she interacts with and has not had many of the experiences she hears about from other female woodworkers.



Amy Hay has been running her own business for about three years. Photo: Amanda Emery

November arts market

By Carol Monson

Did you miss the first Baw Baw Arts Alliance's Summer Arts Markets in October?

Do not miss the November market on the third Saturday of the month, November 19. The Arts Market regularly attracts up to 40 stallholders 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. This is the market close to Christmas so buy local, buy handmade, and meet the creator to make sure you have unique gifts.

The Warragul Summer Arts Market takes place from 8.30am to 1pm at Civic Park, Albert St Warragul on the third Saturday of the month.

Also not to be missed are the constantly changing exhibitions at 'The Station Gallery' in Yarragon. During November, in the main gallery

space, the Baw Baw Arts Alliance's membership will exhibit paper works under the title of 'Playing with Paper'. This is the chance to view a wide range of artworks using the medium of paper; think 3D, cut paper, curled paper, collaged paper, painted paper, papier mache, construction, weaving; the imagination of artists will know no bounds in this exhibition.

In the gallery section known as 'The Wall' painter and mosaic artist, Alene Bonser, follows her daughter artist, Clare Thody, with an equally stunning exhibition of her paintings and mosaic work.

'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 is still for a minute. Two extra weekly creative activities have been added to the already extensive list of art gatherings.

Prue Barridge, who is treasurer of the Baw Baw Arts Alliance, is also a very practiced teacher of textiles to children. Prue is now teaching a weekly group on handsewing for children every Wednesday afternoon from 4pm to 5pm at Trafalgar Artspace.

Also new, is a dynamic Textile Group, meeting every Tuesday in Artspace 2 at the Trafalgar Railway Station. The group, led by practicing artist Cheryl Cook, aims to explore textiles in an innovative way, using non-traditional ideas and adapting skills to new ways of creating textile art. Phone Cheryl on 0414 390 419.

Many of the artists who belong to the Baw Baw Arts Alliance also exhibit in other local galleries and further afield. Cathy Smith, a long-time member, will have her most recent work exhibited at the 'Red Tree Gallery', 420 Main Jindivick Rd, Jindivick during the month of No-

vember. Plan to see Cathy's eclectic work called 'Do the Maths, Art by Numbers in the Year of the Tiger.'

Planning is also under-

way for the 2023 Easter Art Sale that is a collaboration of Warragul Rotary Club and the Baw Baw Arts Alliance.

Information will be on

the Arts Alliance website as it becomes available. See <https://bawbawartsalliance.org.au>



Sue Mitchell, at her 'lockdown Candles' stall at the first Summer Arts Market in Warragul.

Men's Shed has new addition

By Ron Fletcher

We have mentioned our Woodwork room and metal workshop many times in our articles, now we would like to introduce you to our very own Department. Yes, the Department of Model & Bespoke Engineering your hosts Len and Peter as their sign says at the entrance.

For those that don't know, Bespoke is not a trendy name for the purpose of highlighting the Department name.

Bespoke is a one-off custom made if you like or for specific purpose. A possible analogy would be having a suit made to your special requirements. You could come to the shed with a metal bar and an idea and Len and Peter could make that idea a reality.

Peter is a retired chief ships engineer and restores old cars as a hobby. Len is an electronics engineer and instrument maker and also enjoys model engineering

as a member of the Emerald Old Machinery Club. First thoughts when entering the department is order a skip bin and restore some order in here, only kidding gentlemen.

There are trays and boxes holding parts of machinery and motors on the floor and benches waiting their turn to be cleaned and made functional again as a whole. There is a metal machine called a shaper (circa 1910) on the bench which has almost been returned to its original glory. There are also two Villiers engines (circa 1916) on the floor which were donated to Len. These two items appear to need a lot of work but Len and Peter look upon them as if they are large nuggets of gold. Anyone would be taken by their genuine enthusiasm for what lies ahead in restoring these ancient engines.

If anyone in the community is interested in what goes on or has an idea for making something out of metal or need some small vintage engine repair, come and talk to these two gentlemen. Both are friendly, resourceful good listeners and have a wealth of knowledge.

We would like to acknowledge some members who do jobs around the shed that go unnoticed on a daily basis. Frank Gridley ensures the garbage, recycle and green organics bins are sorted correctly and placed for collection. A mundane chore at best but carried out without complaint.

Jim Spark has made the computer area in the meeting room into a pleasant space where members can search the internet and learn from each other.

Colin Chesterfield showed initiative in turning

some wall space next to the computer area into shelving to support a video library. Advice is always guaranteed at the shed and this probably contributed to the job taking a day longer than necessary. Well done Colin for sticking to your plan.

Jack Vos prepares a meal for the meeting day lunch and has done for many years and his brother Bert keeps the fires burning through the winter months. He is also known as Whelan the Wrecker but that is another story.

The member who cleans the toilets and makes sure the dining room is spic and span before each open day will remain anonymous. Well done to these members they keep the wheels turning.

We are open Mondays and Wednesdays 9am-3pm. Please call in, we are in Wellington St next to the Com-

munity Gardens. For further information call Corrie Koppen on 0458 674 450.

How does your candidate rate?

With the upcoming state election, with help from an Arabian proverb, you can discriminate four types of candidate:

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Those who know and know not they know;

Those who know and know they know.

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Plenty on at Probus

By Elly Fallon

Probus Day in Australia and New Zealand is celebrated on October 1 each year.

Trafalgar & District Probus marked the occasion this month with a free barbecue lunch held after the general meeting.

Bob Jones and Lyn Jones (lots of Joneses in our club) organised the special event and were helped by many willing members who provided salads and desserts for the day.

The Lion's Club generously allowed us the use of their barbecue. It was a wonderful gathering with 73 happy Probians enjoying the celebrations. The desserts were a highlight with homemade

fruit salad, rolled pavlovas and sticky date puddings courtesy of Ross and Leonie Pethybridge and Bob Jones.

Guest speakers at the meeting were Torina Johnston, manager of our local Bendigo Bank in Trafalgar and Debbie Di Sisto, community investment coordinator who spoke about the work of our local branch.

We learnt that 80 per cent of the profits go back into the community, so in the last financial year \$80,000 went into community programs, events and projects, a wonderful achievement and very much appreciated.

We were also educated about the many scams that seem to plague our lives

this days, what to look out for and safer ways of conducting our daily lives. We should all have credit card protector sleeves in our wallets to prevent identity and private information theft. They can be used on other cards like licence and health cards also. Bendigo Bank have been great supporters of our Probus Club for many years.

This month saw 15 happy gardeners brave the cold and wet to visit the garden of Peter Petschel in Yarragon. The rain held off and we forgot about the cold as we explored this interesting garden with its great array of plants, trees, aviaries of colourful birds and all kinds of memo-

rabia arranged among the plants. Peter has also created his own museum of all things dairying, mementos of his working life through the years. We admired his propagation of plants, reminisced over bygone times and finished the morning with a chat over a hot cup of tea. Some went home with cuttings to try in their own garden.

The walking group met at Lake Hyland in Churchill this month. Along with a number of canine 'Probus' members, they completed a circuit of the lake and enjoyed a cuppa and chat in the picnic area afterwards. This is a great walk for those who have never been, as it has flat, well-

maintained paths and plenty of scenery with water views and new plantings of trees and shrubs.

Some of our Probus folk were lucky enough to join WillowGrove/Hill End Seniors Club for a bus trip to Tesselaars Tulip Farm in Silvan. Margaret Parton, President of the Seniors Club and also a Probian organised a wonderful day for everyone.

The weather was glorious and everyone was able to tip toe through the tulips with plenty of photo opportunities among over a million flowering bulbs. There was music, Dutch food, stalls, even clogs to try. All agreed it was a magical day and the company of new found

friends from the Seniors Club made the day extra special.

Coffee mornings and dine-out were also well attended this month with 19 members gathering at Coffee Life, 14 at Gracie's Bakery and 23 dining at Dragon Place in Morwell. These outings are a great way to get to know new friends.

So if you are interested in joining Probus this is a perfect way of getting a taste of fun, friendship and fellowship. Come along you will be made very welcome.

Phone secretary John Attwell for details on 0419 701 331.



Probus members enjoying coffee at Gracie's.



Lining up to celebrate Probus Day with a free lunch.



Probus members walking Lake Hyland.



Margaret Parton, organiser of the Tesselaars bus trip.



Celebrating Probus Day with a free barbecue lunch.



John Attwell presenting Torina Johnston and Debbie Di Sisto from the Bendigo Bank with a Probus giftpen.



Garden Club enjoying Peter Petschel's garden.



Anne, Sharley and Wendy enjoying the Tulip fest

Trafalgar Fire Brigade recognises 788 years of combined service

By Kate Wattchow

The Trafalgar Fire Brigade had its annual presentation night last month.

Members were presented with a variety of awards for their service to the community. Due to COVID restrictions the annual presentation night hadn't been able to occur for 2020 and 2021, so awards earned during those years were included this year. There was a total of 788 years of service to the Trafalgar community for fire services in total to be awarded.

Awards were presented by the Trafalgar Brigade captain Mark Walshe and Dg Commander Greg Fisher from District 9 Headquarters.

The night was held at the Trafalgar Bowls Club with food provided by Eat Live Fresh. Thanks was given to IGA, Bendigo Community Bank and Blackwood's, who have made generous donations to the brigade over the past years.

A range of general awards were issued for members who had reached milestones of service years. The list of members who received service awards includes: Cliff Jamieson five years, Michael Jacobs (10), Brian Mynard (20), Darren Wallace (30), Colin Proctor (35), Robert Taterson (50), Mark Young (40), Albert Higgins (60) and Bob Mynard (60).

Every year, the fire brigade recognises a member/ firefighter who has stepped up and performed exceptionally in service of the brigade over that year, and that member receives the Ern Taylor/Graham Young Memorial Fire Fighter of the Year award. Due to COVID, we had three years exceptional service to award. The winners of the awards presented:

Adrian Allatt - 2020 Firefighter of the Year.

Kathy Geisler - 2021 Firefighter of the Year.

Craig Moon - 2022 Firefighter of the Year.

The Trafalgar CFA Junior

Volunteer Development Program also presented service and Firefighter of the Year awards. Unfortunately, disruptions due to COVID meant that 2020 and 2021 Firefighter of the Year awards weren't able to be issued.

Leigh Radford - three year service award, Drazic Rosse - three year service award, Sheridan Jacobs - three year service award, Rebecca Geisler - three year service award, Diesel McQualter - three year service award and Jett Boothman - three year service award.

The Junior Fire Brigade recognises a member who has stepped up and performed exceptionally in service of the Junior Brigade over that year. The Mynard Family Junior Firefighter of the Year for 2022 was Jett Boothman.

At the presentation night Darren Wallace received multiple awards: A National Medal, the VFBV Gold Star, and a CFA 30 year service

award. He also received a CFA life membership in recognition of his exceptional service to CFA.

Darren joined the CFA in 1991. After a stint as brigade secretary, he was elected as the Trafalgar Rural Fire Brigade captain in 2003. In 2007 the rural and urban brigades merged and Darren was elected captain of the newly formed Trafalgar Fire Brigade, and for the following six years he facilitated the successful merging of the two brigades.

Darren stood down as captain in 2013 and continued to serve as a lieutenant. He also became involved in Baw Baw Group and the Volunteer Fire Brigades Victoria (VFBV), which represents CFA volunteers at a state level. Since then, Darren has held the role of Deputy Group Officer, and continues to serve as state councillor with VFBV.

During his time volunteering with the CFA Darren has attended strike teams

as a crew member, a crew leader, a strike team leader, and a sector commander, at a wide range of fires. This includes interstate fires as well as the Bunyip Ridge fire on Black Saturday. He currently fulfils the roles of VFBV District 9 State Councillor, volunteer representative on VESEF steering committee, and VFBV Rep on District 9 Planning Committee.

Darren lives in Trafalgar with his family and currently works as the East Ward Councillor at Baw Baw Shire council.

Multiple members of the Mynard family were presented with awards on the night. From one family and over three generations the Mynard's have given 212 years of service to the Trafalgar Fire Brigade and, through the brigade, the local community.

Recently, Danny Mynard stepped down as the captain, and the brigade would like to thank him for all of his work and leadership during this time.

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



The Mynard family has given over 200 years service across three generations to the Trafalgar Fire Brigade. Pictured is Brian Mynard, current 1st lieutenant and training officer, Morris Mynard, past 2nd lieutenant, Peter Mynard, current 2nd lieutenant and brigade group delegate, Danny Mynard, ex-captain and Bob Mynard (seated), who is a life member and past secretary.

Bushwalking club is active

By Carolyn Dyke

There was a lot of exciting opportunities for members of the Strzelecki Bushwalking Club in October, including kayaking, hiking and bike riding.

On October 7, a fun kayak day was conducted in the Glenmaggie Creek led by the unstoppable Pat Williams. The Glenmaggie Creek flows into Lake Glenmaggie, a lovely recreational area great for fishing and boating near the town of Seaton.

Another day of kayaking was held on October 23 at Cowwarr Weir.

On October 16, a 12 kilometre hike was undertaken from Churchill and ending at the Jeeralang North Hall.

On the Melbourne Cup long weekend, the club will

be hosting an extended hike to Bogong High Plains. This will be a walk rated 'hard'. While this is a weekend for experienced hikers it will be worth the challenge.

The Bogong High Plains have beautiful wildflowers and unspoilt wilderness. There are 10 huts in this area, the oldest of which is Wallace's Hut, which was built in the 1830s. The huts were originally built for use by pastoralists tending their cattle herds. The huts are for the use of skiers and hikers.

Visitors are welcome on most activities.

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



Strzelecki Bushwalking Club members taking a well-earned break.



Club members at the summit of Mount St Gwinear.

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Frustrated van owners want time to move

By Daniel Pedersen

Without definitive action from Latrobe City Council in relation to the abrupt closure of the Lake Narracan Caravan Park, what happens next will likely be decided by a court.

Site owners are not going to quietly pack up their belongings and leave the park in a virgin state, and are currently contemplating what shape legal action will take.

Since being told via email on October 5 that the park will be permanently closed as of December 10, permanent site owners have met with council.

On Wednesday morning, council manager Shay Ferguson met with some of the site owners to explain why the caravan park was to be closed, the reasoning behind it and what came next.

He told an impromptu gathering of about 10 site owners he would take their concerns to council that afternoon.

Officers acknowledged the frustration of site holders about the timing of the park's closure just weeks before Christmas, and said council would consider multiple requests for people to stay on site longer to dismantle their holiday shacks.

Owners can stay at the park overnight until December 10 and after that will be given daytime access to

remove caravans or structures, because the Environment Protection Authority has ordered the park closed unless ordered waste treatment works are completed by then.

There are two separate notices attached to the caravan park.

EPA issued an 'improvement notice' on October 29 last year, requiring repairs to the Lake Narracan caravan park's irrigation system.

All requirements of the notice were met and the notice revoked on December 17 last year.

EPA issued a second improvement notice on October 29 last year, requiring the council to modify the caravan park's wastewater management system.

This meant ensuring all wastewater generated at the premises was prevented from entering surface waters, including but not limited to storm water drains.

Requirements of this notice have not been met, the EPA said.

"EPA's role is to protect the environment and human health from the impacts of pollution and waste; the operation of the caravan park is not a decision for EPA," a statement from the authority said.

"However, after an application from council, EPA extended the notice compli-

ance period to accommodate council's consideration and feasibility work," the statement said.

"EPA encourages any notice recipient to engage with potentially affected parties, but that would also be a decision for the caravan park operator," it said.

In the laneways between caravan sites, Lorraine and Debbie Rigby, mother and daughter, sit under an awning with the fourth generation of their family to take in the sights of the caravan park.

While Lorraine's great grandson Baxter is probably more involved with his red plastic tricycle than the van park's future, all the same he's there.

"I just think the whole thing has been really badly handled," Lorraine, the family matriarch, said of the decision to move them on.

"There's been absolutely no consultation, and this is not a new issue, we've had heavy rain before, there must be other treatment options," she said.

Council at its September meeting decided to close the park, after being given notice to rectify its treatment of waste water or face legal action.

After a quote from a private contractor, council estimated it would cost about \$800,000 to rectify waste

treatment problems.

But, given it had already decided to relocate the caravan park, the council decided simply to close the existing park rather than waste ratepayers money on a temporary solution.

Plans for a new 'destination caravan park' for the area have been agreed to in principle and a timeframe of 'about four years' would have it developed.

At this stage, it is not decided whether council will own the new caravan park.

Asked if council had considered any compensation for the site owners, council's chief executive, Steve Piasente, said it had not.

"The caravan park doesn't run at a profit and hasn't for some years, even before COVID it wasn't profitable, so it was subsidised by ratepayers.

"People staying there do, of course, spend money locally and council acknowledges that," he said.

"We've been waiting for the right time to develop the precinct and now there are a number of sites being developed around the lake.

"Council owns 8.4 hectares of land at the edge of the lake," said Mr Piasente.

He said council hoped for the "highest and best" use of the land.

"There are about 4000 housing lots to be devel-

oped," he said, "but when the total precinct is completed will depend on the rate of development."

He said the new 'destination lifestyle park' would be connected to a sewage treatment plant.

Every developer will contribute to social-amenities development for the area.

Meanwhile, developers are selling waterfront dreams on Lake Narracan's shores.

Tyler Hogan from Harcourts Warragul said 105 lots had been sold for Narracan Lakes Estate and construction of the first houses would begin in the next couple of weeks.

Stages one, two and three sold in nine months, he said, and the 54-lot stage three sold particularly fast, in just one week.

Roads and guttering will be prepared for stages two and three in the next couple

of months.

There are in total 656 blocks in 16 stages, all about 500 to 600 square metres in size.

Mr Hogan said that size was the "sweet spot" for developers.

Also boasting 'absolute waterfront living' is Lake Narracan Resort.

Resort spokesman Ijaz Ahmad said first-stage building would begin in next year's second quarter and it was hoped the entire development would be completed by 2028 or 2029.

There will be 11 stages for a total of 350-plus lots, some of which will carry medium-density units.

House and land packages are still available in stage one and two, but the bulk of lots in those stages are already sold, he said.

An on-site sales office is due to open in December.



What are Owners Corporations and how do they affect me?

By Trafalgar solicitor Jade MacGregor

WHAT IS AN OWNERS CORPORATION?

The term 'owners corporation' refers to what was previously known as a 'body corporate', which describes a body that manages the common property of a residential, commercial, retail, or industrial property development.

If you own a flat, apartment, or unit, you likely belong to an owners corporation. On December 31 2007, the Owners Corporations Act 2006 went into effect, changing the name of the body corporate to owners corporation, as well as establishing the duties and powers of owners corporations.

When a plan of subdivision incorporating common property is registered with Land Use Victoria, an owners corporation is automatically formed. Owners corporation applications submitted either in conjunction with a plan of subdivision or after

the plan of subdivision has been registered are recorded and kept on file by Land Use Victoria.

WHAT IS COMMON PROPERTY?

Common property refers to anything that is specified as such on the plan of subdivision, including, but not limited to: Fences, gardens, hallways, walls, stairwells, pathways, driveways, elevators, foyers, and passages.

WHAT ARE THE OWNERS CORPORATIONS DUTIES?

The Owners Corporations Act 2006 specifies that an owners corporation must

manage, administer, repair, and maintain the common property. They must also take out adequate insurance in relation to the property, prepare financial statements and maintain records and registers, provide owners corporation certificate as required. Owners corporations are generally comprised of the following:

- Members - all of the lot owners;
- A committee - lot owners elected to form a team who can make decisions on matters delegated to them by the lot owners;
- Delegates of the owners corporation - for example, a chairperson or sec-

retary; and

- Delegates of the committee - such as lot owners or managers.

TYPES OF OWNERS CORPORATIONS

Two-lot subdivisions - these are owners corporations with only two lots. Sometimes one of the owners will be in charge of managing the insurance for the properties and this will be divided between the two lots.

Prescribed owners corporations - this term describes owners corporations with more than 100 properties or who charge annual fees of more than \$200,000 in any given financial year.

Multiple owners corporations - yes, it is possible to have more than one owners corporation affecting your property. However, these are typically found in large multi-storey buildings, commercial properties or developments that are a combination of residential and commercial lots.

Do I have to be part of the owners corporation?

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Expansion at LRH

By Michelle Slater

Latrobe Regional Hospital structural works have been finished as part of stage three of a \$223 million expansion that is on track to be in operation by early 2024.

With structural construction now complete, work can now start on the hospital facade and internal fit-out.

The multi-storey project includes a recently announced Mental Health and Alcohol and Other Drugs

Hub.

LRH chief executive Don McRae said the stage three expansion would bring all the acute care services into one location, making the hospital more efficient.

Mr McRae said it meant that LRH would have 10 operating suites, 16 critical care beds, 64 acute surgical beds and new medical imaging and pathology.

Once complete, the expansion will allow for an ad-

ditional 6200 elective surgeries per year.

He said the expansion also included new maternity services with a six-bed birth suite, adult in-patient beds, special-care nursery and a one-bed paediatric unit with family spaces and children's play area.

"For our community and the Gippsland region, it means better health care facilities and expanded health services close to home," Mr

McCrae said.

"Plus more employment opportunities with an estimated additional 200 full-time equivalent employees required across a number of disciplines to deliver the expanded services."

The project is being delivered by the Victorian Health Building Authority in partnership with Latrobe Regional Hospital and Built.

Stages 1 and 2 have already been completed with

the Gippsland Regional Cancer Centre, a new emergency department, a cardiac catheterisation lab and two new medical in-patient units.

The expansion consists of more than 20,000 cubic metres of concrete, 640 tonnes of structural steel, 2500 tonnes of steel reinforcement and 180,000 bricks, providing 600 construction jobs.

The Minister for Health, Mary-Anne Thomas, said the

expansion was taking shape and meant Latrobe Regional Hospital could meet the needs of a growing community.

"Increased capacity and purpose-built treatment spaces will ensure patients don't need to travel to Melbourne for complex procedures," Ms Thomas said.

New hospital for West Gippsland

Construction of a new hospital in West Gippsland has gained bipartisan support, with both the Liberals and now Labor pledging to fund the project.

The ruling Labor government announced on Monday, October 3, that it will invest as much as \$675 million to build a new hospital and public aged care facility in Drouin East between Warragul and Drouin.

Premier Daniel Andrews said more and more Victorians had discovered West Gippsland a beautiful place to live and work. "This booming population needs a new local hospital to deliver world-class care," Mr Andrews said.

"Labor is doing what matters - we'll deliver the new hospital and an aged-care centre that West Gippsland needs, now and into the future."

As part of the investment, the new West Gippsland Hospital will hold up to 223 beds and treatment spaces,

including 33 treatment spaces in the emergency department, and 25 spaces for outpatient care and specialist treatment.

It will also contain three operating theatres, and a new birthing unit, including special care nursery cots and a maternity unit.

The proposed aged care facility will contain 'up to 60 beds'.

The government expects construction to begin by 2024 and estimates 1800 jobs will be created as part of the project.

Labor's announcement comes exactly four months after a similar pledge by the Liberal-National Coalition, which has backed a new hospital in West Gippsland for several years.

In June, opposition leader Matthew Guy and Shadow Health Minister Georgie Crozier promised to provide \$400 million toward building a new hospital in Warragul.

At the time, Mr Guy said the investment would help

fix "the ongoing healthcare crisis across Victoria.

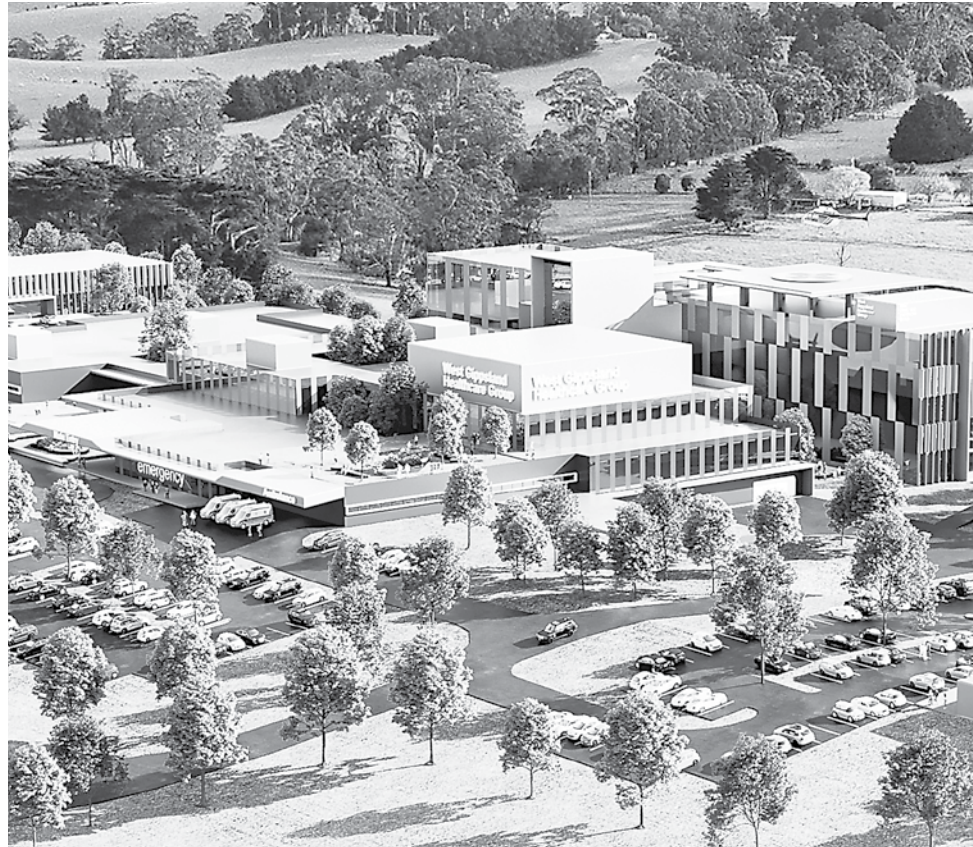
"The current hospital (in Warragul) simply cannot cope with the massive increase in demand and rapid population growth in the area," Mr Guy said.

Ms Crozier said that building a new hospital in Warragul "will ensure that the people of West Gippsland will get the quality healthcare they deserve, close to home, when they need it".

Warragul is located in the seat of Narracan, currently held by the Liberal Party on a two-party preferred margin of 7.26 per cent.

Incumbent MP Gary Blackwood will retire at the upcoming state election in November.

While the Liberals have endorsed Wayne Farnham to succeed Mr Blackwood, Labor is yet to select their candidate to run in the seat.



The state government's artistic impression of the new West Gippsland hospital.

Holden Museum car of the month

By Bob Moss

General Motors Holden Caravan

The advertisement pictured was placed in the newspapers at the end of World War 2.

So rather than write an article I think that it is better to see the advert as printed at the time.

The question as to why GMH would be thinking of building caravans so close to the end of the war, and when manufac-

turing supplies were so hard to come by. There are two theories (and that is all they are).

First, that GMH may have built caravans for use by the forces as temporary accommodation for personnel and having some left over at the end of the war decided to see if there was civilian interest - hence the display in the Myer carpark.

Second, that because of the lack of materials and a resulting lack of work for their staff, GMH may have decided to give them a design task which might have some commercial potential once things got back to normal after the war.

The Trafalgar Holden Museum is fortunate to have acquired a copy of one of these type of vans

and is at this time rebuilding it back to original condition.

It will need fortunately a new body and complete rebuild of the interior fitting but all going well should be on display late this year or early next year.

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Holden advertising caravans in the mid-1940s.

CFA visit

Recently the students at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School were privileged with a visit from the Trafalgar CFA.

A team of firefighters arrived on two fire trucks.

The students listened as the firefighters explained the work and tools of their job.

The students had the opportunity to use the strong fire hoses and they were able to climb safely onto the fire truck and enjoyed pretending to be firefighters.

And, of course, what's a CFA fire truck visit without the sounding of the 'fire siren' at the end? The students were appropriately startled and alarmed (and a little excited at the same time).

The visit was educational and served to promote the Junior Fire Brigade Program.



Groups of students enjoyed the CFA instruction, at back from left Danny Mynard (CFA), Kathy Grass (teacher) and Cliff Jamieson (CFA).



Sheri (Junior Captain) helping William Finken use the fire hose.



Sheri directing Eleanor Harrison with the hose.



Cliff Jamieson (CFA) instructing Lola Carpenteri with the fire hose.



Students enjoyed climbing on the fire truck, pictured here with Taryn Maxwell-Garratt (teacher) and Kate Watchow (CFA) on the truck. CFA crew in front from left, Sheri Jacobs (Junior Captain), Tristan Wilden and Paul Zelenevewicz (Junior Leader).

Finals time for Traf Primary rockers

By Ricky Allan
TPS music coordinator

Trafalgar Primary School's music department entered three bands into this year's National Battle of the Bands Competition - RockFest Australia.

This year it is running digitally again. The bands were recorded and videoed playing a song live in the music room at Trafalgar Primary School and the videos entered. I am pleased and proud to announce that one of our band's have made the national finals

for the second year running.

'The Blueberries', a five-piece band comprising River (vocals), Dion (guitar), Bryn (drums), Quinn (bass) and Oscar (keyboard) have been nominated for best primary band nationally.

Since River has departed the school this band has been performing as 'System Overload' with Max Allen taking over on vocals.

The 2022 awards will be announced soon.



System Overload band from Trafalgar Primary.

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Footy colours at Traf High

By Wombat Lyons

As the school term ended and Victoria headed into Grand Final fever, students of Trafalgar High School ran a Footy Colours Day.

Students and staff attended school wearing the team colours of their favourite teams.

While Cats and Swans supporters were few and far between, a large range of teams were reflected in our school community. The dress ups were supported with hot pies and hot dogs from the canteen to create the MCG feeling and the day was a fundraiser towards an SRC project.



A rare Brisbane fan Tristan Bernthal.



Keeping it local with their Elinbank & District Football League jerseys are Blake White and Brodie Fleming.



Aurora Murphy, Liam Pepper, principal Brett Pedlow, Jerremi Beath and Ronan North.



Middle years leader Hayden Draper with Blake Stone

Success at Royal Melbourne Show

At the recent Royal Melbourne Show, St Joseph's Catholic Primary School art teacher, was recognised for her artwork.

Ms Kathy Grass, won the Best Exhibit Felting in the Royal Melbourne Show and she was also awarded First in Needle Felting for her 3D needle felting piece entitled 'Critical'.

Her artwork features two giraffes that have been entirely created using the needle felting technique and the background is wet and needle felted.

The sun is setting on many of our amazing and unique megafauna. The giraffe is one such creature.

Kathy said "Through our art we can create discussions and initiate change. I created

Nubian giraffes; Jabari (brave one) and his daughter, Abiba (the beloved one), to portray their elegant beauty and grace and to remind us that as humans we must work together to ensure the survival of all of the precious fauna and flora in our world".

The school community would like to congratulate Ms Kathy Grass on her magnificent work in the Royal Melbourne Show.

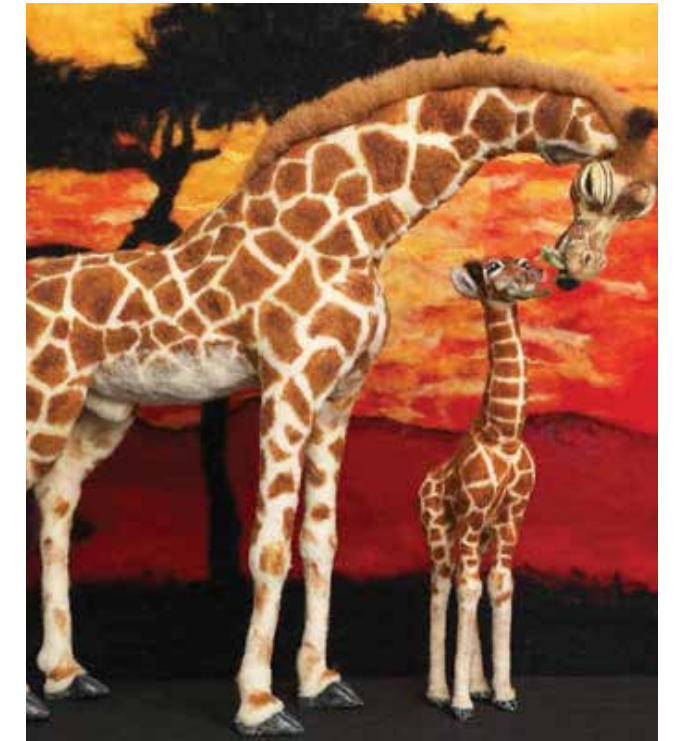
The staff and teachers are especially proud of Kathy and feel very privileged to have her teaching in the school.

"We have the best art teacher in Gippsland, and in fact in Victoria, teaching at our school," said one of the student leaders.

"How lucky are we!"



St Joseph's Primary School, Trafalgar's Melbourne Show winning artist Kathy Grass.



The stunning award winning piece.

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.

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1.	A	N	E	C	D
2.	O	R	A	I	D
3.	N	A	M	E	I
4.	M	G	I	C	A
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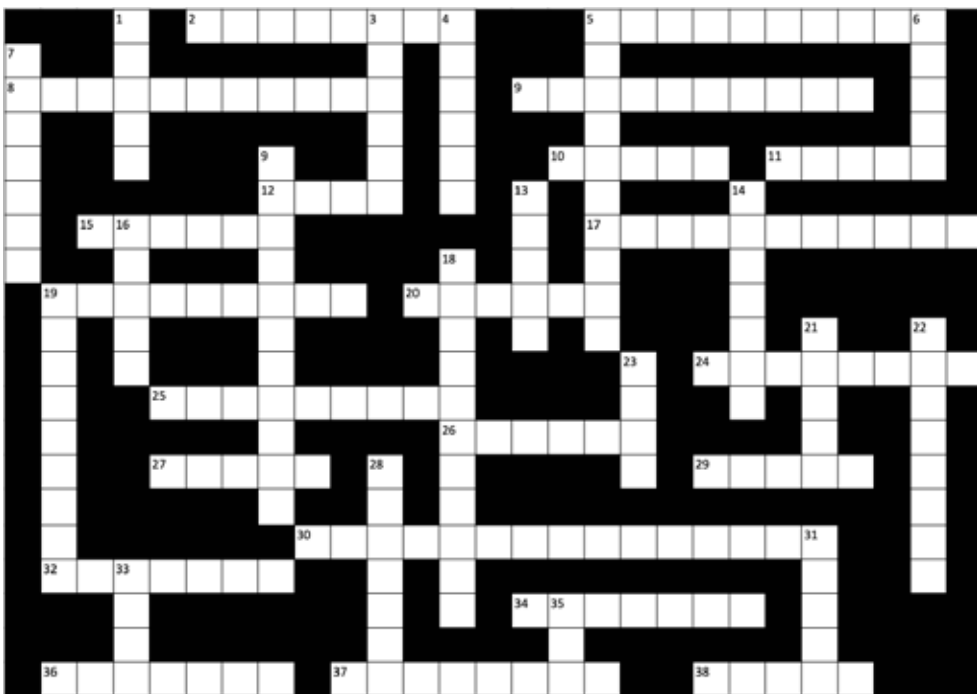
Target Master

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.

C	S	D
S	O	O
R	R	W

This months targets:
10 Excellent
8 Very Good
6 Good

crossword



Across

- Host of The Block (5,3)
- Gold Coast theme park (5,5)
- Boy wizard (5,6)
- Reality family (10)
- Green Orge (11)
- Australian TV Awards (12)
- Informative show (15)
- Protects Gotham City (17)
- Cost of free content (19)
- Type of book (20)
- Ironical humour (24)
- Social media platform (25)
- Grisly podcast genre (4,5)
- Tweety Bird's colour (26)
- Maverick's copilot (27)
- Number of dwarves (30)
- Hunger Games heroine (7,8)
- Place to borrow books (32)
- For comments under 140 characters (34)
- '_' Jones, Temple Crusader (36)
- American history musical (37)
- What killed the radio star? (38)

Down

- Robin Hood's sharp tool (3)
- Athletic liveshow (4)
- Mickey's partner (5)
- Anakin becomes (5,5)
- Choreographed movement (6)
- Performance area (7)
- Frozen leads (4,3,4)
- Musical based on a little orphan (13)
- Leader of avengers (14)
- Brand of electronic devices (16)
- Joker's girlfriend (6,5)
- Colourful team shooting game (19)
- Wordy book - War and ' (21)
- Cascading numbered tiles (22)
- A " " like Alice (23)
- Roald Dahl's book/ musical (28)
- Loud (31)
- 007 (33)
- Famous Doctor (35)

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Hard

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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: Entertainment Question: Classic form of entertainment

Action	Episode	Pad	Subscription
Art	EscapeRoom	Parade	Subtitle
AudioBook	Fair	Play	Television
Binging	Festival	Playlist	Theatre
Blog	Gamer	Podcast	Trivia
Cards	Hardcover	Reality	Wit
Cinema	Karaoke	SciFi	Wordsearch
Comedy	Magazine	Show	Zoo
Comic	Magic	SocialMedia	
Drama	Movie	Streaming	



Council's free green waste service is coming up!

To help residents prepare for the upcoming fire season, free green waste drop off will be available at Council's Transfer Station between **Sunday 27 November and Sunday 4 December**.

- Lardner:** Sunday 27 November & Friday 2, Saturday 3, Sunday 4 December (10am-4pm)
- Trafalgar:** Sunday 27 & Monday 28 November & Saturday 3 December (10am-4pm)
- Neerim South:** Sunday 27 November & Friday 2 December (10am-4pm)
- Erica:** Sunday 27 & Monday 28 November (12pm-4pm)

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

Parking Study reports are now available for Drouin, Yarragon and Trafalgar.

Council has completed a thorough assessment of the parking conditions within Drouin, Yarragon, and Trafalgar to help us understand where parking pressures lie and how we can plan to address them in the future.

The draft reports, including findings and recommendations, are now available for community review and feedback.

The reports are now available to view on Council's website: www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/HaveYourSay

Scan the code to share your thoughts by Friday, 11 November.



>> bawbawshire.vic.gov.au

There's still time to nominate a local group or individual for a 2023 Australia Day Award!

Hurry! Nominations for the 2023 Australia Day Awards are closing on 11 November 2022!

There's still time to nominate a local individual or group for a 2023 Australia Day award to recognise their noteworthy contributions to Baw Baw Shire and the community.

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

To make a nomination go to: www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/AustraliaDayAwards



The Melbourne Food and Wine Festival comes to Baw Baw!

The iconic Melbourne Food and Wine Festival returns to Baw Baw this November kicking off with The Village Feast, a weekend long foodies' celebration in Thorpdale.

On the weekend of 19 and 20 November, The Village Feast will transform picturesque Thorpdale into a food lovers paradise, packed with snacking and drinking that showcases the region's spectacular produce alongside the state's leading chefs, producers and entertainers.

Tickets are still available. To book your tickets, head over to www.melbournefoodandwine.com.au

Council grants over \$160,000 to support community projects

A total of \$165,105 in Community Development Grants has been awarded to 40 non-profit organisations and associations across Baw Baw Shire to assist with the delivery of a range of community projects. To learn more about each project, please visit www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/CommunityDevelopmentGrants

Environment Category

- Committee for Drouin for Friends of Drouin's Trees** \$5,000

Equipment Category

- 3BBR FM West Gippsland Community Radio** \$2,776
- Drouin Basketball Club Inc.** \$5,000
- Drouin Bowling Club Inc.** \$2,381.01
- Ellinbank & District Football Netball League** \$4,295.45
- Ellinbank Badminton Club Inc.** \$5,000
- Gladiators Basketball Warragul** \$3,960
- Knoxbrooke Inc.** \$5,000
- Longwarry Cricket Club** \$2,349
- Neerim Neerim South Football Netball Club** \$5,000
- Neerim South Recreation Reserve Community Assets Committee** \$5,000
- Olivias Place** \$4,220.07
- Riding for the Disabled Association of Victoria Inc. Warragul Branch** \$4,327.90
- Rotary Club of Drouin** \$3,295
- The Scout Association of Australia, Victoria Branch for 1st Neerim Scouts** \$4,160
- Thorpdale Football Netball Club** \$3,000
- Thorpdale Mechanics Institute** \$399
- Trafalgar Bowls Club Inc.** \$3,670
- Trafalgar Park Bowls Club** \$4,436.34

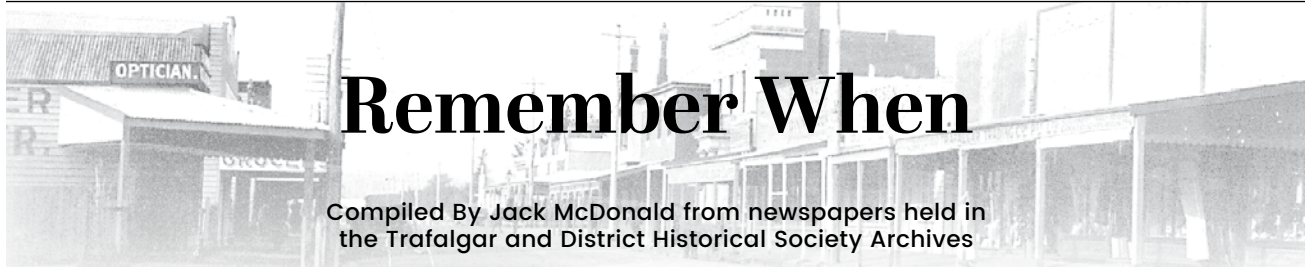
- Trafalgar Playgroup Inc** \$295
- Trafalgar Victory FC** \$3,172.80
- U3A Baw Baw Inc.** \$914.93
- Warragul & District Netball Association Incorporated** \$4,483.55
- Warragul Blues Junior Football Club** \$3,312.50
- Warragul Heritage Preservation Association** \$2,615
- Warragul Industrials Netball Club** \$3,270.20
- Warragul Playgroup Inc.** \$5,000
- Warragul Pony Club Inc.** \$5,000
- Warragul United Soccer Club** \$2,450.80
- West Gippsland Bush Walkers Inc** \$2,762.90
- Willow Rose Foundation for Diabetes** \$4,840
- Yarragon Junior Football Club** \$1,545

Minor Capital Works Category

- Baw Baw Combined Churches Food Relief** \$10,000
- Hill End Community Inc.** \$8,583
- Hill End Mechanics Institute Hall Committee** \$7,750
- Longwarry Recreation Reserve** \$4,997.50
- Neerim South Public Hall Reserve CoM** \$10,000
- Thorpdale Recreation Reserve** \$2,706.06
- Warragul Harness Racing Club Inc.** \$2,000
- Warragul Tennis Club** \$6,136

TRAF NEWS SUDOKU

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



Remember When

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

THE TRAFALGAR, YAR-RAGON & YALLOURN NEWS, NOVEMBER 1932

3 NOVEMBER – AERO-PLANE FLIGHTS

Sir Charles Kingsford Smith dropped in on Trafalgar in the Southern Cross Midget on Sunday morning to inspect the landing ground at Messrs Davey Bros “Model Farm”.

Sir Charles expressed his fear that it would not be possible to land the huge Southern Cross with safety.

However, Mr Davey agreed to make further preparations of the ground and Sir Charles assures us that if humanly possible, he will “work at Trafalgar”.

Ed Note: To the best of our knowledge the Southern Cross never landed at Trafalgar.

SUNDAY TENNIS?

Sunday tennis is to be decided by the Trafalgar Tennis Club at a date to be fixed.

At a meeting the subject of Sunday tennis on the public courts will be discussed.

At the same meeting the matter of erecting a more up-to-date pavilion will also be decided.

10 NOVEMBER – CRO-QUET LADIES MEET

Ladies who attended the opening of the Trafalgar Croquet Club this week spent a very enjoyable afternoon.

Bright sunshine and a large crowd, including visitors, combined in making the opening a happy day for all.

The Croquet green being as yet unplayable, part of the bowling green was placed at the disposal of the ladies. There are 10 clubs in the Association.

GIRL GUIDES FORMED

Girl Guides have become a welcome addition to the community life of Trafalgar and parents should encourage their daughters to join the movement.

THE GIPPSLAND NEWS, NOVEMBER 1962

1 NOVEMBER – CHAMBER ACCEPTS CONSTITUTION

At Monday evening’s meeting of the newly formed Trafalgar Chamber of Commerce, the proposed constitutions as submitted by the sub-committee appointed to

draw it up, was duly adopted with only minor alterations.

All is now set for the Chamber to get away to a flying start.

ELECTRICITY AT CHILDERS HALL

On Friday evening, 19 October, all roads led to Childers for the “switch-on” ceremony at the Childers Hall.

Many former residents from all parts of Gippsland returned to join in the celebrations, and by 8.30 pm there was an estimated crowd of 250.

Mrs L Richardson cut the ribbon and immediately the hall was flooded with lights of many colours. It was quite a brilliant spectacle.

TRAFALGAR RED CROSS

Thirteen members were present at the monthly meeting of the above held in the RSL Hall.

The president, Mrs E Turner was in the chair.

Mrs Turner showed children’s jumpers, shirts and underwear, etc. made by herself and other members to aid White Russian migrants who are expected in Melbourne in November.

These were requested by HQ and material and wool sent to Trafalgar.

8 NOVEMBER – YAR-RAGON C.W.A. 25TH ANNIVERSARY

Wednesday, October 31, was a gala day for the Yarragon C.W.A. members when they celebrated their 25th birthday in the Public Hall.

The beautiful birthday cake was made by Mrs A Young and decorated by Mrs Bayley. Afternoon tea brought a happy day to a close.

15 NOVEMBER – DIGGERS’ GOLF DAY

Known and recognised as the best Diggers’ Golf Day of the area, the Trafalgar RSL Sub-Branch’s annual golf day held at the picturesque Trafalgar links on Saturday last, really reached an all-time high and has been acclaimed by all who participated as the best ever.

Each and every one of the 130 competitors and the many visitors all entered into the full spirit of the day.

22 NOVEMBER – BODY-GUARDS FOR QUEEN

Two of Victoria’s best

groomed police officers have been chosen as personal bodyguards to the Queen and Prince Philip during their visit to Victoria.

They are chief of the CIB special branch, Det Sgt Norman Currie, and Sen Det Reg (“Eagle Eye”) Henderson.

The first-named is none other than former Trafalgar lad, the son of Mrs Currie Snr of Anzac Road and brother of Mr Stan Currie of Trafalgar East.

29 NOVEMBER – YAR-RAGON MARCHING GIRLS

Yarragon’s leading ambassadors over the past few years the “Guards” Marching Girls team has been reformed.

Earlier this year it was feared the team would be forced into abandonment, but due to the untiring efforts of a few staunch supporters of the movement, the public will again be seeing the “Guards” on parade. The team’s new leader is Miss Nellie Visser

TRAF NEWS, NOVEMBER 2004 “BATTLE OF TRAFALGAR”

The people of Trafalgar have once again had fun during the town’s annual “Battle of Trafalgar” Festival co-ordinated by the Trafalgar Community Development Association.

As usual, the variety of events ensured that there was something of interest for everyone.

LYNNE REPRESENT AUSTRALIA

Trafalgar’s Tai Chi instructor Lynne Byrne was recently selected to represent Australia at the inaugural World Traditional Wu Shu Festival in China.

The festival was held in Zhengzhou, the birthplace of Chinese martial arts.

The Golden Lion Academy, of which Lynne is a member, practices acupuncture and herbal medicine as well as Tai Chi, Kung Fu and Dim Mak.

TCDA FINALIST IN STATE AWARD

The Trafalgar Community Development Association was nominated by the Rotary Club of Trafalgar for a Kleenhart Gas award recently.

A presentation evening was held at Ballarat on 23 October at which the TCDA was

represented by its president Mr Mick Bourke and his wife Carol, and the Rotary Club by Michael Fozard and his wife Ruth.

The audience was told that the TCDA has been actively developing community spirit in Trafalgar during its six years existence, underpinned by its vision – “Traf is the most liveable town”.

The winner of the award was the Dartmoor and District Progress Association.

THANKS FROM TRAFALGAR GUIDES

Trafalgar Girl Guides would like to thank everybody who participated in our ‘Great Garage Day Sale’.

Without the support of the community the organisation would not be able to survive.

As leaders of the Girl Guides, we strive to provide a basis where girls of any age can be involved with projects in their community, discover new opportunities, learn about new adventures, explore the world around us, and most important, have fun. We only have a small group but they are worth fundraising for.

TRAFALGAR PUBLIC HALL

The Trafalgar Public Hall is to be transformed and refurbished to become the ‘centre piece’ of community events in Trafalgar – and you can help!

There are currently positions available on the committee for people who wish to see this beautiful and historic building returned to its former glory.

ROTARY CLUB TO CELEBRATE

The Rotary Club of Trafalgar will be celebrating 50 years of existence in 2005. This is also the 100th year for Rotary as a service club, which was established by Paul Harris in 1905.

TRAFALGAR BOWLING CLUB

The Championship Mixed Fours has been run and won by the team of Sue Robinson (lead), Heather Taylor, Brian Cook and skippered by Steve Dawson over the Terry Comber led team of Graham Hill, Margaret Moss and Lyn Hill. After fifteen ends the score line was 15 to 10.

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

Phone 56346413



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

REFLECTION

Reflection

By Moira Dodsworth

Natural world?

I recently had the pleasure of spending time with my son and granddaughter. We had several day trips to wilderness areas, went for walks and enjoyed being away from the busyness of everyday life.

One of these trips was to the beach, a cold damp day, battling the wind along the shore. Unperturbed my granddaughter, dressed in her windcheater and boots, with her bucket and spade potted around on the sand as littlies do. We started collecting shells for her ‘castle’ and I was surprised at the number of whole shells and their patterns so joined her in this endeavour. I remarked on the shells to my son, who informed me that they came from the shellfish farm offshore! We still liked and collected them, and I

noted that the bucket was carefully placed in the boot of the car to go home.

Another day we went to see the seals at Red Rocks. This was a long walk but worth it as we sat and watched the seals sunbake, occasionally barking or squabbling over the best warm flat rock while we had our picnic. I remarked on the interesting cliff formation behind us, amazed at how it was weathered by the wind. It had been a quarry announced my son.

Things are not always what they seem. I believed I was in a wilderness area - no built environment to be seen, the wind blowing, waves crashing, sitting on the sand, yet the cliffs were man-made, or adapted, anyway. How much of the earth is the same as it was created?

ed? Have we changed everything? And does it matter?

The natural world changes all the time, wind and water erode the surface of the earth. Geological movements under the earth change the surface, push land masses up and others recede. We have added to the effects through industrialisation, mechanisation, use of chemicals, because we need to survive, eat, create shelter but also for comfort and pleasure.

However, I believe we need to take care. We could end up with farmed shells and quarried cliffs for our children instead of those precious, fragile bits of shells we collected, playing among natural rocks on the beaches of our childhood.

Around the Historical Society

By Di Ireland

Recent Facebook posts have added more to the history of Trafalgar. Earliest photos show men with iron quoits at Coalville, and later a club was formed in Trafalgar. Worth looking at the Facebook page for Trafalgar and District Historical Society. The photo which started this thread was in our collection. Thanks to our new volunteers, we now have the time and resources to explore our treasures. Unfortunately, many recent photos are not named, so if you can, make sure your donations are named.

CAN YOU HELP?

Do you know anyone in the photo? It would be most appreciated if you could give Dianne a call on 0439 655 172 if you have any names. It looks like it was taken at the old post office, possibly at the time of the Olympic Torch Run as it was among photos from then.

The next meeting of the Trafalgar & District Historical Society will be the November dinner meeting on November 17. All members are invited.



Do you know anyone in this photo, taken out the front of the old post office?

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	Sue Murphy		0428 866 417
Baw Baw Shire Councillor, East Ward	Darren Wallace		0476 000 053
Baw Baw Shire Councillor, East Ward	Michael Leaney		0476 000 119
Baw Baw Shire Councillor, East Ward	Peter Kostos		0429 936 876
Baw Baw Sustainability Network		bbsn.org.au	0490 485 370
Bettermentall Together	Kerry Rantall	bettermentall@gmail.com	0477 115 666
Bowls Club	Ian Miles, President	trafalgarbowlsclub@bigpond.com	0400 210 033
Boxing Gymnasium	Shane Cameron	box_on_box_all@hotmail.com	0408 962 764
Campdraft		facebook.com/trafdraft	0416 166 027
Cemetery Trust	Tania Mussared, Secretary		5633 2282
CFA (non-emergency contact only)	Mark Walshe		5624 1900
Chamber of Commerce	Brendan Kingwill	trafalgarchamber.com.au	0418 596 494
Community Development Association	David Lyons	wombatlyons@yahoo.com	0409 015 662
Community Notice Board		facebook.com/trafalgarcommunitynoticeboard	
Cricknet Club	Liam Durkin, Secretary	trafalgarcricketclub@gmail.com	0402 556 338
Croquet Club	Michael Fozard		0418 513 092
Earls Road Landcare Group	Jim Whiley, Secretary		0423 832 122
Football Netball Club	Brett Tonkin, President	trafalgarfnc@gmail.com	0418 189 027
Golden Girls Trafalgar			5623 6032
Golf Club		admin@trafalgargolf.com.au	5633 1110
High School			5633 1733
Historical Society	Dianne Ireland	historicalsocietytraf@gmail.com	0439 655 172
Kindergarten			5633 2208
Lions Club	David Koschade	trafalgarlions@gmail.com	0428 331 157
Men's Shed	Eric Johnson		5633 1624
Opp Shop	Glenys Brennan, President		0417 597 454
Police Station (non-emergency contact only)			5633 1188
Polocrosse Club	Gill Massey, Secretary	trafalgarpoloxclub@gmail.com	
Pony Club	Denise Marriott		0411 890 299
Primary School			5633 1566
Probus Club	John Attwell		0419 701 331
Public Hall	Tanya Stanley	trafalgarpublichall@gmail.com	
Rotary Club	Glenn Doolan	trafalgarrotary@outlook.com	0438 332 438
RSL - Trafalgar Thorpdale Sub-Branch	Chris Johnson, Secretary		5633 1162
Scout Group	Rick Bradley	gl.1sttrafalgar@scoutsvictoria.com.au	
St Andrew's Uniting Church	Rev Moira Dodsworth		0447 957 772
St John's Catholic Church	Fr Bernard Buckley		5633 1166
St Joseph's Primary School	Trish Mulqueen, Principal	trafalgar.catholic.edu.au	5633 1151
St Mary's Anglican Church	Paul Zelenewicz	trafalgaranglican1@gmail.com	0493 088 370
Tennis Club	Sue	tennis.com.au/bawbaw/competitions-trafalgar	0428 673 413
Traf News	Mark Walshe, Editor		0466 249 849
Traf Watch		Facebook - Traf Watch	
Victory Football Club (Soccer)		admin@tvfc.com.au	0438 076 824
Youth Resource Centre	Glenys Brennan, President		0417 597 454

Farmer to farmer

ASSISTANCE PROVIDED

A new dedicated phone line will allow farmers across the country to quickly and easily connect with the Rural Aid counselling team.

The direct line will ensure farmers are provided a faster and more trauma-informed response to their request for counselling.

Rural Aid's counsellors are based across the country and offer free, confidential counselling to farmers and their families.

Rural Aid's manager of mental health and wellbeing, Lauren Stracey, said the team would be able to prioritise and respond to calls more effectively with the new number (1300 175 594).

"We know that it's important to have a trained counsellor help guide farmers through the period of reaching out for help," Ms Stracey said.

"By initiating a dedicated 1300 line, farmers are able to access a trained counsellor who can support them with referrals for immediate needs, while getting a sense of their story and matching them with the most appropriate support.

"Taking the first step in seeking support takes guts, but once you've done it you realise counselling is really just another tool you can use to get through tough times.

"Rural Aid is experiencing an increase in the number of farmers reaching out for help at the moment.

"Some farmers are now at the stage where they are ready

for mental health support, after experiencing disaster earlier this year," Ms Stacey said.

"Also, farmers may have felt an increased sense of anxiety since the confirmation of a third La Nina event.

"We want to make sure that if a farmer is ready to explore the idea of counselling, that we are there straight away to assist."

South Australian sheep farmer Kaye Wicker reached out to a Rural Aid counsellor after a series of personal hardships including the death of her brother and compounding financial stress.

"Not only was it very grief-filled but it was just an incredible amount of work," Ms Wicker said.

"It was just that intense fear of losing everything and not being able to keep it together."

The Waitpinga farmer said she initially found it hard to speak about the things scaring her the most.

"I found my time working with my Rural Aid counsellor very beneficial, just to help breakdown those overwhelming feelings."

Ms Wicker said the fact the counselling sessions are free meant a barrier was removed to accessing help.

"If there was a charge, I wouldn't have been able to access it," she said.

"It takes a lot of courage to make that phone call, but it's well worth it if you do."

Rural Aid counsellors catch up with their farmers where they're most comfortable;

whether it's on farm, in town, or over the phone.

To get in touch with a Rural Aid counsellor, phone 1300 175 594 between 9am and 5pm AEST, Monday to Friday.

ROADS NEEDED REPAIR-ING

The Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF) is calling on both sides of politics to commit funding certainty for regional road maintenance, saying the terrible condition of country roads has reached crisis levels.

VFF president Emma Germano said years of neglect and underfunding has left Victoria's regional road network in a ruinous state and in desperate need of investment.

"Speak to anyone living in regional Victoria and they'll likely have one thing in common - their local roads are dodgy and dangerous.

"More than 50 per cent of all road fatalities occur in regional Victoria, despite it being home to 24 per cent of the state's population. We won't accept that," Ms Germano said.

As part of its 'Fair Go for Regional Victoria' campaign, the VFF has called for a minimum of \$2 billion in the next four years for targeted arterial road maintenance.

The plan has been supported by the state opposition, but with less than two months until the state election, regional communities are waiting to hear the Andrews government's plan.

"The VFF welcomes the opposition's commitment to

guarantee maintenance funding over the next decade. Now it is time for the Andrews government to offer country communities a plan to fix our roads. That's why I have written to the Roads Minister Ben Carroll seeking his government's commitment to deliver funding certainty," Ms Germano said.

In addition to funding for arterial roads, Ms Germano called on both sides of politics to reintroduce the 'Fixing Country Roads Program' to provide funding grants to rural and regional councils to undertake local road projects beyond regular road maintenance.

"We desperately need funding to help local governments maintain their road and bridge networks."

"Council roads make up 87 per cent of the state's road network and represent 10 per cent of local government expenditure. This is putting a disproportionate strain on rural councils that have large road networks, but a small rate base to help fund their upkeep."

Ms Germano concluded saying road maintenance is an important issue for regional communities and expects to see a plan from both sides of politics.

"It's time for our leaders to stand up and put an end to the country road maintenance crisis. Driving on safe roads is a top priority for regional communities at this election and we need both sides of politics to deliver certainty," Ms Germano said.

PROTECTING FARMERS

New laws have been introduced in Victoria to allow livestock owners to voluntarily establish extra biosecurity measures on their properties, to protect them from trespassers.

Changes to the Livestock Management Act 2010 and Livestock Management Regulations 2021 have introduced offences for non-compliance with prescribed biosecurity measures, including entering agricultural premises without consent.

Offenders will face on-the-spot fines of \$1294 for individuals and \$8321 for organisations - the toughest fines in Australia.

Penalties of as much as \$11,095 for individuals and \$55,476 for organisations could apply for more serious offending.

Agriculture Victoria executive director of agriculture regulatory policy Angela Brierley says these new laws will help to deter people from trespassing on farms and better enable prosecutions of trespassers.

"Victorian farmers work hard to keep their animals safe and protect them from pests and diseases with robust biosecurity systems," she said.

"These new laws seek to deter behaviour that puts that hard work and the safety of their animals at risk."

Ms Brierley said producers choosing to take advantage of these new protections must have a biosecurity management plan (BMP) that includes

a farm map and mandatory information, as well as compliant biosecurity signage.

Specific visitor consent procedures must also be followed under the new laws.

"Producers who already have an on-farm biosecurity plan in place can simply add a BMP coversheet to this plan to be covered by the new laws," she said.

"We recommend using the BMP coversheet templates available from our website to ensure all mandatory information is included."

For an offence to apply under the new laws, the biosecurity management plan must include:

-A clear title, including the words 'biosecurity management plan' and the address of the premises to which it applies;

-Contact information: the name and contact details of the nominated person(s), for example, the owner or livestock manager;

-Area description: a description, map or plan of the whole or specified part of the premises to which the BMP applies, that accurately describes the boundaries of the premises and;

-Preparation details: additional details including the day that the BMP comes into operation and the name of the person who prepared the BMP.

For more information or to download templates visit: agriculture.vic.gov.au/bmp

Bluey coaching aspiring coaches

By Liam Durkin

For once Stuart Anderson wasn't the only AFL premiership player at Collegians Cricket Club.

Former West Coast player and Gold Coast coach Guy McKenna was in Gippsland last month, although this time, educating players of a different kind.

McKenna has not let his sacking from Gold Coast in 2014 stop him coaching - he has simply taken up another sport, and is now Cricket Victoria's Coach and Talent Specialist.

Far from the glitz and glamour of the AFL, McKenna came to the region to facilitate a Community (Level 1) Coaching Course for local cricketers.

Clubs across Gippsland were represented.

The course was tailored to coaching junior players and teaching the fundamentals

of the game.

McKenna explained a number of important facets involved in coaching young players, such as the need to speak loudly when addressing the group, and keeping training sessions fun and engaging.

According to McKenna, a key part of the 'Australian' way of coaching was getting players to do what a coach wanted them to do, as opposed to the coach telling a player how they should be doing something.

The man known as Bluey also said it was important young players were given a chance to problem solve.

For instance, in a basic fielding drill, a young player throwing the ball seam up will hopefully, over time, realise the risks involved (throwing the ball seam up makes it swing dangerously),

and thus change to throwing cross-seam.

He also broke down some common truisms about cricket, generally thought to belong in the 'hard and fast' category, such as the non-striker calling if the ball went behind the striker.

However, as McKenna explained, did that not go against the first principle kids are taught about 'watching the ball'?

As part of the course, participants were given a set of tasks to complete in small coaching teams, and then explain their approach in front of McKenna and the rest of the group.

Upon completion, (which included an online component), those who took part became accredited Level 1 coaches.

From here, the opportunity is there to progress to Lev-

el 2 in 12 months' time, and then to further levels that carry strict prerequisites.

While McKenna said coaching at state level cricket was certainly "a different pace" to the AFL, the transition from one to the other had been smooth.

"Coaching is coaching, it is all about communication," he said.

"From a training point of view it's maximising time on the tools, balls in hands, bats in hands, gloves in hands, fielding, all those concepts of cricket to maximise at training.

"They (players) get confident, they get competent, and they become better cricketers.

"From a coaching point of view, like football, cricket, softball, netball, it's engaging, it's fun."

Although he is no longer

coaching at the highest level, McKenna said working with young cricketers was comparable to his time at Gold Coast.

"The problem with Gold Coast when I had them was they were always young," he said.

"Even Gippsland Cricket found this out last year when there was seven bottom-agers playing in the YPL (Youth Premier League), they just won't be able to compete for as long in a game of cricket and don't have the consistency like an older boy would.

"Now this year, looking at the squad, you can see how more consistent and bigger they are physically, so they can play for longer and play more consistently, that is going to allow them to win more games.

"Football is no different, you've got a team full of kids,

they are going to play like kids - consistently up and down."

Looking back, McKenna's sacking from Gold Coast is surprising considering he won 10 games in his final year. No Gold Coast coach has been able to do better since.

The man himself was willing to put it all in perspective.

"No one wants to be sacked - but that happens," he said.

"There is only two types of AFL coaches: Ones that have been sacked and ones that are about to be sacked.

"You learn from experiences and make yourself better for the next experience, and in this case it is Cricket Victoria."



Former AFL coach Guy McKenna, now working with Cricket Victoria, conducted a coaching course in Gippsland last month. Photo: Liam Durkin

Sporting stars all year round

SOME WHO HAVE EXCELLED AT CRICKET AND FOOTBALL LOCALLY

Jake Best: Played VFL seniors/captained Casey South

Melbourne firsts in Vic Prem Cricket.

Stuart Anderson: Played AFL/played Victorian Premier firsts.

Adrian Burgiel: Drafted

to Richmond/scored 20 first grade centuries in TDCA and SMCA.

From McKenna Karl Langdon: West Coast premiership player/played

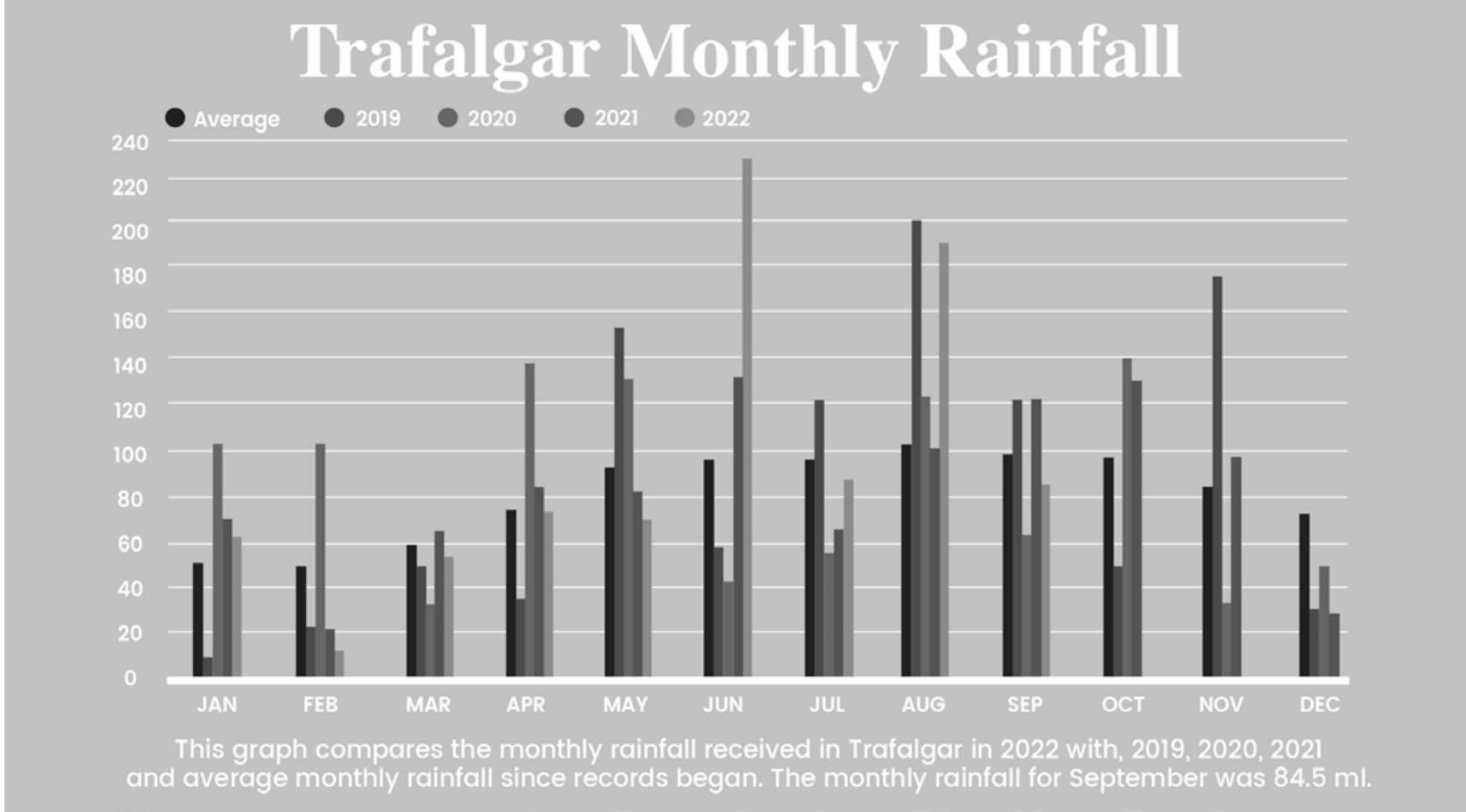
cricket for Australia Under 16s.

Todd Breman: Played AFL for West Coast and Richmond/played 10 first class games.

Peter Sumich: Kicked over 500 goals for West Coast/played for Australia Under 19s.

Craig Bradley: Carlton games record holder/played

first class cricket in SA.



Moe Cup a celebration

By Liam Durkin

If you are ever lacking motivation, just think - they raced at Moe when half the state was underwater. And they didn't just race, they held an entire meeting on Moe Cup Day.

While every other grass track in Victoria was deemed unfit to race on Friday, October 14, little old Moe went through a nine race-card program unscathed.

In what was a proud day for the club, sure to live long in the memory of all those involved, the Moe Racing Club's StrathAyr track passed the ultimate test on the biggest day of the club's calendar.

On that calendar, the Moe Cup was pushed back a day from its traditional Thursday timeslot, and just as well - there was more than 20 millimetres that fell last Thursday.

While the sense of irony about rain on Moe Cup Day (which to those unaware, has become a recurring local joke) was not lost, officials would have surely been feeling trepidation as the rain pelted down.

Moe Racing Club office manager, Sandra Townsend, was reportedly on the phone all day repeating the words "yes, we are racing tomorrow".

Although many had predicted a washout after 23.6ml fell on Thursday night, they perhaps underestimated the sheer strength of the club's StrathAyr track.

The track had previously withstood 15ml falling before and 36ml falling throughout a meeting last year.

But a Moe Cup offered a sterner test, not so much in terms of the rain, but in terms of what was at stake.

In the end, you couldn't have asked for a more ringing endorsement for the track at Moe Racing Club; you could hardly even notice rain had affected the track.

Jockey's the calibre of Craig Williams have spoken glowingly of it in the past.

That track has well and truly paid for itself since it was installed in 2016.

The sand-based track is designed to allow continuous drainage to occur and pre-

vent surface water laying on the track.

By the end of the meeting, Moe Racing Club had the last laugh against anyone who thought the meeting was ever in doubt.

The Cup was won by five-year-old gelding Fengarada, trained at Pakenham by John Leek Jr.

Heartland Raider carried the hopes of locals, with the Charlie Gafa trained mare flying the Moe flag.

Sale-trained Plymouth Road also took part, but appeared to not want to jump once the barriers flew open.

Fengarada and Not Usual Glorious jostled for front position early, with the latter taking the lead all the way to 400m mark.

With 700m to go, the Travis Doule trained gelding appeared in a good position, with racecaller and Stony Creek Racing Club chief executive Adam Olszanski declaring "everything going to plan for Not Usual Glorious, the SA visitor down the side trying to steal another one of our cups".

However, Fengarada, having maintained a steady pace for the entirety of the race, broke from second in the last 250m, taking over to run away and win by a length from Fifth Position.

The win took his record to 16-6-4-0, and netted the Pakenham-based stable, headed by trainer John Leek Jr, an \$82,500 prize purse.

Trafalgar had a win on the day, with a Mick Templeton runner getting up in Race 6.

The meeting started with Flight to the Moon winning the Race 1 Triple M Maiden Plate over 1600 metres.

In what was a thrilling start to the day, the first three horses were separated by a nose, with the four-year-old gelding sneaking in, sandwiched between Gottabesavvy and Satin Image, ridden by Trafalgar jockey Jason Maskiell.

Peintre's Pride had a more straightforward victory in the Race 2 TM&H Mitre 10 Maiden Plate (1100m), winning by a length after running from third with 400m to go.

With floods across Victoria leaving roads closed and stables finding it physically impossible to transport horses through flood-affected areas, only four horses were able to take part in this race.

This was followed by Expressive Enuff doing exactly as its name suggested, winning the Race 3 Harcourts Moe-Newborough 4Yo+ Maiden Plate (1100m).

The four-year-old gelding took an early lead and was rarely headed, winning for the Mornington stable of Dean Binaisse.

In the Race 4 Ian Grants Caravans BM64 Handicap (1000m), Jungle Sensation won the sprint to the line.

The five-year-old mare has been in impressive touch, winning three of its last four starts and placing in all four.

Arkitika won the Race 5 Hydro Australia BM64 Handicap (1600m), getting the job done ahead of Claidheamh and Hollywood Park, ridden by Luke Nolen of Black Caviar fame.

Race 6 was the Bottlemart Moe Mile BM78 Handicap (1600m), and was won by Sharper for local trainer Mick Templeton.

Again, a small field left only three runners for the race, but spectators were treated to a good finish nonetheless, with the four-year-old gelding winning by half-a-length to make it back-to-back victories.

Race 7 was the Ladbroke's Moe Cup, while two more races were held to round out the meeting.

Parisian Dancer won the Race 8 Moe Optical 'Royal Snack' BM70 Handicap (2050m) before Do Ya Punk got a win for prominent trainer Peter Moody in the Race 9 Moe Nextra Sprint BM78 Handicap (1200m).

In a boost for Moe Racing Club, the Cup was not the only race to carry significant prize money. The Moe Optical 'Royal Snack' was valued at \$50,000, the Moe Nextra Sprint at \$60,000 and the Bottlemart Moe Mile at \$60,000.

Player points again in the spotlight

By Liam Durkin

It's just like the whole class getting detention.

Every senior football club in Gippsland were accused of breaching the player points system last month.

Before people lose their minds and call for clubs to be docked premiership points or stripped of flags, it must be stressed that caps have not been exceeded, more so individual players have been incorrectly allocated.

Clubs are given a certain number of points in a cap, dependent on factors such as past performance, demographics and population.

"There is no breach of the caps being alleged here. It's just wrong allocations," AFL Victoria community football manager, John O'Donohue, told the Herald Sun.

"There are failings at the club for misinterpreting the categories, there is fault at the league level for not over-seeing and there is probably fault at the regional level for not over-seeing it all."

The issue of possible player point breaches had

been bubbling for some time, before a memorandum was emailed to clubs across Gippsland earlier this month.

"Regrettably 100 per cent of clubs have been found to be in breach of incorrect player point allocations" the memo from O'Donohue said. For the record, that is 72 clubs from seven leagues in Gippsland.

At least we're consistent. AFL Victoria undertook an audit on points, where it found breaches had been made across the board.

However, given, for the most part, incorrect points were only allocated to a minority of players at each club, punishments are likely to amount to little more than a "please explain".

There are some who believe AFL Victoria should take part of the blame, feeling clubs are dealing with a broken system.

AFL Victoria did not even have a regional manager until August.

The move to the online

platform PlayHQ this season has also been identified as a reason that exasperated the problem.

PlayHQ was nothing short of disastrous in 2022.

The system, introduced on the eve of the season, did not allow clubs to access players' data until late in the year, while local supporters cited troubles trying to find information such as leading goal kickers.

Questions surrounding why an audit on player points had not been completed earlier have also done the rounds, as has the overall confusion regarding just how many points a particular player is worth.

West Gippsland club Waragul Industrials had a very public points-related saga play out last month, which forced the issue to become more widespread.

Dusties, who made the preliminary final, was fined \$3500 for having two players allocated incorrect points.

While there was some who were quick to condemn

Dusties, on face value it appeared a club volunteer over-seeing the operation made a genuinely honest mistake amid what is, admittedly, a complex system.

The strain on volunteers is understandable, and it is unrealistic to expect people who work and have families to be across absolutely every rule, especially when loopholes leave a number of avenues open.

Heyfield Football-Netball Club was the victim of one such loophole in 2019.

The Kangaroos were docked premiership points and subsequently lost the double-chance in the North Gippsland Football-Netball League finals after fielding a player ruled to be ineligible because he was too young for senior football.

Conversely, Traralgon Tyers United, which finished fifth, used 41 out of 41 points in Round 8 of the same season and won by 92 points against Cowwarr.

The issue of player eligibility is not just confined to country football. Only last month Moe United Soccer Club was thrown out of the Latrobe Valley Soccer League reserves cup final after being found to have, technically,

fielded an ineligible player. The situation was made all the more confusing by the fact the Red Devils had their senior and reserves sides in the final, which usually means anyone on the roster is up for selection.

The player points system has also been queried in some quarters for failing to really make that much difference to competitive balance.

For example, Gormandale FNC used 46 out of its 46 points in Round 9 of the NG-FNL last season, and still lost by 157 points to Glengarry - a team that finished ninth on the ladder.

Conversely, Traralgon Tyers United, which finished fifth, used 41 out of 41 points in Round 8 of the same season and won by 92 points against Cowwarr.

The Tigers, having not won a game for three years before the 2021 season, were given only five points more to spend on players than the Bombers, who had finished top-two the previous season. Some anomalies also exist

within the system, which offer an interesting discussion point.

Using myself as an example, I technically would not have a home club going off the player points system.

Because I attended boarding school and only played junior football at Moe Saints (Under 14s) and Thorpdale (U16s, U18s) during school holidays, I never met the 40-game threshold at either.

Considering everything that has gone on in recent years, it would appear the time has well and truly come for AFL Victoria to appoint an officer of some description to oversee everything related to player points and salary caps across Gippsland.

Or there could just be a simple solution - develop local players.



Sharper wins Race 6 on Moe Cup Day for Trafalgar trainer Mick Templeton. (Photo: Scott Barbour/Racing Photos)



Sharper in the mounting yard after its victory. (Photo: Scott Barbour/Racing Photos)



Trafalgar's Nicole Power, Moe's Evvy Hortis and Garfield's Catherine Boraston enjoyed the Moe Cup. (Photo: Liam Durkin)



A good crowd came to Moe Racing Club for the Moe Cup. (Photo: Liam Durkin)

Tanjil Valley Tennis Association reunion

Those who played in the old Tanjil Valley Tennis Association were invited to a reunion.

The reunion will be held Sunday, January 29 2023 at the Willow Grove Recreation

Reserve from 11am.

Bring your own picnic lunch, tea/coffee provided. Drinks at bar prices.

We would like to have a shared afternoon tea, so please bring along a

plate of food that lives up to the TVTA standard.

You are welcome to bring along any photos or memorabilia but their care will be your responsibility.

Please spread the word

to anyone who played tennis in the TVTA including those who have moved from the area.

Any enquiries to Joan Brown on 5635 2361 Heather Savage 0427 274 685.

Tanjil Valley tennis consisted of clubs from Erica, Rawson, Hill End, Willow Grove, Tanjil South, Westbury, Yulungah, Yallourn North, Trafalgar Uniting, C of E Moe, Moe High School and

Newborough.

In the early years, clubs from Fumina and Icy Creek also competed.

Rolling substitutes pass the test

The Gippsland League trialled rolling substitutions in the final round of the A Grade home-and-away season.

Morwell, having already secured the minor premiership, played Sale in the match where the trial took place.

The Gippsland League had flagged with clubs earlier in the year that it would trial the proposed rule introductions towards the end of the season.

Both clubs were eager participants in the trial and embraced being the first two teams to be a part of the exciting new change.

Morwell players enjoyed being part of the trial of rolling substitutions. The proposed changes, which will likely be implemented in

2023, will see all teams across the six grades of competition have access to substitutions during live play in matches. Currently, teams are only allowed to make substitutions at quarter breaks and if there is an injured player.

The rolling substitutions will enable teams to make changes at any time during the match without halting play.

Sale had the honour of implementing the first ever live substitute.

Magpies' A Grade coach Jo Ballinger, who has worked under the rules in her Victorian Netball League commitments, said: "The changes are great for the clubs and the players. It allows coaches more flexibility to make changes. The rolling subs

work great at VNL level and should be a big positive for the Gippsland League".

Morwell also embraced the new rules and is eager to see them introduced.

"It was actually a lot of fun. In the last quarter we trialled some players in new positions and the girls on the bench stayed more engaged with the game as they could be put back in at any time," coach Rachel Patterson said.

"We tried Shannon Freeman in the mid-court, Court Garth as a shooter, which is something we wouldn't have been able to do under normal conditions."

The Gippsland League was at the match to ensure that the teams had support to operate under the pro-

posed changes and to help the coaches, team managers and scorers to work through the administration side of the proposed changes.

"The rolling substitutes is a change that should be a great benefit for our community sporting players," Gippsland League general manager and Trafalgar resident Daniel Heathcote said.

"The change fits in perfectly with the direction of the league's newly implemented strategic plan in the areas of leadership and embracing change in the community sporting landscape.

"It was great to see both Morwell and Sale embrace the trial. Both teams were utilising their players in different positions and not having players be benched for

large portions of the match.

"We hope in 2023 that it will allow clubs to have more participants in their teams, especially the junior sides and not have to turn players away due to lack of ability to promise playing time."

It is a change that the

league was looking to implement in 2022, however off the back of the interrupted seasons, the decision was made to trial and develop the administrative process for the updated rules with the view to permanent implementation in 2023.

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Wet start to cricket season

By Liam Durkin

Trafalgar Cricket Club players were forced to play the waiting game last month, as rain meant season 2022/23 could not get underway.

With the season scheduled to start on October 8, heavy downpours to start the month saw the first two rounds abandoned.

So, two false starts, and by all reports some clubs struggled to even get their roller onto the outfield let alone the square without it sinking in the lead-up to the opening round.

All this said, players have been working hard at train-

ing, with healthy numbers across the board. Players are especially looking forward to the return of communal afternoon tea for the first time in two seasons.

Junior cricket is also back in full swing, and players are showing plenty of eagerness to give it their all.

Fortunately the club has a full complement of junior teams from 12s to 16s as well as a Blasters program this season.

As a committee, one of the aims was to field all junior teams after a one-year hiatus with the 12s, so it is even more pleasing to add

the Blasters program as well.

Senior players Zack Brown and Billy Pace have worked hard behind the scenes, while returning junior players deserve a pat on the back themselves for essentially being recruiters, spreading the word through school.

Some great new additions were seen to the nets recently.

Two TCC cloths have been added to the back of both lanes, giving the nets a very professional look.

Passers-by will now be in no doubt as to what club calls them home.

A couple of drop down nets have also been added, which means balls should now stay better for longer as they won't be continually slammed against wire or a steel pole.

No more need to patch holes together with wire and cable ties either.

There was a small gap in the left hand cage right on a top of fourth stump line that the ball could sneak through previously.

The anguish when you bowled the perfect delivery only for it to disappear into the drain was real.

Off the field the ever pop-

ular Thursday night meals have returned, offering what is arguably the best meal of the week for some people at the club. Tania Claridge is again doing a mountain of work arranging these and we thank her greatly. All are welcome to come down to the club rooms after training on a Thursday to share a meal and discuss important world issues.

Despite the lack of games there has still been some on-field action.

Rep cricket returned last month, and the club had a few representatives.

Owen McLeod-Agland

played for the Latrobe Valley District Cricket League under 18s, while James Pace, Zak Larkin, Olly White and Memphis McQualter have been selected for Junior Country Week.

New players and members are always welcome at the Trafalgar Cricket Club.

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



Trafalgar Cricket Club captain Aydan Connolly being congratulated on his appointment by club president Daniel Heathcote.



Some new improvements to the Trafalgar Cricket Club nets.

Bowls is underway

By Ian Miles

The 2022/23 Gippsland bowls season has started, with Saturday and midweek pennant underway, while Trafalgar Club and state events are scheduled for the new season.

The first day of the Trafalgar Bendigo Community Bank Monthly Mixed Pairs saw Tony 'Shaker' Dawson and Heather Taylor win narrowly over Paul Dawson and Joanna Reekie.

In the Moe Racing Club

men's Pairs, the Trafalgar team of Wayne Hurst and Tim Anderson were too strong for a field that included players from Moe, Newborough and Morwell Club.

On the social side, Trafalgar Club BINGO has resumed on Tuesday evenings from 6pm (eyes down 7pm) and all are welcome.

Keep up to date with all the goings on at the bowling club by following our Trafalgar Bowls Club Facebook page.



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