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# TEMPLETON TRADITION CONTINUES

When Noah Templeton began school this year at St Joseph's Primary School, Trafalgar, he was the fifth generation of his family to walk through the school gates.

So it was appropriate for Noah to give great-grandmother Kerin Templeton a sneak peak of his school uniform, given she too completed her primary education at the school.

Kerin (nee Kenny), and siblings Suzanne and Martin were second generation students at the Catholic primary school, built on land donated by their great-grandfather, Patrick Kenny.

Little did she realise at the time, it would be a tradition carried on through the next three generations of her family.

Kerin's six children attended St Joseph's, followed by six of her 11 grandchildren.

Almost 80 years after her school days at St Joseph's, Kerin proudly watched Noah pull on the St Joseph's uniform as the first great-grandchild and fifth generation of the Templeton/Kenny families to attend the school.

While Kerin enjoyed what she said was an "historic moment," Noah was focussed on the excitement of his first day at school, with new uniform, new shoes, new bag and new friends to be made.

Source: Warragul Gazette



Prep student Noah Templeton was the fifth generation of his family to start school at St Joseph's Trafalgar, and was keen to show off his school uniform to three of the generations before him, including great-grandmother Kerin Templeton and (back) his dad Bryce Templeton and pop Paul Templeton.



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# Major progress on Gippsland upgrades

Major upgrades to the Gippsland line progressed in January, with almost seven kilometres of new tracks installed while trains weren't running.

A crew of almost 700 people

worked more than 94,000 hours installing new track at Garfield, Bunyip, Longwarry and Morwell, while coaches replaced trains for Metro Tunnel works.

About 25,000 cubic metres of fill and ballast - equivalent to the capacity of 10 Olympic-sized swimming pools - was excavated to allow new ballast and track to be laid.

Crews removed ballast and track at Bunyip, Longwarry and Morwell stations, and the Hope Street and McIntyre Road level crossings, and completed formation works including earthworks, drainage, stabilisation and excavation to build the new track.

Work is continuing at Traralgon Station to commission the lifts and finalise paths to the new overpass and stairs to ensure it is safe for pedestrians, with the

overpass scheduled to open next month. Major construction of the station upgrades is complete, with station precinct works to be finished in coming months.

V/Line staff and contractors also completed extensive maintenance along the Gippsland Line while trains weren't running, including replacing the bridge deck over the Bunyip River, and improvements to the machines that allow trains to change tracks in the stabling area near Traralgon Station.

Crews also replaced and repaired drainage under the

track at Sale, Montgomery and Stratford, while a special machine that improves the condition of the rail ran along the length of the line.

The Gippsland Line Upgrade is delivering a new signalling system for the line, which will enable additional services and future-proof the line.

Director of Regional Rail Revival, Mark Havryluk, said works were moving steadily.

"We've been working around the clock to get as much done as possible while coaches replaced trains for Metro Tunnel works," he

said.

"Now the track upgrades are done, we're putting the finishing touches on our upgraded stations and completing the signalling design before the new signalling system begins operating later this year."

Further disruptions will take place for commissioning, safety testing and driver training, to enable much-needed extra services between the peaks between Traralgon and Melbourne.

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Sections of rail between the existing and new platforms at Bunyip Station before being installed as part of new, duplicated track in January.

## Entries closing for exhibition

By Carol Monson

Don't miss the last Baw Baw Arts Alliance Summer Arts Market before Autumn and Winter set in.

There are lots of quality, locally created works of art at the market, which will be held at Civic Place, Warragul, Saturday, March 18, from 8.30am to 1pm.

At this year's 'Ficifolia Festival', the Baw Baw Arts Alliance decided to build on the success and excitement of their 'Painting Frenzy' held during a 'Mad Hatter's Tea Party' at last year's festival.

A handful of creative and brave artists set themselves up to 'look through a mirror' to paint what they saw based on C.S. Lewis' Alice in Wonderland during a two-hour timeframe. The results of their on the spot creations were spell-binding and vibrant, and exhibited during the last half of February at The Station Gallery (the home of the arts alliance) in Yarragon.

While the artists painted, onlookers were encouraged to paint their interpretations alongside the official painters. Children were provided with materials including a small canvas.

Coming soon is the monster Easter Art Sale run by the arts alliance in conjunction with Warragul Rotary Club.

This will be an ideal opportunity to purchase original artworks and take them off the wall immediately.

All artworks will have been created in the last two years and not shown in a previous Easter sale.

Entries close on March 28 for this exhibition, which will run over Easter, from Saturday, April 8 to Sunday, April 16, at Warragul Exhibition Hall. For more see <https://www.bawbawartsalliance.org.au>

If you haven't yet visited the home of the arts alliance at The Station Gallery', (Princes Highway, Yarragon)

take the opportunity to do so over the next month to see the latest exhibitions.

Exhibitions change every month, and during March, local artists Liz Bowley and Ling Wang will have their work displayed.

Bowley, a well-known painter will have her beautifully executed Australian landscapes exhibited in the main gallery space, under the title of Australia All Over.

Although a relative newcomer to the artworld in the Baw Baw Shire, artist Ling Wang is rapidly making her mark with realistic executions of her favourite subject matter - the birds of Gippsland.

Ling's pastels and acrylics, hanging in the section affectionately known as 'The Wall', are sure to captivate you with her attention to detail.

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By Ron Fletcher

## Make new friends at the men’s shed

Thinking of joining the Trafalgar Men’s Shed and would like to know what goes on every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9am to 4pm?

Well please keep reading and we will endeavour to give you some idea.

The main purpose of men’s sheds is to provide for the health and well-being of the men attending the shed. Assisting to reduce the social loneliness, isolation and depression caused through unemployment, retrench-

ment, retirement or other life changing conditions.

Sheds provide a safe and friendly environment where men can talk, learn new skills and be part of a bigger community and be involved in meaningful activities and projects.

We have two members John Aldrich (life member) and Frank Gridley; both are well into their 80s and have had health issues recently, but they attend the shed regularly and are always actively involved in what is going on.

John has just completed a sign for a Yarragon sporting club using letter stencils and a router. Frank was always helping with projects and attended the Bunnings sausage sizzles to lend support, but owing to age and health issues has eased back. However, Frank still finds a way to participate by running the lotto syndicate, managing the waste disposal and is always up for a chat in the dining room. The character and endeavour of these two blokes is the epitome of what the shed

is about.

Our membership fee is \$60 for the period July 1 to June 30. A pro-rata annual fee does apply based on the remainder of the financial year. The fee is necessary to cover the cost of insurance while you are in attendance in case of need.

Being a member gives you the right to attend meetings, vote and be heard. Also, a daily attendance fee of \$2 will cover the cost of tea, coffee and biscuits consumed during the day.

You can participate in woodwork and metal work projects; small engine repair and the internet is available. If you are not computer literate this is a great opportunity to ‘Be Connected’. This is a federal government program aimed at increasing the confidence and skills and online safety of older Australians when using the internet. There are blokes here willing to help.

Come along Monday, Wednesday or Fridays between 9am and 4pm for a

visit, and we guarantee a friendly welcome.

The president, Corrie Koppen, will give you a tour of the premises and answer any questions you may have. We look forward to seeing you at the Trafalgar Men’s Shed.

We are in Wellington Street next to the community gardens.

Ring Corrie Koppen on 0458 674 450 for further information.

## Holden Museum car of the month

In 1856, James Alexander Holden established a saddlery and harness business in Adelaide that bore his name.

No other automotive company can trace its name back so far and have such a historical connection to three centuries of transport.

Through the years between 1856 and 1879, the business operated through World War 1 and the gold rush eras. But in 1886, James Alexander declared the business insolvent. His son, Henry James, decided to continue to try and

get the business operating again, which he did over the next few years.

In 1879, James brought his son, Henry James, into the business and then in 1885 accepted German-born Henry Frost as a junior partner. In 1887, James Alexander died at the age of 57, leaving son Henry as the senior partner.

At this time, business was booming, with the company expanding beyond their traditional base of leather goods and moved into the vehicle business, building and repairing horse-drawn carriages

and coaches.

In 1905, Henry’s son Edward joined the company, at a time when the business was making a name for itself in the car business, repairing car upholstery, and before long, was manufacturing hoods and side curtains for various makes of cars.

In 1909, Henry Frost died and Edward set about branching out into the manufacture of motorcycle sidecars. Edward also experimented with fitting bodies to different carriages.

In 1914, Holden took an

## Holden’s automotive beginning

order to make a custom-built car body to suit a Lancia chassis that ended up with an outstanding result. Word then started to spread about their quality of work which then led to the building of car bodies for various manufactures; they even built bodies for the T Model Ford.

During World War 1, Holden was forced to slow down production thanks to trade restrictions. During this time, Holden purchased another Adelaide motor body builder to increase its production capabilities.

In 1917, the new building helped Holden reach 99 car bodies, mainly for imported Dodge and Buick chassis. Henry joined with Frederick Hack in 1918 and formed Holden Motor Body Builders.

In 1924, after purchasing 22 acres of land and building one of the most modern production lines in the world, Holden opened its Woodville plant in South Australia.

In 1931, General Motors struck a deal with Holden that would see them manufacture bodies exclusively for

By Bob Moss

GM. With this new building, Holden produced 22,150 bodies in 1924.

At the same time Holden, was also building railway carriages, bus bodies and 59 of Melbourne’s iconic W-class trams bodies.

By 1925, Holden’s body building operation was the largest in the world outside North America, employing 2600 people and building more than 34,000 car bodies.

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# Dog park extension concerns residents

By Alyssa Fritzlaff

Trafalgar residents and Hollydell dog park users are angry about a lack of communication from Baw Baw Shire Council regarding plans to extend the dog park.

Residents in Rose Court and surrounding areas said they were not aware of the planned extension.

In October last year, council asked residents to tell them how the shire's dog parks could be improved. During this process, an extension was identified. But residents believe they should have been notified of council's plans to expand the dog park area.

Norm Witt raised the alarm earlier this month when he noticed temporary fencing in the corner of the park and set out to discover what was going on.

There was no sign at the park notifying users or residents of the planned works.

Mr Witt was told works were being undertaken at the park, including an extension, but said not enough community consultation was done.

He said many residents missed the consultation period because they did not regularly check council's website or social media.

"If the greater community voted on the dog park (extension) then I'm happy... but we just feel there hasn't been enough consultation," he said.

A group of residents met last week, expressing concerns about the lack of communication and suggested a letter drop to nearby residents should have been un-

dertaken.

Resident Peter Rosenboom said the land was donated by a resident for community use, and when plans were first announced for the park a half-court basketball court and seating area were proposed, but had not come to fruition.

"They even drew up plans where they were going to have tables, chairs, a half-court basketball court for the youth... that was the plan," he said.

"There is no communication with the Baw Baw Shire. Apparently, last year their budget submission allocated an 'x' amount of money for the three dog parks and it was all about improvements.

"There was no mention at any stage of extension...next thing you know we find out that we've got this extension plan."

"Our biggest beef is a lack of communication," Mr Rosenboom said.

Dog park user Raewyn McMahon suggested an expansion during the 2022 budget submissions, calling the park "not fit for purpose", but said with the current plan every-one was a loser.

"Nobody is going to be happy," she said.

In a submission to council last year Ms McMahon said the dog park was "a very small, ineffective and under-used dog park."

Ms McMahon suggested the BMX track area opposite the dog park be used for more seating and a half-court basketball court while the strip to the left of the dog park be used for the expansion.

"They said it was going to be 1800 square meters. The Warragul and Drouin ones are 5000m squared and 7000m respectively," she said. "This is a giant backyard. This is not a dog park."

Before news of the expansion, residents and park users had raised concerns about parking and emergency service access.

They said there was no designated parking for Hollydell park users, who often parked vehicles along Rose Court, creating a potential hazard for first responders looking to enter the street.

Baw Baw Shire director of community infrastructure director Cohen Van der Velde confirmed works were being undertaken at dog parks in Drouin, Warragul and Trafalgar in line with feedback received during community consultation in October 2022.

"Forty-nine community members provided input during the consultation. There were zero 'do not want' responses.

"The feedback gathered during this four week period has been incorporated into the project designs that plans for the expansion of the existing area of the Trafalgar dog park to create a separate space for large and small dogs, as well as the installation of shade structures and agility equipment. The scope to expand the area of the dog park was in response to submissions received from the community as part of last year's budget process."

Source: Warragul Gazette

# Lack of consultation disappointing

Comment By Norm Witt

I have been reading the local papers over a number of months, and over and over again there is consistent articles regarding the lack of consultation to the communities covered by the Baw Baw council.

The communities seem to be seriously taken for granted by this council.

I was interested to read an article in the Gazette dated January 17 2023, headline: Community Overlooked, regarding the Rokeby Development.

This article was written about the poor performance of our shire in the planning and advisory roles to its community.

I feel that we also have another instance of this happening in our hometown of Trafalgar.

I woke up that morning, to find that our green space near where we live, which has a dog park already existing in the green space, is now going to have an extension done to the existing dog park.

It will now be taking most of the green space for the dog park.

This work has already started without any consultation to the wider community and its residents.

I don't have any objections to the dog park, but some years back council wanted to take this land off us, the community, for housing.

We, the community fought extremely hard to stop this, as this piece of land was given to the shire by its original owners many years ago, to be used for the whole community. Not just a select group of the community.

I was told by a council works person that one person proposed the extension and 50 others supported the proposal.

If the majority of the community is supportive of this extension, then fine, but I write this because I strongly believe that:

- The shire didn't consult any of the local residents that live in the area of the green space;
- The others that use this green space, and;
- The wider community of Trafalgar.

Why didn't council at least put up a notice of the intended works that they have now started at the dog park and

the entrance to the green space from Cross Street? This would have at least notified more of the community.

Council put nothing in the papers and now after reading the council notes on site, I find recommendations for improving the dog park, which I did see at the time, last year.

There was nothing there saying that the whole green space was going to be taken. I feel that council has done a slide of hand. It has not in my view consulted the wider community.

When the community fought and saved the green space, we the community proposed that the space have a drainage plan to make it usable all year round, a half basketball court for older children, seating, barbecues, some more trees, and a pathway put through the green space and a parking plan.

The existing dog park has been drained and the pathway put through.

These items were on the plan from the start, to be completed as and when council had the money to do the works.

What happened to this plan councilors?

This plan has been completely abandoned by council, with no consultation with the community, and as it stands now, nearly all given to dog park.

I write this article, as myself and others are extremely disappointed that council has done this without consideration to the wider community and the residents who will be affected by this by parking and road access blocked, let alone other user's of the green space.

We are not apposed to the dog park or the proposed expansion plans.

But the original land use was donated for the whole community to use, ball games, flying kites and whatever else it could be used for by the wider community, and yes, also a dog park.

But should it be nearly all dog park?

I put it to you, the community, to show your support for this piece of unique green space.

Make your thoughts known to the shire, community Facebook, Traf News and friends of the Trafalgar dog park Facebook.

It may be in support for the dog park, I don't know, but please do something, it's your community space too.

A group of nearby residents have talked to our local council members to try and sort this out.

We have also met with representatives of the dog park users group and they are fully aware of our concerns for the green space. Both groups are fully respectful of each other.

So again, I urge you, the community, to say something in regards to the best way that the community want this space used.

It's not too late.

Maybe there is something else that this space would be great for.

The original plans and thoughts were for whole community uses and with an older children focus on what could go on the space, hence the basketball half court on the original plan.

There is little in the town for older kids.

They tend to use the high school facilities after hours at the school, I am told.

I also hear that this is a problem sometimes, the kids get blamed for other things that happen there. This is only what I hear.

I believe that all school grounds will be eventually fenced, which will not permit any after hours use.

Is this a chance to give these kids some facilities at the green space?

Some would like to see gym equipment?

Again, use this chance, say something.

As a nearby resident, we enjoy seeing the park used.

We also see the rubbish left around the dog park, left by some people having picnics and household rubbish left for the birds to scatter.

I, as a walker past the dog park, not a user of it, time and again pick it up.

It would be nice to know that the user's of the dog park would have some respect for the facility that you use, and even though you as a user don't make the mess, pick it up and don't let the ones that don't give a dam spoil it for all of us.

# Guillderme sentenced

By Liam Durkin

Murder accused Samantha Guillmerme was sentenced to three-and-a-half years imprisonment last month (Wednesday, February 9) in

the Supreme Court.

Ms Guillmerme pleaded guilty in November 2022 to the manslaughter of Newborough man Jarrod Lovison, whose body was found

in the Moondarra State Park in May 2020.

Judge Michael Croucher sentenced Ms Guillmerme, 26, with a non-parole period of 15 months.

The judge declared she had served 430 days in custody under the sentence, and will be eligible to apply for parole within a month.

Ms Guillmerme, who worked for a Trafalgar business previously, was charged with murder in October 2020, and bailed in September 2021, choosing to return to prison for pre-sentence detention following the guilty plea.

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# New Probus member is also guest speaker

By Elly Fallon

Last month, Trafalgar District Probus Club welcomed a new member, Judy Bishop, to its ranks.

Then on the same day, as a first for our club, Judy also acted as our guest speaker.

Judy's life has been filled with adventures.

In 2020, at the beginning of COVID, she returned to Australia after spending 12 years teaching in a very new international school in Dubai. Her beautiful photos and life experiences gave us a glimpse of another life and

culture. The awe-inspiring, architectural designs of buildings in Dubai and the grandiose décor spoke of a great wealth, a little foreign to us in Australia.

Judy was fortunate enough to be welcomed into the lives of those she worked with, and experienced ceremonies such as weddings, special birthdays and holiday celebrations. Dubai for Judy became a base for exploring many other countries and cultures around the world.

Each year she was given a trip home to spend time with

family. Judy has been one of the most enthralling speakers Probus has been fortunate enough to listen to. We are thankful she was so ready to share her travels with us all so early in her Probus life!

Coffee mornings and dine-outs are always popular with Probus members. Last month saw 33 enjoy lunch and fellowship at the Down Towner in Warragul. Coffee mornings were also well attended, with 19 at Coffee Life on the second Thursday and 14 at Gracie's on the fourth Thursday of the month at

10.30am. This is a great way to really get to know fellow Probians in a smaller setting, and for new or interested people to find out what Probus is all about.

Our Probus Garden Club ventured to Morwell to the home of one of our newer members, Trish Ryan.

Trish has really enveloped Probus, taking on the role of kitchen supervisor, organising delicious morning teas at our meetings, and now this year, taking on the extra role as garden club leader. Twenty-two members enjoyed

the visit to her garden, with plants inside and outside. She has created an eclectic wonderland with hidden features, garden ornaments and treasures dotted throughout the pathways, water features and numerous flowering plants that make up her garden. Truly a work of love.

Probus would like to congratulate the two Trafalgar residents Glenys Ralls and Bob Moss, who were awarded dual citizens of the year on Australia Day, for the enormous amount of time they have given to community

projects as volunteers over many years. Both are Probus members and have worked as committee members, so they are certainly busy people. Well done, our club is proud of you.

This month is our big month. We celebrate 30 years of Trafalgar District Probus in our area!

Please phone secretary John Attwell on 0419701331 or any Probus club member if you are interested in joining. You will be very welcome.



Julie Phillips and Jan Rhodes at a probus dine-out at the Down Towner, Warragul.



Wayne Butterworth and Olwyn Vitale.



Liz Bowley and Tina Phipps.



Glenys Ralls and Bob Moss, Trafalgar Citizens of the Year and Probus members.



Morning tea at Gracie's.



Garden club at the home of Trish Ryan.

## Basil

Hello again to our former readers of years past, and a warm welcome to those who have joined our great Trafalgar community in the last few years.

This column came into being to hopefully provide a bit of nonsense, which we hope will at least create a few smiles, and distractions for all to enjoy.

Your writer is prepared to own up to lots of fibs, liberally mixed with some very funny true stories.

When the source of a story or joke is known it will always be acknowledged as it appears. Thanks for giving us a trial run.

We begin with some contributions from some of the most talented ladies ever to grace the stage. Rita Rudner

once vouched that "I don't plan to grow old gracefully. I plan to have facelifts until my ears meet." She also confessed, "I love being married. It's so good to find a special person that you want to annoy for the rest of your life." Joan Rivers also has some associated thoughts on the facelift subject. She said, "I wish I had a twin sister so I could know what I would have looked like without all the plastic surgery I've had." Laura Kightlinger was speaking about family life. She said "I thought about having a family, but I haven't seen any that really appealed to me." Roseanne Barr, a funny lady who once told her audience that "I love my husband, I love my children, but I want something more than that, I want a life." She also told us

that her husband was always saying that he needed more space, so she locked him out of the house for a few days.

One of the funniest male comedians had to be Bob Hope. He told an audience, "I remember having performed for the Mafia - if they didn't like you they didn't applaud - they just let you live." Someone once asked him how he coped with such a lot of air travel. His reply was, "flying? I've been to almost as many places as my luggage." He told us about a friend who was paranoid that his wife was having an affair with a jockey. He said he came home one night and found a horse under the bed. Bob Hope was so popular that he was asked at one stage to run for president of the USA. He said, "so nice to have such

an offer, but declined on the grounds that his wife Dolores wasn't prepared to move into a smaller house".

Sir Malcolm Sargent (1895-1967) was an English orchestra conductor. He was a debonair man in both looks and manner, and with his smooth black hair he was nicknamed, Flash-Harry.

He remarked that "people in concert audiences didn't seem to realise that a conductor facing his orchestra can still overhear conversations in the front row." Plenty of ladies made sure they sat as close as they could, and during one performance, there were two or three ladies in that position, and even with the orchestra playing, he recalled that one lady leaned over to the other and said, "I wish my backside was as flat

as his."

Our final subject relates to some items which appeared in a book by author Antony B. Lake called The Pleasury of Witticisms and Word Play, with a section devoted to 'schoolboy howlers'. He has compiled a list of answers given by students, which he has collected over many years. Each of these items were not questions. They are the answers. He insists that we do not need to waste space on the questions.

"Zanzibar is noted for its monkeys. The British Governor lives there".

"Trigonometry is when a lady marries three men at one time".

"The Magna Carta provided that no free man should be hanged twice for the same offence."

"Homer was not written by Homer, but by another man of the same name."

"Two popular ancient sports were Antony and Cleopatra."

"Robert Louis Stevenson got married and went on his honeymoon. It was then that he wrote Travels with a Donkey".

"Joseph Haydyn had a lot of will power. He died in 1809 and is still dead."

"Bach was the most famous composer in the world and so was Handel."

"Paganini was a famous fiddler. He fiddled with many of the greatest singers in Europe."

Keep smiling, Basil.

# Campdraft annual event

Trafalgar Campdraft Association held its annual event late January, with more than 660 runs throughout the event. The annual campdraft, held at Trafalgar Equestrian Park, was over three days from Friday, 20 January to Sunday, 22 January. Competitors from around the state participated in the campdraft that began with 59 runs in the women's draft. The feature event was the Graeme McKnight memorial draft held on Saturday with 158 runs. The campdraft also included an eight to under 13-year-old event and 13 to under 17-year-old event. Source: Warragul Gazette



Jeremy Hogg riding Cherokee in the Graeme McKnight Memorial Draft.



Luke Jackson riding Lola in the Graeme McKnight Memorial Draft.



Nicholas Rand takes his beast around the first peg, riding Montana in the Graeme McKnight Memorial Draft.



Shelley Ruff leads her beast round the course during the maiden event, riding Bulla Fergy. (Photos: Fearghus Browne)

# Holden museum hosts celebrations

By Liam Durkin

Trafalgar Holden Museum celebrated all good things Australia, not just Holden, on Australia Day. The museum welcomed close to 800 people, who took the time to peruse the museum's extensive collection. Ever-hospitable, the museum even welcomed some Ford cars and drivers. It was Australia Day after all. Attendees took the time to check out cars lined down

Waterloo Road, which motor-ing enthusiasts had brought in from across the state. Inside, people had the opportunity to learn about the entire Holden story. Remarkably, Holden produced much more than cars; the company also manufactured army equipment, saddlery, and even golf clubs. The army section makes up part of some new exhibits to the museum. The museum even has plans to hang an aeroplane from the ceiling in

the months ahead. Another area worth checking out is the Holden design section. This features cars built by Holden for overseas markets, as well as concept cars that never quite made it into dealerships. Some of the cars in that category look like something you see in movies. Looking at the vintage Holdens, particularly the 'gangsters', it is clear cars of that calibre and era were built to last.

A new meeting/tea room has also been established, and was opened just in time for Australia Day. Museum president Neil Joiner said he was "happy with the roll-up", and thanked all who made the trip down. Mr Joiner said the museum was also "delighted" to see volunteer Bob Moss named Trafalgar Citizen of the Year. Mr Moss has been with the museum almost since day dot in 2014, and has been

a fixture in the life and times of the organisation. Moving forward, the museum hopes to have its new collection of heritage Holdens on display in a further expansion. Former Regional Development Minister, MaryAnne Thomas, visited the museum last year to announce funding had been secured for the expansion. The expansion will be jointly funded by the state government, Bendigo Bank

and the museum itself. The Trafalgar Holden Museum is run entirely by volunteers, and is the largest Holden Museum in Australia, and with close to 100 vehicles, could well be the largest motoring museum in the country. The museum is located at 69 Waterloo Rd, Trafalgar, open until 5pm daily. Those interested in getting involved can do so by phoning 5633 1684.



Holdens lined Waterloo Road, outside the Trafalgar Holden Museum on Australia Day.



Trafalgar Holden Museum president Neil Joiner, and volunteer Bob Moss. (Photos: Liam Durkin)

# Bushwalking club assists

By Carolyn Dyke

The Strzelecki Bushwalking Club (SBC) held a barbecue in McGregor Park on February 8, to welcome back members after the holiday season.

This event was very well attended and several members brought along e-bikes in order for people interested in purchasing one to weigh up the merits of the different bikes.

SBC regularly hosts bike rides around Gippsland, and e-bikes are becoming an in-

creasingly popular option on some of these days.

Don't forget the next club night on March 8 at the scout hall in Trafalgar. This will begin at 7.30pm and visitors are welcome.

Recently, Bushwalking Tracks and Conservation (BTAC) hosted a volunteer event in Victoria's high country. Five kilometres of track was cleared between Mt Bogong and Mt Wills. This will greatly benefit bushwalkers, skiers, and horse riders.

Volunteers from six affiliated clubs provided more than 550 volunteer hours to get this work done.

Peter Maffai, from the Strzelecki Bushwalking Club was one of those volunteers. Well done, Peter!

Further information in relation to upcoming events is available on the website at sbwc.org.au, on our Facebook page, or by emailing publicity@sbwc.org.au



Strzelecki Bushwalking Club members lent a hand to Bushwalking Tracks and Conservation last month.

## Keeping others connected

A self-made historian has been busy documenting different communication services of local areas, and he's not done yet.

Trafalgar's John Hanley has written three books over the past three years, specialising in the history of their postal and telephone systems and the people involved in them.

The first of these was The Moe Swamp - Yulungah and Trafalgar: About the People, Postal and Telephone Services.

Since then, he's written two books in the same vein, the first about Yarragon South and the second concerning Trafalgar West and Trafalgar South.

John's goal has been to document the history of the people behind these systems, all the way back to the early settlers of the area trudging through the mud to deliver letters and parcels up to the point of automatic telephone services.

"I'm trying to write about the people, because the other stuff's pretty cold," he said.

"I always admired the peo-

ple who worked at places like Childers or Thorpdale. The switchboards were always in a house or a passageway or they were in a general store.

"The people who actually ran them were doing it alongside farms or stores, so I got to admire those people for what they did, how they actually managed to keep things running."

John began his research in 2013 after being asked by the Trafalgar District Historical Society.

He was inspired by his 20 years working as a switchboard technician in Warragul and Trafalgar in the 1950s, 60s and 70s. It's meant there's been a lot of talking to the families and descendants of communications workers, which he said was "the most interesting" part of the process.

"In many cases, a lot of people didn't know their ancestors were involved with the post office or even had it," he said.

And unfortunately for John, a lot of the records that would have come in handy during his research have been lost to time. The histor-

ical records around the telephone services were almost all lost in a fire, while the mail records can vary wildly in quality.

It means that John has largely had to get by on his own.

"When I started it was a blank canvas because nobody had ever researched it before," he said.

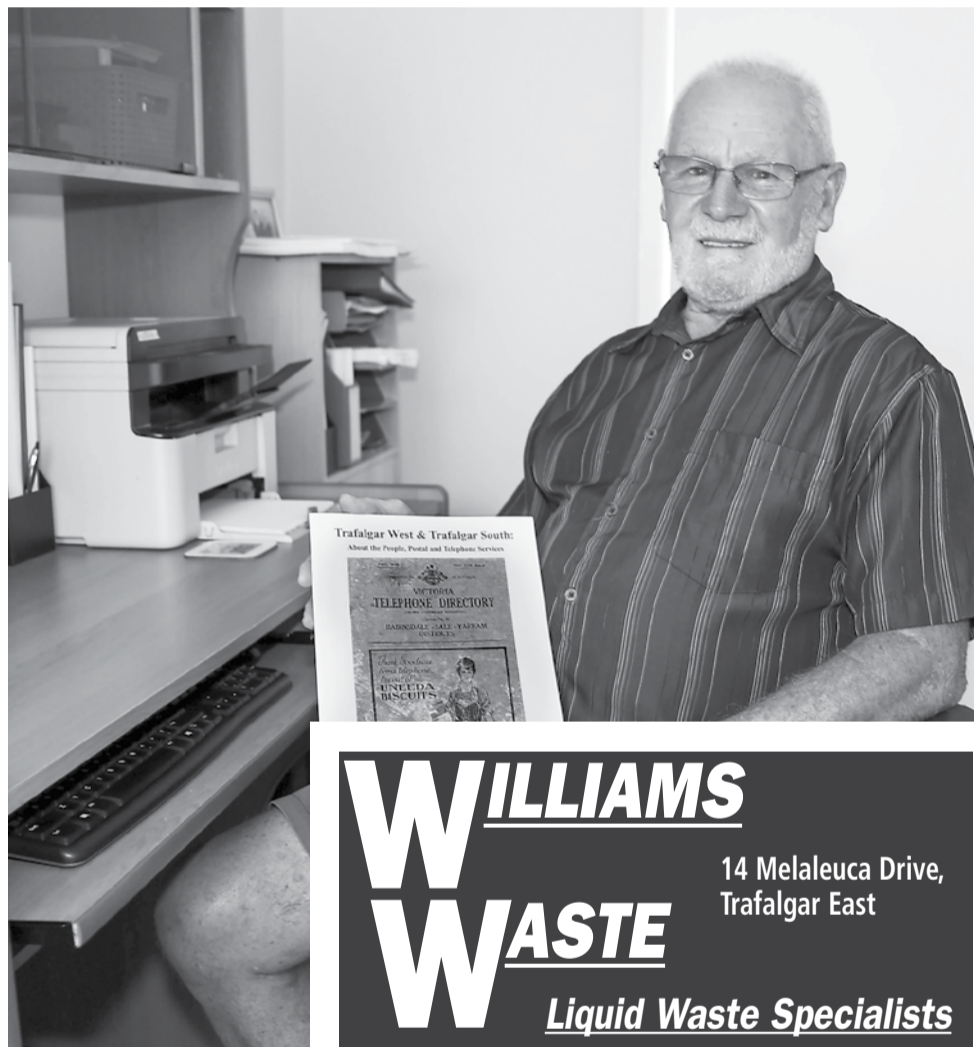
But despite the slow beginnings, he said it's become a very enjoyable post-retirement hobby, to the point where he now consistently has multiple books in the works.

John is now on the lookout for anyone with knowledge of telephone exchange workers and linesmen from Trafalgar and Yarragon. In particular, any descendants of these workers are encouraged to get in touch.

John dedicates every book he writes to the people involved in the research process.

Anyone with knowledge can reach John by email at trafpmg@gmail.com or by phone on 0483 150 369.

Source: Warragul Gazette



Trafalgar historian John Hanley continues his recording of local history

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## Trafalgar Medical Centre

### SKIN CANCERS

Welcome back to our monthly medical musings.

Today's topic is one that involves the largest organ in the human body - our skin.

Did you know that the average male adult has two square metres of skin and it accounts for around 15 per cent of your body weight?

With such a large area, it's not surprising that skin cancer is extremely common - they account for around 80

per cent of all newly diagnosed cancers in Australia.

The majority of skin cancers are caused by exposure to the sun. Although Australians may love a sunburnt country, we certainly do not love sunburnt Australians. Our rates of skin cancer are more than twice the rates in Canada, the USA and the UK.

As always, prevention is better than cure.

It is recommended to use sun protection any time the UV index is higher than three.

There are five steps to being SunSmart : Slip on a t-shirt, slop on sunscreen, slap on a hat, seek shade and slide on sunglasses.

There are three main types of skin cancer and their name depends on the type of cell that they originated from. Basal cell carcinoma and squamous cell carcinoma are the most commonly diagnosed but tend to be slower to progress. Melanoma is the most dangerous type and is the third most common cancer detected in

Australia.

The good news is that the sooner a skin cancer is identified, the sooner it can be treated and the higher the chance of a full recovery. Anyone is able to get a skin check, regardless of their age. We recommend all adults be familiar with the look of their skin so that you notice any new or changing spots, freckles and moles or sores that take a long time to heal.

If you are at a higher risk for skin cancer, for example

if you have previously had a skin cancer removed, if you have a family history of melanoma, if you have fair skin or a history of lots of sun exposure, you may be advised to have a skin check more regularly.

We are pleased to offer full skin checks with most of our doctors at Trafalgar Medical Clinic, but are especially excited to welcome Dr Cameran Azad to our team this year.

Dr Azad brings with him a wealth of experience in

the detection and treatment of skin cancers, and is available for skin checks and excisions, for new and existing patients.

His appointments are available through Hotdocs, or by phoning reception at Trafalgar Medical Centre on 5633 2211. Or you can speak to your regular GP about what method of screening is right for you.

# Queues as far as Thorpdale trying to get into Mirboo North for Italian festa

By Liam Durkin

Traffic jams aren't always bad news.

People must have heard how good the food was in Mirboo North last month.

Cars were literally backed up as far as the Mirboo North-Trafalgar Road turnoff, waiting to get into this year's Mirboo North Italian Festa.

So big was the crowd, they had to park cars on the footy ground - and even that overflowed.

Eventually, people parked on the side of the road on the outskirts of town, willing to walk just to see what all the fuss was about.

As they approached Baromi Park, and got a little further in, thoughts of 'there are a lot of people here' surely shone through.

If there is one things Italians can do it's cater for a crowd - even if there is more than 20,000 of them.

Yes, there would have eas-

ily been more than 20,000 people in Mirboo North for this year's Italian festa.

Months and months of preparation culminated in a spectacular festival, that featured authentic Italian food and wine, as well as cooking demonstrations, singing, dancing, and plenty of activities for the kids.

Build it and they will come.

It was a celebration of all things Italy; put together by a dedicated team of volunteers.

Just how they managed to organise an event that sees the town of Mirboo North go from a population of 2500 people to a figure eight times that was truly remarkable.

Historically speaking, the day holds great significance, as it is used to celebrate St Paul.

St Paul is the patron Saint of Solarino in Sicily, the

hometown of a group of Italian immigrants who made their way to Mirboo North half-a-century ago.

St Paul's statue was shipped to Australia at the time, and proudly took pride-of-place in Baromi Park on Sunday.

Mass was held at 10am, before a procession with the statue, leading to the official opening of the festival.

Festival volunteers were on deck from dawn, frantically coordinating dozens of stallholders in readiness for the rush.

The rush didn't let up.

Lines for woodfired pizza, pasta varieties, and perfectly handcrafted bread just kept going and going.

Those with a sweet tooth were in for a treat, as all the favourites were there as well.

On the dancefloor, attendees kicked-up their heels, and heard from acts like

Siesta Cartel, and saw internationally acclaimed group, The Flag Throwers, wow the crowd with an incredible aerobatic display.

For a bit of fun, there was a spaghetti eating contest, and a grape stomping one, while Roman soldiers walked the grounds, making sure everything was in order.

Festa organiser Rosie Romano was understandably emotional when speaking to Traf News.

When a group of local women decided to reinvigorate the festival in 2016, it is unlikely any of them ever thought in their wildest dreams they would one day welcome a crowd of more than 20,000.

"We would have been happy to have 1000 people at an event," Ms Romano said.

"It's been an incredible amount of work from our team.

"We've got a small team of 10 women, we are not professionals, we are just a group of people who love Italy and love Italian culture.

"For this day to be what it is, is really emotional. We're so proud, the people in the town have been amazing.

"To me, it's about families being able to gather and celebrate as a family, at a free event, where there is something for everybody.

"It's really heart-warming.

"It all comes together, the unity that happens, the engagement, the pride in the town, there are a whole lot of things that blossom."

If you are wondering just how long it takes to organise an event of this magnitude, Ms Romano provided the following insight.

"Probably at least a good six months, the last two months have been really intense," she said.

"Because it happens just after Christmas and everything shuts down, we have to be prepared by the end of November.

"We have most things in place, then the last few weeks are quite frantic."

While the Mirboo North Italian Festa was certainly memorable, one important fact needs to be remembered: Mirboo North isn't actually in Baw Baw Shire.

If any councillors are reading this, surely we can get something similar going here?

If any Commonwealth Games organisers are reading this, you might want to ask the Mirboo North Festa committee how to go about planning for a big-scale event in Gippsland.



Flag Throwers captain Ivan Samori.



Accordion player Carmelo Santamaria and vocalist Adam Cursio from the band Siesta Cartel, provided some great music.



Maria Carpinteri (with flowers) held a cooking demonstration for attendees. Showing their appreciation are Ruth Rogan from the Mirboo North District Community Foundation, Maria Germano, and Victorian Farmers Federation president and Mirboo North local, Emma Germano.



People were in a very festive mood.

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# Community asset is a place to use

By Michael Fozard

Trafalgar Park Bowls located on Ashby Street, and is a valuable facility, owned and run by a local committee.

Currently there is a number of activities occurring, but the committee is very keen to hear from individuals and groups that can utilise this facility.

lise this facility.

The facility is for hire at a very moderate price, and has a lot of benefits for the individual or groups that are looking for a central location

These include:

- Good parking at the front gate, with extra parking in the back park;

- Clean and presentable toilets;
- Good clean kitchen with a dishwasher;
- Plenty of tables and chairs;
- Air-conditioning and heating;
- Fully fenced boundary, and;

- Large outdoor area.

There are a number of activities presently occurring: croquet, indoor carpet bowls, yoga, Zumba, and Probos Club. It has also been used for other functions, such as anniversaries, birthday parties and wakes.

Presently, the YOGA is on

a Thursday with both a chair yoga and a mat yoga taking place.

The committee is very keen to hear from any groups or individuals that may be interested in activities at the venue.

It is vital that the facility is used, if it is to remain in

the hands of the community group and thus the community.

Phone Michael Fozard on 0418 513 092 if you are interested in hiring the facility.

## Junior program on offer at fire brigade

By Kate Wattchow

One of the programs run by the Trafalgar Fire Brigade is the Junior Volunteer Development Program (JVDP).

The juniors program is aimed at children between the ages of 11 and 15, and offers an opportunity for members to develop teamwork, leadership, and practical firefighting skills such as efficient hose deployment, and hydrant operation.

Junior members also have the opportunity to participate in community events run by the Trafalgar Brigade, and at age 16, can graduate into the senior brigade and become active members.

The current Trafalgar juniors program was established in 2018, and is currently facilitated by junior leaders Naomi Goodin and Paul Zelenewicz, with 12 active members.

Junior members can participate in helping to shape the program; for example, last year members voted to book CFA's FLAIM Virtual

Reality Firefighting Training Program for junior training sessions at Trafalgar.

This was a highly popular activity available at the Trafalgar Brigade Open Day, in which juniors were able to use a VR headset in conjunction with an electronic fire extinguisher to simulate firefighting in a variety of contexts and situations.

This style of collective engagement and decision-making is a learning outcome for juniors that benefits members in life outside of the program.

Other learned skills outside of firefighting drills include engagement in the community, learning, team-building among a range of peers, developing communication skills, and self confidence.

In 2022, some of the activities the juniors were involved in were their own twice-a-month training sessions consisting of a range of activities, an end of year Christmas party, running

a highly successful sausage sizzle at the Trafalgar Open Day, and decorating the fire trucks for the annual Santa Run in December.

While junior brigade members are taught practical firefighting skills, they do so in supervised, safe, simulated environments, and aren't exposed to live fire or high risk activities.

Junior brigade members do not attend fire calls.

If they choose to, however, they can graduate into the seniors program after their 16th birthday, in which many of the skills they have learned in the junior brigade will position them advantageously to undertake the general firefighter minimum skills, course which forms the minimum level of competency to become an active firefighter.

In 2022, two graduating junior members became eligible and chose to join the senior brigade and enroll in the general firefighter course.

Before writing this article, the juniors were asked 'what would you say to anyone who might be thinking of joining juniors?' Junior member Max succinctly answered 'you will have a great time and you will love it'.

Young people from out-

side Trafalgar but whose local brigades do not have junior programs are welcome to join the Trafalgar Junior Brigade.

To volunteer with the juniors program, you can fill out the expression of interest form at: <https://www.cfa.vic>.

[gov.au/volunteers-careers/volunteer-with-cfa/volunteer-with-cfa#applnprocess](https://www.cfa.vic)

You can also contact the brigade with any questions or expressions of interest on our Facebook page at @TrafalgarFireBrigade.



Trafalgar Fire Brigade's junior program is now taking applicants.

## A guide to understanding a licence agreements for early use and possession of property

By Trafalgar solicitor Jade MacGregor

### WHAT IS A LICENCE AGREEMENT?

A licence agreement is a binding document that outlines the terms and conditions of the use or possession of a property by someone other than the owner.

The owner of the property (licensor) grants permission to another party (licensee) to use or occupy the property under specific conditions.

A licence agreement is typically used when the purchaser of a property wishes to have access to the property before the contract settlement date.

### WHY DO I NEED TO ENTER A LICENCE AGREEMENT TO ACCESS THE PROPERTY EARLY?

This agreement protects the rights and interests of

both parties by setting out the terms and conditions of the use or possession of the property and can be relied upon should a dispute arise between the parties.

### WHO PREPARES THE LICENCE AGREEMENT AND WHAT COSTS ARE INVOLVED?

The vendor's solicitor/conveyancer will usually prepare the licence agreement and the purchaser will reimburse the vendor for the additional legal costs.

The risk of the property is transferred to the purchaser from the day they are granted access, meaning the purchaser must arrange the appropriate insurance and connect any necessary services prior to moving in. The council and water rates

are adjusted from the date the purchaser has access to the property instead of the settlement date.

The vendor may also choose to charge a rental fee for the period the purchaser has possessed the property until settlement.

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

If the purchaser makes any improvements or repairs to the property before settlement, they risk the need to forego the benefit of these improvements if the contract of sale is terminated and may have to reinstate the property to the vendor's satisfaction.

If either party breaches the agreement, the aggrieved party has the right to terminate the licence. A licence agreement can be risky for

the purchaser if settlement is delayed or cancelled due to a breach as they may be required to reinstate or vacate the property within 48 hours.

### OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Under the terms of a licence agreement, the purchaser accepts the property in its current state and condition and cannot ask the vendor to amend items in the property after they have moved in. Therefore, it is crucial for the purchaser to carry out a thorough final inspection of the property before signing the licence agreement and occupying the property.

Any items that are in need of repair or rectification should be documented in

the licence agreement for the vendor to rectify.

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# Back to school party

St Joseph's Primary School, Trafalgar community welcomed back students and teachers after the January school holidays.

students dressed in party hats and novelty glasses and danced to welcome everyone back.

Crossing supervisor, Rosie Sawyer, joined in by strutting

her impressive dance moves too.

It's great to be back at school!



Chloe Mynard, crossing supervisor Rosie Sawyer, Kaylem Horton-Maynard, (front) Sophie Pedemont and Maya Garratt back at school at St Joseph's Primary, Trafalgar.

# Outwitting the nits

At this time of the year, parents of school-age children are settling into the new school year - and all the challenges that this brings.

While some of these challenges are easy to deal with, one of the biggest challenges facing parents is the ever-present threat of head lice, which seem to be part-and-parcel of the school experience for many children.

Going back-to-school, or just starting school, means children are returning to the environment where head lice proliferate, and parents are often at their wit's end trying to find ways to get rid of them.

Catching head lice does not mean your child has done anything wrong or is not hygienic. Statistics vary, but indicate generally that between 20-30 per cent of primary school students are likely to get head lice at some stage.

A single infested head can successfully infest a whole classroom, and when the children return home, they often unwittingly pass the infesta-

tion on to the rest of the family.

Head lice are wingless creatures which cannot fly or even jump but move from host to host by crawling or climbing.

Close contact between children therefore gives them great opportunities to spread, but it is important to understand that head lice are not confined to children.

In fact, anyone can get head lice, but they are more common in children because of their close contact.

Head lice do not carry disease, but we need to get rid of them.

If your child has head lice, you might notice your child itching and scratching, especially around the back of the neck and behind their ears.

A bad case of head lice can lead to itchy dermatitis on the scalp, crusted sores and enlarged lymph nodes in the neck. But this isn't common, and your child can avoid it if you treat their head lice as soon as possible.

When you look closely at your child's hair, you might

see small, oval-shaped, white or brown-black nits attached to the root of the hair, near the scalp.

You might also see live head lice. Live head lice move fast so to spot them you might have to part your child's hair very quickly. Having found head lice, the next step is to try to get rid of them and fast. Your community pharmacy stocks special combs as well as shampoos, conditioners, creams and other products to treat head lice infestation.

There are chemical-based treatments available as well as a number of treatments which are based on essential oils such as anise, rosemary, lavender, and tea tree oil.

There also are a range of herbal products. The wide variety of active ingredients available is due to the fact that head lice are very adaptable and can develop resistance to some chemicals. For this reason, it is important to talk to your community pharmacist about what is the right product for you or your child. Your pharmacist has the experi-

# Vapes a growing concern

An alarming number of young people are taking up vaping, according to a Monash University expert.

Vaping has become increasingly popular in recent years, with products also readily available.

Associate Professor, Deana Leahy, from the School of Education, Culture and Society at Monash Education, said it was a growing concern.

"The best solution is to limit the availability of e-cigarettes available to young people through the federal government introducing a ban on the import of all vaping products," she said.

"With respect to schools, they need to be adopting a whole school approach to address e-cigarette use.

"QUIT is currently developing a number of resources to support schools to do

this to respond to the issue. School health education provides us with a key platform by which to educate children and young people about e-cigarette use. Whilst health education is clearly the place for students to learn about the risks of e-cigarettes, we actually need to adopt a cross-curriculum approach. This is especially important as health education is a marginalised subject in schools, especially in primary schools.

"Health education is already overburdened, and the reality is if teachers have to include a focus on e-cigarettes, it might mean that other important areas receive less attention - or no attention at all.

"As a subject, health education should ideally be connected with other curriculum areas such as Science, English, Media and Humanities

to help students fully understand e-cigarettes and the harms associated with them.

"We also need to be looking at other curriculum areas, especially if a school has limited or no health education.

"Parents and teachers also require support. QUIT and VicHealth are currently working on a resource hub to support parents and teachers to discuss vaping with their teens.

"Here at Monash, we are working to embed the topic in our teacher education programs. Amongst other initiatives we need to be offering more support and funding to schools and teachers to be able to deliver quality health education."

It is illegal to use an e-cigarette containing nicotine in Victoria.



More and more young people are taking up vaping.

ence and training to make sure you get the best treatment.

After selecting a treatment, it is important that following its use, you test to see if the lice are dead. This is because you need to be sure that what you are using is working on the lice.

While resistance is an issue, many treatment failures are due to inadequate time in contact with hair and scalp, inappropriate application methods, or the use of ineffective products.

Ask your pharmacist to recommend an evidence

based product - that is: one that is proven to be effective - and also to show you how to apply it effectively.

Whatever head lice treatment is chosen, a fine tooth-comb is essential to get the nits out.

If live lice are found in the combings after treatment, it's possible that the head lice are resistant to the particular product, and retreatment should begin as soon as possible, with a product from a different active-ingredient group.

If the lice are dead, treat again in seven days using the

same product. If the treatment has worked, the lice will be dead within 20 minutes.

It is possible a head lice product could cause a reaction and should be used with care by women who are pregnant or breastfeeding, children less than 12 months old, and people with allergies, asthma or who have open wounds on the scalp.

Your pharmacist can advise you on how best to treat head lice and which products may work best for you or your children.

# Moe Junior Citizen of the Year awarded to Bart Puts

By Wombat Lyons

Year 9 Trafalgar High School student Bart Puts was announced as a Moe Junior Citizen of the Year at an Australia Day ceremony at Old Gipps town.

Moe Lions Club president

Ken Bechaz noted Bart's academic focus as contribution towards being recognised for this award. Mr Bechaz also highlighted Bart's informal leadership with his peers and support to the year 8 coordi-

nators.

Bart is also an active member of the Latrobe Orchestra and a participant in Scouting at 1st Newborough Scout Group in Mt Baw Baw District. At scouts, Bart has been a pa-

trol leader, supporting a team of peers to plan and run the weekly program.

In 2022, Bart assisted the younger age group of cub scouts with activities and he participated in VicJam over

the summer of 2021/22. At this event in Elmore, he again took a leadership role with peers and supported the activities over a fourteen-day period.

Principal Brett Pedlow con-

gratulated Bart on his award and commended his support to peers in school, scouting and the wider community.



Latrobe City councillor Sharon Gibson, Trafalgar High School student Bart Puts, Rosanna Colli of Colli's Hair Design, Moe, and Moe Lions Club president Ken Bechaz.



Bart on stage with his award.



1st Newborough Scout Group leaders David Morrison, Bart Puts and Andrew Corrigan.

## Pies drop by

Trafalgar Primary School students had the thrill of meeting players from the Collingwood Football Club last month.

Students from Grades 1-6 had the opportunity to participate in a Q&A session with Josh Daicos and Nick Daicos, as well as Jacob Ryan and Pat Lapinski.



Collingwood players happily signing autographs for young fans.



Trafalgar Primary School students got to meet Collingwood players last month.

# Junior cricketers return after break

By Liam Durkin

Trafalgar Cricket Club junior players got back to playing last month.

The return of school coincided with the return of cricket, and no doubt lingered over which one players prefer.

The Under 16s, coached by Zack Brown, did a great job against Moe, not only from a result perspective, but from a ‘for the good of the game’ perspective.

The team was originally scheduled to play at Ted Summerton, but with no pitch available due to the weather, it looked like it would have to be a case of “sorry guys”.

But they are a resolute bunch junior cricketers.

Not to be defeated, the game was moved to the Racecourse Astro.

Traf batted first in the twenty20 fixture, and scored 7/101.

Runs came from the bat of James Pace, who made 25, Jordy Chapman with 21 against the new ball, and Louis Hennessy, who did similar with 19.

The Ships then did a good job with the ball, ensuring the runs stayed down.

Keegan Friedlander played a starring role, taking

3/5.

Kids playing cricket under the threat of a washout - a win for the game in any regard.

The 14s suffered a slight hiccup against Willow Grove.

Taking to Willow Grove Rec, the visiting Ships took a while to wear out the Christmas rust from the first game back, and saw their opponents close with 126 on the board.

Emma Jackson was fantastic with the ball, taking 2/8, including a clean bowled.

She received good support from Dylan van der Stoep, who nabbed 2/9.

Unfortunately the batting effort just didn’t come good.

Only Olly White with an unbeaten 27 was able to make much of an impression.

Quinn Asmussen and Oscar Hoiles, both made 15 not out for the Under 12s against Centrals, which saw Traf to 6/61 from their 20 overs.

Unfortunately it was not enough, as some wayward bowling derailed things.

The Under 16s and 14s are both headed for finals, and the club sends its best wishes to all involved.

# Super Shane

By Liam Durkin

It’s Shano-O’s world, we just live in it.

If your name is Shane and you bowl spin, you are bound to take a few wickets.

Just like his famous and late namesake, Shane Lanham had opponents bamboozled recently.

Shane-O spun, ripped and dipped the ball perfectly in the Premier C match against Yallourn North in Round 11, finishing with figures of 5/12.

Or to be more precise: 7/4/12/5.

Operating from an end nominated to be ‘his’, the

left armer, who has turned to bowling orthodox since Christmas, took five of the last six wickets to fall, leading the Ships to victory.

Well done Shane-O and well deserved!



Shane Lanham proudly holds the ball aloft after taking 5/12.

# Trafalgar wins Bortignon and Burt shields

Trafalgar Bowls Club was successful in taking out the 2022/23 annual challenge matches against Traralgon Bowls Club.

In Division 1, the clubs play for the late 'Carlo Bortignon Shield, named in honour of a player who was a legend and champion at both clubs during his career.

Carlo's son Chris is a current Trafalgar Division 1 player, and is proud that Trafalgar has retained the shield this year.

The Burt/Colwell shields

for Division 4 is named after two long time club administrators, Geoff Burt (Trafalgar) and Tony Colwell (Traralgon), and again Trafalgar came out on top this year.



Traralgon Bowls Club President Vincent McIlwain presents the shield to Trafalgar Bowls Club chairman Ian Miles, and Division 4 manager Graham Hill.

# Trafalgar Scout leaders roll along

By Ian Miles (Trafalgar Bowls Club chairman)

Trafalgar Scout leaders recently tried their hand at different skills, and tried lawn bowls at the Trafalgar Bowls Club.

Group leader Kirrily Howden organised the leaders to try a new skill, and they

keenly took to the green with a competitive nature and a lot of laughs.



Trafalgar Scout Group leaders at Trafalgar Bowls Club.



Scout leader Michael Kunze shows his style.



# Council News.

2022 Community ambassadors, Warragul Amateur Swimming Club competing at the National Swimming Competition in Darwin.

To keep our community up to date with Council News, visit our Facebook, Instagram and Website.



## Join the campaign to fix Baw Baw's Road Network.

All community members are urged to join the 'Fix our road network' campaign, as part of Council's advocacy efforts calling on the state government to address traffic congestion in Drouin and Warragul.

The 'Fix our Road Network' campaign is an online platform that makes it easy for residents and road users to tell government ministers and MPs why they think arterial road planning is urgently needed in Baw Baw Shire's largest towns.

**The solution: A new arterial network that's better for business and the community.**

Council is actively advocating to the State Government to allocate \$3 million of funding to undertake the transport network planning for a more fit-for-purpose arterial transport routes in and around Drouin and Warragul.



We encourage anyone and everyone who has been impacted by traffic congestion in Drouin and Warragul to get on board, tell their story and join us in advocating for this much needed planning project.

The community can get involved by calling on local MPs (through a letter of support) and telling them why you believe they should take action in this cause and why you want to see funding delivered to allow this important planning to be completed.

To add your voice to the campaign for better road planning for Drouin and Warragul scan the code below or visit:

[www.advancingbawbaw.com/roads](http://www.advancingbawbaw.com/roads)



## Last minute tickets still available for our International Women's Day Event!

- Thursday 9 March.
- West Gippsland Arts Centre.
- 5pm – Forecourt festival.
- 7pm – Key note & panel discussion.

Featuring a group of inspiring local women, Jen Smith, Caitlin Grigsby, Tanisha Smitherson and Dr Nicolette Snowden.



With award-winning musician, actor, author, and broadcaster Clare Bowditch.

Tickets are selling fast. Scan to book your spot!



## Community sponsorships available for ambassadorships and events.

Applications will open on Monday 6 March for individuals and not-for-profit sporting and community groups seeking funding through Council's Community Sponsorship program.

The program aims to support delivery of vibrant community events and/or support individuals/groups competing in or attending an event to become ambassadors for our region whilst representing Baw Baw Shire.

Applications open Monday 6 March for four weeks, closing at 12pm on Monday 3 April 2023.



Previous Sponsorship recipient, Friends of Mount Worth State Park who received sponsorship to support competitors at the Mt Worth Trail Run.

## Sponsorship categories:

### Community events

Up to \$5,000 available for not-for-profit groups/businesses to deliver events which can be youth events and programs, one off events, new and existing events.

### Baw Baw Ambassadors

Up to \$500 for individuals or \$1,500 for groups/teams that are based in Baw Baw Shire and competing in or attending an event representing the region can apply.\*

\*Eligibility criteria apply.

## Make an application:

All applications must be made via appointment to explore if Community Sponsorship may be able to assist you.

Appointment times are currently available and can be arranged by calling 1300 229 229 or emailing [grants@bawbawshire.vic.gov.au](mailto:grants@bawbawshire.vic.gov.au).

## Council's popping up at the Thorpdale Potato Festival.

Council's popular pop-up program is back for 2023 and kicking off at the annual Thorpdale Potato Festival.

**Sunday 12 March**  
**9:30am – 4:30pm**  
**Thorpdale Recreation Reserve**  
**Stockdales Rd, Thorpdale**

Visit Councillors and Council staff at our stand and share your ideas and discuss anything that's on your mind.

Council is pleased to support the iconic Thorpdale Potato Festival, a celebration of the region's rich farming history and its main export – the humble spud.



## Baw Baw's Pet Expo is back!



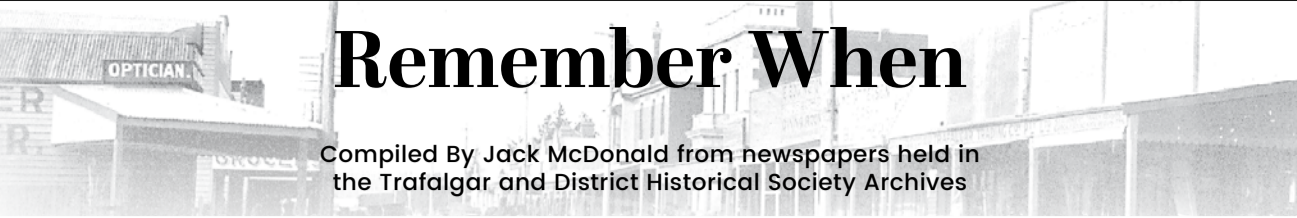
Treat your pets and family to a FREE day of fun, entertainment, competitions and giveaways at the Baw Baw Pet Expo!

**Sunday 2 April**  
**10am – 3pm**  
**Burke Street Park, Warragul**

### What's On:

- Meet Chase from PAW Patrol
- Splash and Play Zones
- Free KONG showbag for the first 200 entrants
- Reptile and wildlife displays and demonstrations
- Face painting
- Food trucks
- Market stalls
- Competitions and more!

For more information, visit [www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/Events-Calendar](http://www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/Events-Calendar)



## THE TRAFALGAR, YARRA-GON & YALLOURN NEWS, MARCH 1933

### 2 MARCH – ENJOYABLE PICNIC

The Thorpdale Methodist Sunday School workers extended an invitation to all other boys and girls to join their scholars in their annual picnic at the interesting Nar-racan Falls last Saturday.

Mr and Mrs A. Rodda, conveyed the boys and girls and friends in their motor buses to the picnic ground, and a most enjoyable day was spent in games and races, and the abundant supply of tooth-some eatables were enjoyed with relish and good appetites by the large gathering of children assembled.

### GIRL GUIDES AT TRAFALGAR

Keen interest is being taken in the Girl Guide movement at Trafalgar. Several new members joined up with the Association at the last meeting.

Misses Nixon and Munro, Captain and Lieutenant respectively, who recently finished their training at Geelong, have arranged for the first Group of Guides to meet at the Scout hall on Tuesday, 28 March.

The President (Mrs Swain) is eager to get the Rangers and Brownies started.

### “GRAND OLD MAN OF TRAFALGAR”

Under the above heading, the Melbourne “Herald” a few nights ago commented on the fact that the Trafalgar branch of the A.N.A. (Australian Natives Association Lodge) had presented a second bonus to Mr George Tatterson.

Referring to the esteemed townsman, the paper stated that he had never smoked, shaved, sworn, drank intoxicating liquor, or gambled. But it could have been added to.

Mr Tatterson has never been in a ballroom in his life. He has never seen a picture show – silent or talkie. He has never been aboard a ship of any kind and has only been out of Gippsland for a couple of days in over half a century.

### GIPPSLAND NEWS, MARCH 1963

### 7 MARCH – LACK OF INTEREST

The public of Trafalgar and district again clearly expressed their complete lack of interest in the running of their public hall when, at

# Remember When

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

the annual meeting held last Wednesday evening, only members of the ladies auxiliary and the hall committee were present.

Not one single member of the public or representative from any organisation who use the hall saw fit to attend.

### “LATROBETTES” THE CHAMPIONS

In keeping with their name, “Latrobettes”, the Trafalgar Marching Girls scooped the pool in the Latrobe Valley Championships held at Moe on Sunday.

“Latrobettes” were declared champion junior team, won the aggregate, were second in own choice display, whilst popular leader Miss Sally Laybourne won the best leader award.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC

Scholars of the Trafalgar Presbyterian Sunday School rallied in force to attend the annual picnic held at Mr and Mrs Arthur Erbs’ farm at Willow Grove on Saturday last.

The day was spent in games and races with an abundance of beverages and eats. Shortly before 6 p.m. a tired but gloriously happy band of children called it a day.

### 14 MARCH – EX-RESIDENTS’ GET-TOGETHER

The Trafalgar and District Ex-Residents’ Association held their annual picnic at Mordialloc on Sunday, 3 March in perfect weather conditions. The crowd in attendance – both ex-residents and Trafalgar and district folk numbered between 150 and 200.

### 21 MARCH – TRAFALGAR HIGH SCHOOL WINS

Trafalgar High School is delighted with its fine showing in its first inter-school sporting competition.

The school, which is only five weeks old, competed in the swimming sports at Moe on Friday, 15 March, and was successful in all divisions of the sports. Trafalgar was unplaced in only six of the 52 events.

### SOCIAL CRICKET MATCH

A most enjoyable social cricket match between members of the Trafalgar Milk Supply and the staff and patrons of the Trafalgar Criterion Hotel took place on Sunday last, with the ‘milk merchants’ taking the honours by some 18 or 20 runs.

### 28 MARCH – RECORDS FOR YARRAGON BOY

In winning the under 10, 50 yards foot-running event for boys at the Catholic School Sports held at Moe on Thursday last, Danny Vaughan, son of Cr. and Mrs D.C. Vaughan, of Yarragon, broke the existing record, thus making a total of four records now held by him. Danny’s time for the 50 yards was 6 9/16 seconds.

### LADIES WIN TREASURE HUNT

On Saturday, 23 March a treasure hunt was held by the Trafalgar Car Club and was voted by all as a very successful event. Winners in the treasure hunt were: Mrs Margaret Burgess (driver), and Mrs Margaret Peterson (navigator).

After the event a barbecue was held at Charlie Burgess’s property which terminated a most successful evening.

### TRAF NEWS, MARCH 2005

### MARCH – AWARD TO FRANK WATERTON

First Trafalgar Scout Group, together with all Scouts in the Baw Baw district congratulate Mr Frank Waterton of Trafalgar on achieving 55 years service to the Scouting movement.

Frank started as a leader in 1949 at Camperdown, then moved to Trafalgar where over a period of ten years he was an Assistant Cub Leader, Assistant Scout Leader, Venturer Leader and Group Leader. Frank was awarded the Silver Emu in 1999 for sustained and exceptional service to the Scouting movement.

### RODEO HITS TOWN

Trafalgar’s first rodeo for a number of years held in late January was a great success and attracted between 2,500 and 3000 people. The nationally accredited rodeo featured Australia’s best stockmen and women, with the most popular events easily being the thrills, spills, and excitement of the saddle bronco, bareback bronco, and the bareback bull ride.

The committee estimate a clearance of \$5000 (equivalent to \$7200 today) at the event, which will assist in the building of toilets and showers for the Trafalgar Pony Club.

### ROTARY ASSISTS BAR-INGA

Trafalgar Rotary has been approached by Baringa School to assist it in maintenance work at its facility at Childers. Baringa is a school that provides a service to young people with a disability in the Latrobe Valley, Trafalgar and Willow Grove.

The facility at Childers is the old primary school and is used three times a week. A major issue with the location is to ensure that the building is in a suitable condition that ensures its continued operation.

### LIONS ROAR INTO ACTION

The Trafalgar Lions have a full calendar for March and April. The club will participate in the Clean-Up-Australia Day on Sunday, 6 March. Club members will clean up Trafalgar on both sides of the railway line from the Ashby Street crossing to the area east of the BP service station.

An information night for prospective members will be held on Wednesday, 9 March at the Trafalgar Community Centre and a Wine and Cheese night will also be held on Friday ,18 March at the Community Centre.

The proceeds of this night will go to the Latrobe Health-Lions Ride for Sight. Also the final of the “Youth of the Year Quest” is to be held on 20 March.

### HILL END FOOTY IN GOOD SHAPE

With another season approaching the Hill End Football Club is looking in good shape for 2005. We’ve reappointed senior coach Paul “Slugga” Walsh, his assistant Wayne Summersgill, reserve coach Darren Kelly and Peter Dart as Chairman of Selectors.

The new Junior coaches are: 3rds Mick Kelly and 4ths Mark “Sparty” Lee.

### PARK BOWLS

The first Twilight Bowls event for this year was held on 13 January, with 34 people in attendance. The winning team was Rae Brown, John Woodhouse, Joan Pascoe and Bill Pascoe (skipper).

### LADY GOLF BEGINNERS

Ladies interested in learning how to play golf are invited to attend beginners mornings at the Trafalgar Golf Club on Tuesday mornings at 10.00 a.m. If you have any clubs bring them along.

# 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
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Please direct inquiries to Dee Crosby Phome 0409 933 104

## ANGLICAN CHURCH

Paul Zelenewicz, Phone 0493 088 370 or [info@trafalgaranglicanparish.org.au](mailto: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

By Moira Dodsworth

## YES, YES AND NO, NO.

The passage that I have been reflecting on ends with this and it gave me pause for thought, why are the words repeated?

My understanding finally was that if you say yes, then everyone can trust that you mean yes and if you say no, you mean no. I found this quite profound.

How often do we say yes to an invitation, when we mean well yes, unless I can find a good excuse, or some better option comes up. I'm sure we've all heard promises from politicians and others when we know they have no intention of doing what they say yes to or the time frame is one that means it will never happen. I remember being told in the classroom, 'yes I did my home-

work' as the child hands in an empty notebook.

There's the same with no. I think we have all said no we didn't do something with our fingers crossed behind our backs or hoping that the other person (our parents?) never found out. There's also the no, when we could do what was asked but don't want to. There is also the no of leaders which is just a lie, not true.

Imagine if we could always take a person's yes as yes or no as no. Imagine if we lived in a world where everyone could be trusted. Perhaps this is impossible, but I think we have all become less trusting of others and maybe less trustworthy by the nature of society, the media and the availability of misinformation.

I hope that I can be trusted, but sometimes there

are misunderstandings, or I don't really think through the question or realise the implications, but I think yes' yes and no, no is a good maxim to live by.

As I write this, I realise the pup, now called Jem, it seems to fit him better, has been with me for a month. He is learning what 'no' means, but I have had to put up the toddler gate to protect the kitty litter. He is always hungry and Candy's food much more attractive. Everything is a toy - if you can reach it, no has no meaning. But he is always up for a cuddle, hear the leads jangle and the answer is yes, yes, yes, yes!

Go well!  
Moira

# Around the Historical Society

By Di Ireland

Congratulations must go to the treasurer of the Trafalgar & District Historical Society, Glenys Ralls.

At the Australia Day function, Glenys was named a joint Citizen of the Year, along with Bob Moss.

Glenys has been our treasurer for many years, is on the magazine/editorial committee for the Gazette, and is the sales officer for that publication.

Glenys is a lifelong resi-

dent of Trafalgar and as such, is a much sought after go-to person on all things Trafalgar.

Glenys also instigated the Changing Face of Trafalgar and Other News in our Gazette, and can be seen around the town recording both new and old building sites and changes. She keeps a keen eye on the local newspapers, recording and collecting Trafalgar related news. A well-deserved award indeed Glenys.

In other news at the society, requests for family history research seems to be increasing. Current search fees are \$20 per hour, with photos and copies negotiable. Always happy to help.

Working bees are held on the first and third Fridays of the month, with other times by arrangement.

The next general meeting of the society will be on April 20.

# Narracan seat decided

By Liam Durkin

As expected, the seat of Narracan was won by Liberal candidate Wayne Farnham.

Mr Farnham had secured 62.7 per cent of two-party preferred votes when 75 per cent of votes had been counted on election night.

Narracan voters went to the polls on Saturday, January 28, two months after the state election following the death of Nationals candidate Shaun Gilchrist.

Farnham is set to take over from retiring Liberal MP Gary Blackwood, who held the seat since 2006.

Mr Farnham's election is tipped to be virtually a continuation of Mr Blackwood's reign.

With Narracan a safe

Liberal seat, the chances of a Farnham victory were always high (there has been just one non-Liberal MP serve the district since the seat was established in 1967).

The odds became even shorter when it was announced Labor would not be putting anyone up to run against him, while The Nationals opted not to find a replacement for Mr Gilchrist.

Given this, the election was seen as virtually a one-horse race in the eyes of many pundits.

A field of 11, mostly made up of independents - which included Baw Baw Shire Mayor, Annemarie McCabe - threw their hat in the ring.

From the outset, the Lib-

erals main challenger appeared to be Independent and former Baw Baw deputy mayor, Tony Wolfe. Mr Wolfe secured 37.3 per cent.

Upon his election, Mr Farnham thanked those for the confidence they had shown in him.

"I think the people of Narracan realise that my message, which was 'I have a team, I'm part of a really strong team,' has resonated with them," he told ABC.

"I just hope I can do them proud when I get in there."

Mr Farnham said his main priority would be seeing the new West Gippsland Hospital, committed to by the Labor state government last year, come to fruition.

# 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	
Cricket Club	Liam Durkin, Secretary	trafalgarcricketclub@gmail.com	0402 556 338
Croquet Club	Michael Fozard		0418 513 092
Earls Road Landcare Group	Jim Whiley, Secretary		0423 832 122
Football Netball Club	Brett Tonkin, President	trafalgarfnc@gmail.com	0418 189 027
Golden Girls Trafalgar			5623 6032
Golf Club		admin@trafalgargolf.com.au	5633 1110
High School			5633 1733
Historical Society	Dianne Ireland	historicalsocietytraf@gmail.com	0439 655 172
Kindergarten			5633 2208
Lions Club	David Koschade	trafalgarlions@gmail.com	0428 331 157
Men's Shed	Eric Johnson		5633 1624
Opp Shop	Glenys Brennan, President		0417 597 454
Police Station (non-emergency contact only)			5633 1188
Polocrosse Club	Gill Massey, Secretary	trafalgarpoloxclub@gmail.com	
Pony Club	Denise Marriott		0411 890 299
Primary School			5633 1566
Probus Club	John Attwell		0419 701 331
Public Hall	Tanya Stanley	trafalgarpublichall@gmail.com	
Rotary Club	Glenn Doolan	trafalgarrotary@outlook.com	0438 332 438
RSL - Trafalgar Thorpdale Sub-Branch	Chris Johnson, Secretary		5633 1162
Scout Group	Rick Bradley	gl.1sttrafalgar@scoutsvictoria.com.au	
St Andrew's Uniting Church	Rev Moira Dodsworth		0447 957 772
St John's Catholic Church	Fr Bernard Buckley		5633 1166
St Joseph's Primary School	Trish Mulqueen, Principal	trafalgar.catholic.edu.au	5633 1151
St Mary's Anglican Church	Paul Zelenewicz	trafalgaranglican1@gmail.com	0493 088 370
Tennis Club	Sue	tennis.com.au/bawbaw/competitions/trafalgar	0428 673 413
Traf News	Mark Walshe, Editor		0466 249 849
Traf Watch		Facebook - Traf Watch	
Victory Football Club (Soccer)		admin@tvfc.com.au	0438 076 824
Youth Resource Centre	Glenys Brennan, President		0417 597 454

# Farmer to farmer

## GET ON TOP OF STRIPE RUST

Agriculture Victoria is encouraging farmers to take decisive action to reduce the 'green bridge' and be proactive in the use of fungicide treatments at sowing to reduce early season rust.

Agriculture Victoria Researcher, Dr Hari Dadu, said large yield losses during the 2022 season were reported by wheat growers in areas where stripe rust wasn't well controlled.

"Rust outbreaks tend to be more severe in seasons following wet summers when volunteer cereals, known as the 'green bridge', carry stripe rust across from one year to the next new wheat crop. A 'green bridge' of volunteer cereals will provide a significant opportunity for rust to survive this summer to infect this year's crops," he said.

"High soil water levels have made this a widespread problem across eastern Australia."

Dr Dadu said rust only survives on living plants, which is why disease management is important following wet summers.

"Growers need to avoid susceptible cultivars and use up-front fungicides to significantly reduce the stripe rust risk in paddocks," he said.

"Last year showed the benefits of using fungicides

at sowing to slow stripe rust development providing more time for extra foliar fungicide applications during the season."

Dr Dadu recommends the following management steps:

- Remove the green bridge of volunteer cereals either with herbicide or by grazing by mid-March;

- Use a current cereal disease guide at [go.vic.gov.au/3IYy7J](http://go.vic.gov.au/3IYy7J) to check rust resistance ratings, and;

- Develop a fungicide management plan, with an emphasis on up-front options such as flutriafol on fertiliser.

Download the rust modelling tool StripeRustWM, an app from [www.agric.wa.gov.au/apps/striperustwm](http://www.agric.wa.gov.au/apps/striperustwm)

### PREPARING VICTORIAN FARMS FOR CHALLENGES

Victorian farmers will continue to have access to valuable skills training, after the extension of the Farm Business Resilience Program.

The program aims to support Victorian farm businesses by providing new and experienced farmers with the opportunity to increase their knowledge and skills to better plan for the future and adapt to a changing climate.

Agriculture Victoria Project Leader, Kit Duncan-

Jones, said while Victorian farmers successfully manage uncertainty and complexity every day, the business of farming is becoming more challenging as farmers face significant risks, such as future droughts, natural disasters and other industry challenges.

"The program supports farmers striving to better manage their business and strengthen their farm's ability to withstand future shocks. If you're a farmer who wants to put your plans on paper and commit your time to strengthen your knowledge and skills, this program will assist you to set up your farm for success, now and into the future," Mr Duncan-Jones said.

The program is being delivered online and face-to-face until June 2024. It includes short courses, workshops, webinars, field day sessions and farm walks to suit the varying needs of the farming community.

The program has resources available to support decision making such as the farm fitness checklist and the farm business plan template, which will allow farmers to conduct their own business assessments and planning.

Subscribe to the Farm Business Resilience Program Alert to keep up to date with the latest information on program courses, workshops,

services and resources.

For more information, email Mr Duncan-Jones at [kit.duncan-jones@agriculture.vic.gov.au](mailto:kit.duncan-jones@agriculture.vic.gov.au)

The Farm Business Resilience Program is jointly funded through the federal government's Future Drought Fund and the state government's Future Agriculture Skills Capacity Fund.

Further information about the program and the Future Drought Fund can also be found on the Agriculture Victoria website at [www.agriculture.vic.gov.au/FBRP](http://www.agriculture.vic.gov.au/FBRP)

### GRANTS NOW AVAILABLE

In partnership with the Gardiner Foundation, the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR) has announced the opening of this year's round of the Gardiner Foundation Community Grants Program.

Community organisations in Victoria's three recognised dairy regions - Gippsland, northern Victoria and south-west Victoria - can apply for grants of up to \$5000. In total, there is \$120,000 worth of grants available.

Money can be used to support a broad range of community projects, including those that strengthen the community socially and economically; support environmental sustainability; make

the community more culturally vibrant; support education and training; or improve health and social wellbeing.

Gardiner Foundation chief executive, Allan Cameron, said the Foundation was committed to continuing to invest in local not-for-profits in dairying regions. "Vibrant communities are essential for the long-term sustainability of the Victorian dairy industry," Mr Cameron said.

"This is our 21st year collaborating with FRRR to provide support for initiatives that regional communities prioritise. We are once again looking forward to supporting great local ideas."

FRRR acting chief executive, Sarah Matthee, said it was wonderful to have partners that understand the importance of supporting grassroots groups.

"Gardiner Foundation recognises the importance of the local community groups in helping to capitalise on opportunities for the future or fill gaps in access to services," Ms Matthee said.

"For example, last year one of the groups we funded together was Katamatite Bush Kinder, who run a program taking the four year-old kinder group out to the bush, rain or shine.

"The grant helped them fund technology to capture the activity, report on it and share it with parents to en-

gage them in their child's experience.

"Parents reported that the children had such a wonderful time that all they did when they went home was discuss the day at bush kinder!"

"Funding these kinds of initiatives helps create lasting connections to the environment, not to mention stimulate their creativity.

"Another example was funding some equipment for a community hall, to make it quicker and easier for volunteers to serve meals following cricket training.

"The secretary told us the appliance upgrade made a real difference as it meant more people stuck around to catch up with neighbours, improving their overall mental and physical wellbeing.

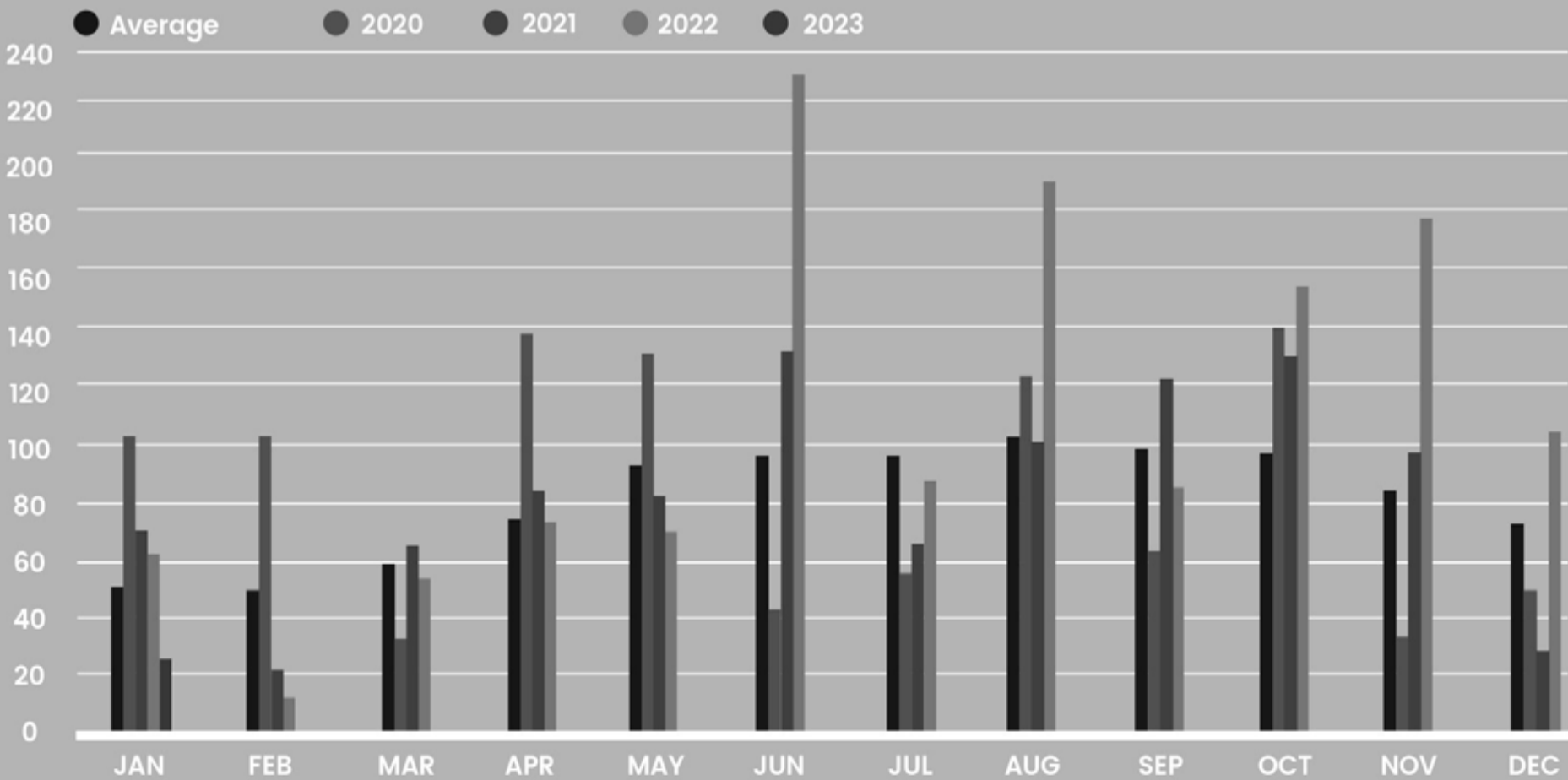
"I look forward to seeing what comes forward this year."

Grants will be awarded at local ceremonies in each region, providing valuable networking opportunities as well as the opportunity to celebrate local grantees.

Applications for the Gardiner Foundation Community Grants Program close on Thursday, March 16 at 5pm.

For more information, go to the official FRRR website at <https://frrr.org.au/>

## Trafalgar Monthly Rainfall



This graph compares the monthly rainfall received in Trafalgar in 2023 with, 2020, 2021, 2022 and average monthly rainfall since records began. The monthly rainfall for January was 24.5ml.

# Blues need netballers

By Liam Durkin

Thorpdale Football-Netball Club has put the call out for netballers to join the club.

The Blues are facing some uncertainty with two months to go before the first game of the Mid Gippsland Football-Netball League season.

As it stands, the club does not have enough players to field an A Grade team.

Under MGFNL by-laws,

clubs must compete in A Grade to participate in the competition.

It is understood Thorpdale, and at least one other MGFNL club, is seeking to have this law reviewed and possibly removed.

Removing the by-law could allow the club some grace to work on remedying the situation over the next 12 months, although opponents

may point to the fact Thorpdale was granted the same leniency in season 2019.

MGFNL directors met last month to consider the best path forward.

In the Blues' defence, they have been as proactive as possible trying to attract players, appointing a coach, and arranging former Australian Diamond, Sue Hawkins, to conduct clinics.

Unfortunately, Thorpdale's current predicament seems to be a simple case of one player leaving, which has become two, become three and so on.

With the football and netball club one entity, the Blues are unable to put the netball into recess for a season either.

There has been better news in the football depart-

ment, with the town reportedly abuzz that local boy and former Essendon player Jason Winderlich will be coaching the senior football team this season.

The Blues had some strong junior netballers last season, with the Under 15s making the semi-finals.

Historically speaking, Thorpdale has been a powerhouse of Mid Gippsland

netball, winning five A Grade flags in 18 years (1998, 2005, 2007, 2011, 2016).

Those interested in playing for Thorpdale FNC, at any level this season, have been encouraged to email [thorpy-fnc@gmail.com](mailto:thorpy-fnc@gmail.com).

# Chart-topping Blues record

By Liam Durkin

Only the best come from Thorpy.

Thorpdale Cricket Club saw a record broken last month.

The Blues put up a total of 1/232 against Moe in Round 15 of Premier B in the Latrobe Valley District Cricket League, highlighted by a 203-run partnership for the second wicket between Kayne O'Connell and Matt Powell.

O'Connell batted through the innings to remain unbeaten on 108, completing his maiden senior century, while Powell scored 109 not out batting first drop.

The pair came together with the scoreboard reading 1/29, and batted the best part of 35 overs.

Fittingly, the record was broken at Thorpdale Recreation Reserve, and the home side was able to toast victory later in the afternoon.

With a huge total on the

board, the Blues made short work of the Lions, bowling them out for 90.

Powell backed-up his efforts with the bat, taking 2/15 off six overs, while O'Connell took the new ball.

Can you be fined for not giving anyone else a go in club cricket?

Powell's two wickets may have been enough to earn him three votes.

O'Connell would be stiff to miss a league award on the back of this, but nonetheless, his name is now up on the honour board at Thorpdale Cricket Club.

As fate would have it, O'Connell took the record previously held by his older brother Harley.

While they say records are made to be broken, the senior O'Connell might not have been too pleased when he found out who had taken his record.

For what it's worth, the previous record was 180 between Harley O'Connell and Shannon Pickering in season 2011/12.

Pickering is still playing for Thorpdale, and amazingly, shares a partnership record with Kayne's eldest brother, Zac, as well as Powell.

Powell is now on the partnership record board three times, the same number of tons he has to his name.

Thorpdale remains undefeated and on top of the LVDCL Premier B ladder.

The Blues have won three B Grade premierships in recent years (2008/09, 2018/19, 2020/21), and could have another on the way.

For a team that is supposedly struggling numbers-wise, they are doing alright.



Thorpdale Cricket Club new partnership record-holders Matt Powell and Kayne O'Connell.

# Traf's rising cricket stars

By Liam Durkin

Under 15s Junior Country Week concluded recently.

The side ended the tournament with two wins from their five games.

Trafalgar Cricket Club was well represented, with Olly White, Zak Larkin, James Pace, Dylan van der Stoep and Memphis McQualter taking part, along with coach Billy Pace.

The team had their presentation and breakup dinner at Turfside (another proud TCC sponsor) after the last game.

The 18s also had their last game of the Gippsland Cricket League season that same day, with Owen McLeod-

Agland taking the new ball in a thrilling one-wicket win.

Trafalgar CC has always fully supported LVDCL junior rep sides, with no shortage of players or off field officials putting their hand up to assist.

*Trafalgar Cricket Club Under 15 Junior Country Week representatives Olly White, Zak Larkin, James Pace, Dylan van der Stoep and Memphis McQualter.*



# Cricket lives on in Walhalla

By Liam Durkin

Those miners must have really loved their cricket.

Either that or they wanted to get as far away from being underground as possible.

What better way to do it than to build a cricket ground on top of a mountain 200 metres above the Walhalla township?

The pioneers of the late 1800s, who sliced the rugged mountain with picks, shovels and wheelbarrows, were surely looking down with pride last month, beaming that their little old ground was still being used all those years later.

Not only has the ground lived on, so too has Walhalla Cricket Club.

Walhalla Cricket Club commemorated its 150th anniversary on Sunday, February 5 welcoming Melbourne Cricket Club, just as it had for a centenary match in 2007.

As legend has it, former Australian captain Warwick Armstrong wagered he could hit a ball from the oval onto the roof of the Star Hotel down below in 1907.

Current day traversers of the Walhalla Cricket Ground can read all about Armstrong's exploits, as well as other sporting asides that took place, thanks to a number of information boards posted on the track up the hill.

The track itself zigzags its way to the cricket ground, and takes about 20 minutes one way.

A number of players, wanting to take in the true Walhalla cricket experience, made the trek up the hill on Sunday - it's just something you 'have to do' if you're playing a game at Walhalla.

Players were given some assistance, as their kit bags were transported up by car - the mode of transport re-

placing the horse and cart mainly used to get to the Walhalla ground in the early part of the 20th century.

Without stating the obvious, one can't imagine Walhalla cricketers back then would have arrived with much more than the clothes on their back to get a game of cricket going.

Upon arrival to the ground, all was in readiness for the first ball of two twenty20 games to be bowled.

An old chalk scoreboard, thought to be from the 1960s, had been resurrected for the occasion, while tree trunks marked the oval's perimeter.

Standing in the centre, with the clouds feeling as though they were within touching distance, notions of how hustling this place must have been during the town's peak years when the population swelled around 4000 rang true.

To the present day, those who had the distinction of playing cricket at possibly the highest altitude ever began to take the field.

Up first was Blackbridge Cricket Club (a team of Gippslanders that compete in winter cricket) up against the Melbourne Cricket Club XXIX Club ('The 29ers').

Blackbridge decided to bowl, and restricted their opponents to under 100.

The Gippsland side chased the total with little fuss, paving the way for the main event: Walhalla vs Melbourne.

The Walhalla team contained Trafalgar Cricket Club two-time premierships player Klay Butler. The team was put together through various connections to the club and township (Butler has family who reside in Walhalla).

The home side, (who had never played together), batted first and put up a good fight against a strong MCC

which contained state and Victorian Premier Cricket players.

Regardless of the result, cricket was the real winner, and showcased the potential for the Walhalla ground as a marquee venue for future matches.

The club, which is affiliated with Traralgon District Cricket Association, has plans to host even more matches into the future, and hopefully one day, build clubrooms overlooking the arena.

If Sunday was anything to go by, the Walhalla Cricket Club has a very active and enthusiastic committee, determined to preserve the proud history of cricket in the area.

Walhalla has produced a Test cricketer after all.

Membership is available to the Walhalla Cricket Club.

Those interested can get in touch with committee member Dale Potter OAM via dalepotter@hotmail.com.

## MOUNTAINTOP CRICKET

Trafalgar cricketer Liam Durkin played in one of the games at Walhalla on Sunday.

Here, he provides a few insights

## STATE OF THE GROUND

Considering it is hardly used, and what it has been through in recent years, (flood, bushfire) the ground is in decent condition.

You can certainly play 'a' game of cricket there without any issue.

Respectfully however, I would not deem it fit to play a proper match for competition points in its current state just yet.

Like a golf course, there are exposed tree roots in sections along the boundary, and rocks coming through the surface.

These were painted white

on Sunday to warn players, who certainly weren't putting their bodies on the line.

At one stage I chased a ball from backward square to the fine leg boundary. Ordinarily, I would have dived to stop the ball crossing the fence, but seeing only rocks beneath me, thought it would have been quite a long and painful trip to LRH if I had one side of my body ripped to pieces.

Before the game, we agreed that any six would simply go down as a dot ball.

The square boundaries would not be much bigger than 40 metres, so there would have been countless lost balls if guys started teeing off.

One player instinctively flicked a ball off his pads over square leg for a maximum, and promptly put his hand up in apology as if to say 'I didn't mean that'.

Looking at how small the ground was, I couldn't help but think how big scores would have been when football was played there.

You could literally kick a goal from the centre.

The poor centre half forward back then wouldn't have been needed at all.

## JOURNEY UP AND BACK

Strangely enough, it is quicker to walk up the hill than it is to drive.

The walk takes about 20 minutes, while the drive takes you on a windy dirt track for 10 or so kilometres.

The drive goes some distance out of town, before turning right off the main road and then heading back toward the ground.

In a word, the road to the cricket ground is 'rough'.

It is only one lane for most of the journey, and with a number of hairpin turns and cliff faces, certainly makes for a bumpy ride.

Needing to drive up to get my bag after the game, I spent part of the journey thinking 'I really hope someone isn't coming the other way'.

Most of the journey however was spent wondering if the little old work car would actually make it up the hill.

Happy to report we got out in one piece.

So, if a Hyundai i45 can make it up the Walhalla cricket hill, most cars should be able to.

The sight of an orange Mustang in the cricket ground carpark gave me some confidence I was going to be safe.

## EXPERIENCE

Granted it was a social game and we weren't playing for sheep stations, (or should I say, for gold) it was still a great time playing in a unique location.

All in all, it was a bit of fun mixing with fellow cricket lovers.

The astro pitch took some getting use to as the synthetic actually ended at the return crease (where the stumps are).

This meant, when you bowled, your back foot landed on the turf and your front on the concrete. Ordinarily, the concrete extends a few metres further.

That being said, the day was filled with positives, and hopefully Walhalla can get more games up and running.

The ground has hosted a match for premierships points in the TDCA before, and speaking to president Keiran Watson, they are hoping to get a women's competition going in the near future.

Appropriately taking on the nickname 'The Miners', the club has some great merchandise, including a very stylish baggy green cap.

Thinking a bit outside the square here, but with Brian

Taylor having a holiday house in Walhalla, could there be scope to get him involved?

Imagine BT commenting cricket games up at Walhalla.

Boy oh boy.

Surely we could hear a bit of "that was out of bounds" whenever a ball gets lost.

## ANY COMPARISON?

In terms of unique cricket grounds, Walhalla would surely take some beating.

Wes Pump Oval in Calignee, which has one side lined by forest, offers some sort of comparison locally from a layout sense.

With obvious apologies, some other picturesque grounds in Gippsland are Toongabbie, Yallourn North and Jindivick.

Toongabbie's ground will be a photographers dream once the white picket fence goes all the way around, while it is quite a nice sight playing at Yallourn North, facing north and seeing the mountains in the background.

Jindivick's ground is well worth a visit, as less than a metre separates part of the boundary's edge from the valley below, with views into Warragul.

Further afield, the Hume and Hovel Cricket Ground in central Victoria is a popular destination.

The ground is located in Strath Creek, and is actually a replica of Lords - it has the same slope gradient and number of pickets around the fence.

With more exposure set to come, who knows, Walhalla might even get a turf wicket one day.

They wouldn't be the only club in Baw Baw hoping to see that happen.



One of the quirks of playing on a mountaintop is that balls often end up in the bush.



Trafalgar cricketer Liam Durkin (front row, left) played in one of the matches up at Walhalla.

# Cricket on the home stretch

By Liam Durkin

Trafalgar Cricket Club has reached the business stage of the 2022/23 season.

With finals on the horizon, great anticipation has greeted players and officials.

The Ships commenced the second half of the season after Christmas, making the trip up to Boolarra.

The first two dayer in nearly two years saw Trafalgar bat all day, and end with 9/301 on the board.

Opener Aiden George scored 65, and Rhys Holdsworth made 95 at first drop.

Traf lost a few wickets against the run of play, and toward the end of the last session, there was a real possibility they would need to bowl a few overs.

Zack Brown and Daniel Heathcote however showed strong character, combining 58 for the 10th wicket.

Heathcote, finally using a bat long enough for a man of his height, knocked the ball around and got the odd boundary away, and before too long, thoughts of a maiden A Grade half-century were on the cards.

The 50-run partnership was brought up, as Brown played the supporting role perfectly, getting off strike when needed and defending toward the backend of the over.

The biggest cheer of the day was reserved when Heathcote raised the bat, and he duly lapped up the applause of 10 teammates who were genuinely stoked for him.

Trafalgar came back on Day 2 and took first innings points.

The Ships elected not to bat on.

The home side was 3/32 before a good partnership of 69 left the match evenly-poised at tea.

Ship spinner George was able to wrestle back momentum, taking two key wickets of back-to-back.

The Ships took the remaining wickets they needed to win on first innings.

George bowled 17 overs straight and took 3/14, while Jackson Noonan claimed 2/57.

With a lead of 147 and 25 overs left in the day, Trafalgar decided to roll the dice and go for an outright.

The Ships got off to a perfect start, nabbing a wicket in the first over, and then a wicket soon after, however, after a few more overs, it was clear an outright was not go-

ing to be achieved, and it was decided to call an early end to the day.

For the Ships, a quick debrief before players of all ages partook in the pinnacle of male team bonding - jumping in together for a cold shower.

Perhaps the biggest positive to come out of the day for Trafalgar was what happened there and then: No jocks in the showers.

The next week, Trafalgar made a good score against Willow Grove.

The Ships were asked to have a hit and left-handers Liam White and Rhys Holdsworth put on 92 for the second wicket.

Captain Aydan Connolly joined his predecessor, and took the side into tea in a strong position at 2/173.

Holdsworth scored a virtually chanceless century before tea.

In a nice touch, he was able to bring up the milestone in front of four generations of family.

Connolly departed for 26, before sending the message to the rest of the order to start swinging.

Holdsworth continued on, going past 150 to eventually post 154.

Noonan played an attacking hand of 28 off 20 balls, sending five balls to the fence.

The Ships declared at 9/288, making the call at the last drinks break so they didn't lose any time.

The Wolves had 19 overs to negotiate before stumps, and were 2/21 heading into Day 2.

Trafalgar's time in the field was highlighted by Oliver Hennessy taking his first A Grade wicket, after delivering a ball that came back in to take off stump.

Entering Day 2 well behind in the game, Willow Grove decided to block out for a draw from the start.

Trafalgar ended up winning on first innings after bowling Willow Grove out for 146, but the way in which things panned out had some Trafalgar players labelling it "the most boring day of cricket ever played".

The next week was washed out, meaning the match would become a one-dayer.

Taking on Centrals at Moe Racecourse, Trafalgar put together a strong team performance, to win by 33 runs.

The Ships were asked to have a hit, and closed with

204 on the board.

Top-scorers were Holdsworth with 69, and George 39.

The bowling, and more specifically, fielding, was first rate, which allowed Trafalgar to control the majority of the match.

Daniel Heathcote took three wickets, and Noonan two. Zack Brown also bowled very well across three spells, only going for 23 off 10 overs.

The first B Grade match after Christmas was classic seconds in a lot of ways.

The Ships won their match, but like countless other times before, tried very hard to lose it.

Traf was 5/119 chasing 144, and well... you know what often happens next in park cricket.

Before too long, the scoreboard read 7/132, then 8/137, and then 9/139.

With 10 needed and Mark Smith batting on one leg (literally, due to a broken toe), Nick Gurney was required to farm all of the strike, and get at least one maximum away to see Trafalgar home.

He did, much to the excitement and equal relief of all wearing red and white.

The ending threatened to undo the good work of those earlier in the day.

With the ball, Trafalgar's youngsters impressed. James Pace took 2/21 off seven overs, and fellow new-ball operator Olly Hennessy was miserly, grabbing 1/16 off nine with three maidens.

Gurney chipped in with three wickets, while another youngster, Louis Hennessy, took a decisive wicket of a key opposition bat.

After that Hennessy wicket, the opposition went from 2/108 to scratching their way through the rest of the innings.

The old combined with the new prior to this, with Olly Hennessy throwing to Col Parnall to complete a run out.

The Ships response didn't get off to an ideal start, as the first three wickets fell with only 14 on the board.

From there however, Brendan Dawson played a steady hand and made 32. It was great to see Bricka back out there, after a shoulder dislocation in a game before Christmas looked to spell the end of his playing days.

Louis Hennessy stepped up with a terrific 28, and should get a great deal of confidence from his effort, making runs when the chips

were down.

He and Dawson put on 60 for the fourth wicket, which made everyone in the Trafalgar camp breathe a little easier - until the chaos that ensued in the last few overs of course.

In case you were wondering, the Ships were 6/125 after 32 overs, 6/134 after 39, and then lost three wickets in three overs from over 40 to 42.

Needing 10 to win with one wicket in hand, Gurney went dot, four, six in the 43rd to get home with two overs to spare.

The next week saw a shambolic fielding effort, in which five chances were put down in the first 15 overs.

Batting first against Traralgon West, Trafalgar could only manage 107. Starts plagued the innings, with five players getting to double figures before getting out.

The Ships batted most of their allotted overs, but Traralgon West was able to coast over the line with relative ease.

A bye was followed by a shocking one wicket loss to Raiders.

The Ships looked to have their game against Raiders under control for 95, or even 98 per cent of the day, until a cataclysmic finish saw their opponents snatch victory from the jaws of defeat.

Batting first, the Ships put together a few handy partnerships, highlighted by Billy Claridge and Olly Hennessy combining for 60, to get to a total of 189.

Skipper Bill made 52, while Olly scored 27. Christian Burgess made a solid 35 opening the batting earlier in the piece.

A good run chase ensued, and in a game that saw the bat dominate, it came down to the final over.

Heartbreak for the Ships. With one wicket in hand and a few to get, Raiders was able to get the job done.

Billy and Christian backed-up their efforts with the bat, taking three wickets apiece.

The side got out of jail a fortnight later, after a wash-out the week before.

Facing Willow Grove, the Ships bowled the Wolves out for 98, and then lost nine wickets in response trying to win the match.

Youngster James Pace played a match-winning hand on 31, to go with three wickets. Jordy Chapman also

bowled well, taking 3/26.

C Grade looked like having a very early day until an ageing veteran saved the Ships.

Batting first against Moe, Trafalgar had to stagger their order dramatically to accommodate umpiring, and as such, Brent Claridge didn't bat until 10.

Before that, Traf saw Moe close at 6/145, fighting back hard after the Lions had got to 1/89.

Brenna gave very little away, taking 2/15 off eight with three maidens.

In reply, the Ships were in all sorts of strife, going 3/6, 5/25 and 7/34.

Kev Hennessy and Brenna then got together and put on a few, followed by Craig White and Kev very nearly pinching a game that looked to be out of reach for 90 per cent of the day.

The last pair put on 47, and got within eight runs of the target, only to fall short.

It was the Shane Lanham show against Yallourn North.

Bowling first, Lanham's left arm orthodox secured him a five-fa. Youngster Zak Larkin hit good areas, and took 2/17, as did Liam Smith, who nabbed 2/26.

Darren Brown was miserly as always, going for just 23 off eight overs, getting a wicket for his trouble.

Billy Pace made a welcome return, and scored 30 in his first proper hit since coming back from injury.

The Ships were 1/70, before losing a few on the run home.

Eventually, Col Parnall made sure of the points, with an unbeaten 35.

A stronger opposition greater Traf the next week.

In short, the bowling was very good and the batting was very poor.

The Ships bowled first against Morwell, and did a good job of it, dismissing the Tigers for 99.

In the battle of the Mark Smiths, it was the Traf version that did the damage, taking 4/22 off 7.3 overs.

Brown continued his good form, snaring 2/10 off eight with three maidens.

Larkin again showed good signs, and took 1/12 off six, while Brenna went for just eight off six.

That is where the good news ended for Traf.

The response started badly and just got worse.

At one stage it was 2/3, then 5/10, then 7/26, 8/32, and all out 54.

Traf was then one of only two games across the whole league that got a start the following week.

While pretty much everywhere was washed out, rain stayed away for long enough up at Mirboo North to get a game going.

In the end, it was not only an effort to get a game played, it was an effort just to grip the ball.

The Ships batted first, and used up their allotted overs to compile 115.

Steve Asmussen batted through the innings, and ended up making a fighting half-century.

Assy brought up the milestone with a magnificent lofted on-drive, to walk off the ground unbeaten on 52.

Billy Pace resumed his usual position at the top of the order, and as ever, proved hard to dislodge.

Pacey made 35 in a 90-run stand with Assy.

Assy played the late cut (old man shot) to perfection, while Billy did well considering his achilles was shot.

With the ball, the Ships struck a couple of times early, and had the game under control.

A quick stumping from Parnall standing up to Brown's meds highlighted proceedings.

However, as fate would have it after this, Traf ran into a few more-than-handly inclusions for the Mirboo North team, some of whom had vast A Grade experience.

This, combined with the Ships probably copping the worst of the weather, made catching the ball, yet alone bowling it, difficult. At one stage, the rain was coming in sideways.

Mirboo North needed to win to keep their season alive, and understandably, made the most of this advantage, getting over the line in the 31st over.

Although the current season is coming to an end, the Trafalgar Cricket Club is always on the lookout for prospective players.

If you are interested in joining a great family club for the 2023/24 season, please phone secretary Liam Durkin on 0402 556 338.

The Trafalgar Cricket Club can be found on Facebook, or reached by email on [trafalgarcricketclub@gmail.com](mailto:trafalgarcricketclub@gmail.com)

# Ladies champion crowned

By Ian Miles (Trafalgar Bowls Club chairman)

Heather Taylor continued her great career with Trafalgar Bowls Club, winning her ninth singles title recently.

After narrowly defeating the defending title holder Helen Robertson in the semi-final, Taylor came up against the experienced Shirley Melsom, who was playing in her first Trafalgar singles final after transferring from War-ragul Bowls Club.

In a very good standard

and evenly fought contest, Taylor prevailed to win 25-20.

Both players displayed an excellent standard of draw bowls in a game that was played in great spirit.

Melsom has been a great addition to the Trafalgar Bowls Club this season, and has been instrumental in helping the midweek pen-nant team rise up the ladder to contest the finals.



Runner-up Shirley Melsom and winner Heather Taylor.

# Singles titles for Trafalgar champion

Ian Miles won the Trafalgar Bowls Club 2022/23 men's club singles title after he defeated new Trafalgar member Bernie Detering in the final.

The final was played in extremely windy conditions and made it difficult for both players.

Detering transferred to Trafalgar this season from Morwell Bowls Club, and is enjoying a successful season

in both individual and pen-nant competitions.

After contesting the club singles title, all singles cham-pions from the 18 Strzelecki North clubs played off in the champion of champions title at Newborough Bowls Club.

Played in knockout for-mat over two days on New-berough's famous grass greens, Miles won through to the final after defeating the champions from Neerim

South, Traralgon and Gar-field Bowls Clubs.

In the final against Steve Collins from Morwell Bowls Club, Miles was able to main-tain his consistent form to win 25-15 to progress to the Strzelecki singles play-off.

Australia Day proved to be a good day for Trafalgar bowls when Miles and a large group of supporters travelled to Wonthaggi Bowls Club to contest the Strzelecki Group

singles title.

Playing against Strzelecki Champion of Champions, Paul Michael from Leon-gatha, Miles, after a slow start, got on top to run out the winner 25-18.

Miles will now go to Ben-digo next month to contest the Victorian singles cham-pionship finals.



Trafalgar's Ian Miles will compete in the Victorian singles championship finals next month, after defeating Leongatha's Paul Michael for the Strzelecki Group singles title.

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