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Longwarry too good in grand final

by Davyd Reid

A crowd of more than 5000 people packed out Trafalgar Recreation Precinct to see Longwarry Football Club's three-year build under coach Darren Granger reach its pinnacle, with the Crows comfortably accounting for Trafalgar on its own ground on 12 September.

While the Bloods held firm for the first half, it had little answer as the Crows kicked away after half time to win 11-6 (72) to 3-7 (25).

The Crows entered the contest unchanged from

the second semi final while the Bloods made one change, Keegan Tullett the unlucky player to miss for Liam Coulthard.

Cooper Minichiello took the field in a face mask to protect his busted nose from the preliminary final.

Braydon McHugh put through the only goal of the first term as an early arm-wrestle ensued.

Although the second term remained a dour struggle, the Crows were able to kick out to a 12-point lead.

Longwarry's Fintan Fox was paid a dangerous tackle free kick in front of goal.

His speed was troubling the Trafalgar defence, adding another from 40 metres from the lead.

Danny Brewster took an uncontested mark to score a much overdue goal for the Bloods.

The Crows made their move in the third term with a six goal to one effort to sink Trafalgar hearts.

Longwarry's Rundell went for a customary long run to

celebrate the first and was soon in the action again.

He speared a pass into the open Jason Wells who in turn hit up McHugh as the Crows finished from going end-to-end.

Danny Brewster won a free kick for an arm chop to kick truly, but any momentum was snuffed out by the Crows.

Brandon Allen found Josh Bourke in space to hit Jedd Serong on the lead to further extend the margin.

A long kick from Jackson Kos set up the Crows to the

advantage of Jason Wells to put through their eighth.

A vigorous tackle set up Wells for another in the pocket as a venue attendance of 5040 was announced.

Things went from bad to worse for Trafalgar as Ryan Dyke was helped off by two trainers with a knee injury.

Trafalgar scored the first goal of the final term, but it was too little too late.

Longwarry's Serong converted from a double grab mark before van der Heyden capped off the strong

performance with a goal of his own.

Best on ground medallist Cooper Brown, Allen, Bailey Stephens, Fox, Tyler van der Heyden and McHugh led the charge towards the premiership for the Crows.

The Bloods were best served by Bradley Hoffmann, Shane Brewster, Oliver Hennessey, Danny Brewster, Kyle Beveridge and Hardy Kenny.

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Longwarry coach Darren Granger (right) consoles his Trafalgar counterpart Shane Brewster after the grand final

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Outcome of future directions survey

The community survey to ascertain the future direction of Traf District News saw 87 per cent of respondents wanting the paper to focus on the local community in the style of *Traf News* with articles mainly from Trafalgar and neighbouring towns such as Yarragon, Thorpdale and Willow Grove, plus their local surrounding communities.

Thirteen per cent wanted the paper to be more regionally focused, receiving contributions from various parts

of Gippsland, with contributions from Trafalgar and surrounds being secondary.

This result supports the original concept of Traf News when it began in 1999 as the result of much of Trafalgar's news not being recorded.

While the number of respondents was not as high as hoped, the matter was considered by Traf News Inc's committee at its August meeting, at which it decided that the paper will be Traf-centric with local towns rather than being Gippsland regional.

The committee and the editorial staff will continue to encourage news from local community groups, organisations and individuals so that not only our local community is aware of what is now happening, but equally importantly, future generations will also know.

No decision was made as to whether the paper's name will be changed.

Vale Ivan Blitz

Regretfully, since interviewing Ivan in July for our Meet the Locals article, he was diagnosed with a terminal illness and passed away on 22 September.

He was looking forward to celebrating his 90th birthday this October and seeing his story published in Traf District News.

The Traf District News staff and committee extend our sincere sympathies to Ivan's family and friends.

His contribution to distributing Traf District News in Trafalgar East has been very much appreciated.

The Meet the Locals article on Ivan's life can be found on page 9 of this edition.

Adoption of AI policy

As readers know, artificial intelligence (AI) and its use is going ahead at full steam.

Its impact on media is beginning to become clearer.

As a result, Traf News Inc's committee of management adopted an AI policy on 20 August.

While most of it is 'in-house', one section relates to articles provided to the paper by people and organisations.

Where articles are provided by community members and organisations which have used AI to generate the article in whole or in part, the article must include the following statement: "This article was produced with the assistance of artificial intelligence tools".

If an article is received which was produced with the assistance of artificial intelligence tools, whether in whole or in part, and the above statement is not provided:

- For the first occurrence, a warning will be issued;
- For the second and subsequent occasions, articles will not be accepted for a period of time or a number of editions as specified by the committee of management.

While this seems severe, it is protecting the integrity of the paper as well as that of the article's contributor.

This paper, therefore, does not discourage the use of AI in articles; however, they must clearly state that AI was used.

As a pre-caution, contributors should always double-check information provided by AI as it is not always accurate.

Authorisation needed for electoral advertising

The Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) has just released a new determination regarding electoral advertising (attached).

For potential advertisers of electoral matter in the upcoming state election, authorisation of an advertisement that contains electoral matter is required when an advertisement is received from:

- a registered political party
- a candidate
- a group
- an elected member
- an associated entity
- a third-party campaigner
- a donor

For an advertisement to 'contain' electoral matter, the electoral matter must have a sufficiently strong connection to an election. Proximity to an election day is relevant to whether the material has a sufficiently strong connection to the election.

Therefore, any advertisements from any of the above bulleted entities (and we know a 'group' is very broad) that looks like it refers to the upcoming election must have the ad's authorisation.

An advertisement that contains electoral material must include the name and address of the person or entity who authorised the electoral material.

A person authorising electoral material can be a natural person, body politic or a body corporate (e.g. a political party, company or organisation).

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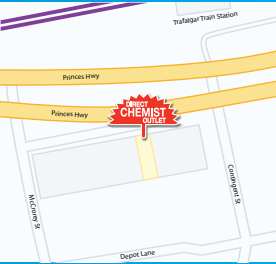
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Reservists aim to ease pressure

by Aidan Knight

Warragul Police Station is one of the first to revisit a previously discontinued program allowing for retired officers to return to duties, to alleviate demand on operational officers.

Police reservists provide a role within the community that frees up officers from reception and administrative tasks that prevent them attending call-outs.

Once fully implemented across Victoria, the program is expected to make a significant dent in desk-bound hours.

"It's expected that the reservist program will put about 8000 policing hours (statewide) back into the community each week once it's fully rolled out," senior sergeant Glenn Parke told the Gazette. "That's time that can

be put back into detecting crime, investigating crime, and preventing crime."

At Warragul, the impact is already being felt by station staff.

"We have two police manning our reception counter 24 hours a day, every day of the year," senior sergeant Parke said. "When we bring these reservists online, that'll free up at least one every shift that we can deploy to other duties."

Statewide, about 200 full-time reservist positions are being introduced in the initial phase. Warragul secured two of those positions in local veterans John Stewart and Andy McCrorey.

Andy, a Trafalgar born and bred local, served the majority of his career throughout a series of stations in the Latrobe Valley and worked

with John in William St, Melbourne shortly after graduating from the academy in about 1979.

After 41 years of service, and six years of retired life, Andy was looking forward to returning in a supporting role that was all about purpose and people.

"Most police will tell you they don't miss a lot of parts about the job, but they miss the camaraderie, the friendship," he said. "That's mostly what we'll get here, while still making a difference."

John spent time overseas serving with the Australian Federal Police in East Timor, supported by the United Nations, after an eight-year spell as officer in charge at Collingwood station.

Working across many stations during the pivotal early years of his career, John then

took his wealth of experience to a private security company in 2006, after retiring from the force four years earlier, to train the Iraqi National Police for a decade.

John said he hoped the pair's experience could support both younger officers and community members at the counter.

"We might not know all the new ways of doing things before our refresher training, but we certainly have the experience to be able to guide the newer members," he said, "with extensive experienced advice and local knowledge of the area."

More than 500 former police officers across Victoria have expressed interest in the reservist program.

To be eligible, applicants must have previously served at least two years in an

Australian police force, with some ex-members from New Zealand and the United Kingdom also able to apply.

All reservists complete a short refresher course to bring them up to speed on new technology, policies and procedures, something police say helps ensure the public receives the same standard of service at the front counter as they would from a serving officer.

(Source: Warragul and Drouin Gazette)

Traf District News has been advised that there are no current plans for a reservist to be stationed at Trafalgar.

Warragul's Inspector Stephen Cooper said that reservists will initially be limited to 24-hour stations such as Warragul.



Former Trafalgar resident and newly appointed police reservist Andy McCrorey is stationed at Warragul Policer Station

Improved satisfaction with shire

Results are in for the annual community satisfaction survey with Baw Baw Shire Council saying there are significant improvements across the board, reversing a downward trend from previous years.

Held annually, the community satisfaction survey measures community perceptions of key areas including Council's overall performance, value for money in services and infrastructure, community consultation

and engagement, decisions made in the interest of the community, customer service, local infrastructure, facilities, services and overall Council direction.

In Baw Baw Shire, a representative sample of 400 residents were contacted via phone by an independent research company on behalf of Local Government Victoria.

The top three performing areas for Baw Baw Shire Council are the arts centre and libraries, appearance

of public areas and waste management.

Council says these results are on par or higher with similar sized Councils.

Customer service, recreational facilities and advocacy/ lobbying also achieved improved results in comparison to previous years.

When asked what the best thing about Baw Baw Shire Council is, responses included local parks and gardens, good customer service, waste management including hard

waste and tips, recreational/ sporting facilities, clean and tidy public areas, good location, good community facilities, good atmosphere around neighbourhoods and a perceived overall effort to improve.

Compared with other large rural councils, Baw Baw Shire Council recorded strong results.

Ten of the 14 service areas were on par with similar municipalities, while three areas

recorded results significantly above the group average.

Perceptions improved across almost all demographic and geographic groups over the past 12 months, with many recording statistically significant increases.

Residents aged 65 years and over rated Council's overall performance significantly higher than the survey average.

Local roads, town planning and planning permits were among the lowest

ranking areas, however, still recorded improvements from previous years.

Baw Baw Shire mayor Kate Wilson said, "We thank everyone who took the time to provide honest and constructive feedback.

"While we recognise there is always more work to do, it is encouraging to see positive movement and evidence that our refocussed efforts are making a difference", Cr Wilson said.

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Trafalgar Public Hall granted land tax exemption

By Rachel Thornby

The Trafalgar Public Hall has been granted an exemption from paying land tax after proving the land was gifted back in 1957.

The process of receiving the exemption was long and financially straining for the hall, lasting over two years.

On 24 May, 2024, the State Revenue Office issued the

Public Hall with a bill for five years of land tax from 2020-2024, totalling \$5900.

The large sum came as a shock to the Public Hall committee who operate the hall as a not for profit.

The State Revenue Office explains that “land tax is an annual tax on the value of land you own in Victoria, excluding exempt land such as your home. The tax helps fund public services and encourages the effective use of land.”

In February 2025, another land tax notice for the 2025 year was issued, with the Public Hall owing an additional \$3100, a significant yearly price increase.

After receiving the initial tax notice, the Public Hall committee applied for an exemption.

However, due to communication issues, the initial claim was rejected and a second application was submitted.

According to the State Revenue Office, “land is exempt from land tax if a not-for-profit club owns and uses it only for the social, cultural, recreational, literary or educational interests of its members.”

The Public Hall embodies this, hosting all kinds of events including: birthdays, theatre, parties, markets, weddings, community groups, and much more.

For the Public Hall to receive their exemption, proving they operate as a not-for-profit was not enough, it was also necessary to prove the ownership of the land.

Treasurer and secretary of the Trafalgar Public Hall Committee, Eva Moscato, said “it was a long tedious process dealing with the SRO (State Revenue Office), there were complications regarding communication and responses to exemptions.”

“Each time we hit a road block it was a must to call the

SRO and discuss what was needed to be done next and provide responses to questions as best we could.”

While waiting for their application to be processed, the Public Hall was advised that they needed to pay the outstanding \$8900, for the six years of land tax and wait to receive a refund if the claim was approved.

After an already challenging few years after the COVID-19 pandemic, the financial blow threatened the viability of the hall.

As the situation continued to develop, the Public Hall committee reached out to J MacGregor Legal in Trafalgar for advice and representation.

“Following lengthy waits for the SRO and consequent queries regarding land ownership we were able to gain assistance with J MacGregor Legal as our representative.

They were able to obtain clarification relating to documents that would assist in proving the land and hall were solely for public use and under the trust of the hall committee,” said Eva Moscato.

While waiting to hear back about their exemption claim, the hall’s committee ran two successful fundraisers to help pay for the outstanding tax bill.

On 5 October 2025, a fundraiser was held at the Trafalgar Criterion Hotel hosting live entertainment, auctions, raffles, and cash prizes.

The second was a BBQ fundraiser on 7 June 2026 at Bunnings Warragul.

Thanks to community support, the hall was able to earn back approximately half of the total land tax fee.

More than a year after the application for the exemption was made, the State Revenue Office replied asking for more historical information on the hall to prove the ownership of the land.

Despite poring through documents within the hall and the historical society, no one was able to locate proof of the hall’s ownership.

It was through contact with the Baw Baw Shire that the Declaration of Trust from 1957 was found and proved pivotal to showing the land the public hall sits on was gifted and in the care of a trustee.

The Public Hall is still waiting to receive a refund on the land tax they paid prior to receiving their exemption.

Looking forward, the hall’s committee is looking forward to continuing to support local events and are hoping to spend time applying for grants to improve various aspects of the hall, including a bathroom renovation.

Jade MacGregor and Bryce Grimshaw from J MacGregor Legal were instrumental in helping the hall receive this outcome and the Public Hall committee would like to thank them for their efforts.

The Trafalgar Public Hall committee warmly welcomes anyone interested in volunteering or supporting the hall.

Please contact Andrea McDonald at 0448 377 505 or Eva Moscato at 0419 895 901.

If you’re interested in booking the hall, please contact Wombat Lyons at 0409 015 662.



The Trafalgar Public Hall

Man charged: firearms and drugs seized in Numurkah and Trafalgar

Detectives from Cobram Crime Investigation Unit charged a man following the seizure of handguns, drugs and ammunition from Numurkah and Trafalgar on 2 September.

As part of an ongoing investigation, detectives executed search warrants at a business on Station Street Numurkah in northern Victoria, along with a property on Melville Street

Numurkah in the early hours of 2 September.

Police seized an array of ammunition, firearms and drugs from the locations, including a loaded homemade handgun.

With the assistance from the Critical Incident Response Team, a man was arrested at the Station Street Numurkah business and taken back to a police station.

Detectives then executed a third search warrant at a

property in Centenary Drive, Trafalgar, where they located further ammunition.

A 49-year-old Trafalgar man has been charged with multiple offences including:

- prohibited person possess a firearm
- prohibited person possess imitation firearm.
- possess drug of dependence
- possess ammunition

He was remanded to appear at Shepparton Magistrates’ Court on 3 September, at which the matter was adjourned to Shepparton Magistrates’ Court on 9 October.

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Police present complex picture of crime

by Aidan Knight

Police leaders across Baw Baw outlined a complex picture of crime in the region at a Neighbourhood Policing Forum in mid-August.

Acting superintendent Dean Thomas oversaw a panel of police officers working to reduce crime and increase safety throughout the Baw Baw police services area.

The panel included local area commander inspector Stephen Cooper, tasking and

co-ordination inspector Kane Ferguson and response unit acting inspector Rod Finlay.

Also speaking to his specialised area within the Drug Response Unit was detective senior constable Kaine Pawson.

Inspector Cooper highlighted the impact of rapid population growth on policing across the eastern region.

Over the past five years, he said Baw Baw's population

had risen close to 10 per cent to a total 62,764 residents.

Results from the recent Community Safety Sentiment Survey showed the leading concerns among locals were:

- Safety of property
- Safety in public places
- Drugs and alcohol

In response, police have been running targeted operations on burglary, public event safety and retail theft.

Operation Nightjar focused on after-hours burglaries in central business districts including Trafalgar and Yarragon, with uniformed police "saturating a particular area and stopping anything that moves" residents were told during the forum.

Over three nights in February, police checked 255 cars and executed 13 outstanding warrants.

Operation Markdown targeted shoplifting and under-reporting by retailers.

Insp Cooper said some smaller businesses had been reluctant to contact police even when facing repeat thefts.

"If you don't report it to me, I don't know you're making all this loss," he said, describing a recent case where police intervened with a repeat shoplifter and linked them to food vouchers and support services, which led to a positive end result.

Police said, "most of the people we did arrest (during the operation) were in desperate need of food," acknowledging a genuine need of support, while still maintaining an emphasis of enforcement and holding offenders accountable, which officers said required penalties more often than not.

Police said Operation Markdown revealed a mix of offenders, including disengaged youth.

"Some of which are simply high schoolers being opportunistic," insp Cooper said.

Stores often did not want young staff confronting potentially violent thieves, so minor thefts could be absorbed rather than reported, but officers agreed that there was more value found in the "footy coach speech" than many would think, and reporting was an important step in further prevention.

For repeat youth offenders, police move to: youth cautions and diversion;

referrals to the proactive policing unit; and working with schools or other agencies.

Detectives flagged organised retail theft syndicates, including groups travelling around Victoria stealing high-value baby formula, infant products etc.

Losses can reach hundreds of thousands of dollars, and were treated as extremely serious, not "just shoplifting."

When detectives looked at 12 months of data, they found commercial burglaries were higher than expected, and identified two hotspots for thefts of (and from) vehicles in Baw Baw.

Both were in Warragul, at carparks in the railway station and West Gippsland Hospital.

Police confirmed they were in the process of acquiring loaned cameras from other areas to install in these areas.

Source: Warragul & Drouin Gazette



Baw Baw area commander inspector Stephen Cooper (left) with acting superintendent Dean Thomas at the Neighbourhood Policing Forum

Council endorses new community engagement policy

Councillors have unanimously endorsed a revised Community Engagement Policy for Baw Baw Shire Council, which will guide how Council connects with and receives feedback from the community.

The Policy underwent community engagement between May and June this

year, so that the local community, who this will impact the most, could influence its direction and so Council could ensure it was on the right track to engage with its residents.

The revised Community Engagement Policy is designed to bring more people into the conversation in a meaningful way.

Baw Baw Shire Mayor Cr Kate Wilson said that Council had exciting plans in this space, as it planned to grow and enhance its engagement with the community and ensure that they were further involved in decision making and direction, moving forward.

"We want to work in partnership with our community wherever possible," she said.

"Everything we do is for the community, so it is critical that their voices are heard, and our residents have a seat at the table when it comes to decisions that are going to impact them."

The document, which is an update to an existing Policy, was reviewed to ensure that Council is engaging with the community, including residents, business owners, volunteers and sporting club

members, in a meaningful way and in a manner that provides them the opportunity to really tell us what they think.

Cr Wilson added that Council's commitment to getting this Policy right, and involving the community in its development, demonstrates Council's desire to engage properly.

"We know that not everyone wants to hear from us and work with us in the same way," Cr Wilson said.

"This Policy will hold us accountable in the engagement space and hopefully build more community trust in Council's decision-making process."

"Throughout the engagement on this policy some really valid points were made, which related to the timeframes that Council would engage for, if these were long enough, and the use of Artificial Intelligence – we welcomed these thoughts and insights and made updates to the Policy to reflect these ideas."

The Policy is now live on Council's website and can be viewed here: <https://bawbaw-shire.co/Policies-and-Documents>

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Council inaction on proposed Trafalgar RV Park

By Mick Bourke

Baw Baw Shire Council appears not to have advanced the implementation of Trafalgar's proposed free recreation vehicle (RV) park at the recreation precinct to any great degree despite having the proposal since 15 September 2025.

Interim chief executive officer John Bennie advised the proposal's author, Mick Bourke OAM the following day (16 September 2025) as follows:

"I acknowledge receipt of your proposal and congratulate you at the outset on the quality of the submission.

Cr. Brendan Kingwill mentioned the possibility of this initiative several months ago and I am pleased to now receive that.

I look forward to hearing the thoughts of our East Ward Councillors and Mayor Danny Goss, while advancing the proposal for internal consideration in the first instance.

I will now refer to Council's Executive for appropriate consideration – including Community Infrastructure, Planning, Environmental Health and Economic Development – and will assign the initiative to one member who will engage and keep you informed of its progression.

I can immediately relate to the township (and Shire) benefits that could arise from this proposal and assure you that it will receive proper and timely consideration."

A community engagement event was held in Trafalgar

on 18 November 2025 at which the proposal was discussed and community feedback sought.

The author of this article was subsequently advised by Cr Kingwill on 4 December 2025 that "There was general support for the recreation reserve site so council officers will be looking more closely to trial something there.

"I expect we will get a report in the new year that will consider costs and benefits and how it will be managed, including enforcement, and any broader policy implications.

"The aim will be to make it happen."

The appropriate manager's details were provided who will be running with the initiative.

The manager has been contacted on at least two occasions this year, and he advises that the proposal is 'still on the list'.

The manager hasn't been 'pushed' as it is understood that he has a heavy workload, however, time is moving on, with queries growing from Trafalgar people wanting to know the status quo of the project.

The author contacted Baw Baw Shire Council's chief executive officer Tilla Buden, on 10 August outlining the situation (the above largely represents the email sent to Tilla).

She responded the next day saying that either she or the relevant manager will contact Mick 'shortly'.

Council subsequently advised on 9 September that an

additional person has been added to assist in the delivery of both the dump point and RV parking proposals.

The council official further advised that as camping is banned across the shire according to council's Local Laws, this matter may need council consideration to permit the limited exemption at Trafalgar Recreation Precinct.

Evidence across Australia shows that there is a significant economic benefit to businesses within a community that has free RV camping available.

The ongoing delay in implementing the RV park is costing many of Trafalgar's businesses. The benefits of a free, short-term RV stay area are varied:

- boost to local business revenue (estimated up to \$100/day per RV). If four caravans/ RVs stay each day, that equates to \$400/day (\$2100/week spent in Trafalgar;
- enhanced visibility and visitation of local attractions and events;
- potential to gain "RV Friendly Town" status through the Campervan and Motorhome Club of Australia;
- increased tourism opportunities, further highlighting the natural beauty of the shire; and
- strengthened community facilities (e.g., dump point usable by local caravan/ RV owners).

Report to come back to Council on future waste collections

A report on reverting back to weekly red general rubbish collections and the costs associated with this is set to come back to a future Council Meeting following a Notice of Motion raised by Central Ward Councillor Danny Goss at today's Council Meeting.

The Notice of Motion, raised by Cr Danny Goss at the Council Meeting, requests Council Officers to provide a report that will investigate the costs and implications of returning to a weekly collection of the red general rubbish bin in Baw Baw Shire.

The Officer report, called for in the Notice of Motion, considers the red bin frequency by examining the options,

implications and costs associated with reverting to weekly red-bin collections.

Cr Goss raised the Notice of Motion in response to community feedback received after the change in frequency of collection for the red general rubbish bin and green Food Organics Garden Organics (FOGO) bin, which coincided with the introduction of the FOGO program.

A petition, with 6139 signatories (3997 of which are from Baw Baw Shire), in support of reverting back to a weekly red general rubbish bin collection was also tabled at the Council Meeting.

In July this year, Council introduced FOGO. Under this new program, residents

are now required to place their food scraps in the green FOGO bin alongside their garden clippings.

A Special Consideration Program (SCP) was also introduced to provide support for those with exceptional waste needs following this change.

Baw Baw Shire Mayor Councillor Kate Wilson said Council would await the report before making any final decisions on the possibilities of changing the program.

"The FOGO program is a critical program and is mandated by the State Government via its new standardised household waste and recycling system.

It seeks to divert more waste away from landfill and

create better recycling outcomes across Victoria.

"The amount of waste we currently send to landfill is unsustainable, so we're trying to strike a balance between moving towards a circular economy and reducing landfill waste, while still providing solutions for our residents with extenuating additional waste circumstances."

According to waste audits undertaken by Baw Baw Shire, more than half of the waste found in Baw Baw's average red general rubbish bin is made up of food scraps (39%), garden organics (4%), glass recycling (1%), or mixed recycling (9%).

Council undertook audits in September 2023 and in

June 2026 and will undertake another one this financial year, in mid-2027.

Over the past eight years, while the Victorian Government's EPA Landfill Levy has nearly tripled since 2019, from \$65.90 to \$177.19 per tonne, the waste charge paid by residents has increased by 51%.

With EPA landfill levies continuing to increase, diverting even 25% of waste away from landfill is estimated to save the community more than \$1 million each year, helping to keep future waste costs down.

Councillor Goss said this was the largest petition Council had received, which showed there was

community concern about this matter that Council could not ignore.

"These signatures hold a lot of weight and we will wait for the report to return to Council and make our decision following that," Cr Goss said.

"I support FOGO and our attempts at reducing the amount of rubbish we send to landfill. It is the change in frequency of the red rubbish bins that our community has concerns with and we cannot ignore them.

"This is why I am keen to further explore this and have called for the report to return to Council with all of the information we need to make an informed next decision."



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Based in Garfield, Dr Cole has more than 45 years experience in understanding soil biology and helping farmers and growers build healthier, more resilient soils.

A former academic at Monash University, Charles Sturt University and the

University of Melbourne, she is an Honorary Fellow of the University of Melbourne and founder and Principal Scientist of Agpath, a specialist soil biology and plant pathology laboratory and consultancy.

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Scam alert: Food delivery scams

What's happening

Scammers are targeting people who use food delivery platforms, including restaurants, customers and delivery workers. They may pretend to be DoorDash, Uber Eats, a restaurant or a customer.

They may contact you about an order, refund, cancellation, account issue or payment problem. They may ask for a one-time code, login details, your mobile number or bank information. They use these details to take over accounts, change payment settings or redirect money. Scammers may claim they can see your order but demand you provide additional details or payment outside the app in order to process it.

Scammers are also targeting delivery workers by gaining access to their accounts and redirecting the money they've earned. Delivery workers may receive messages about orders that have been cancelled for being 'fraudulent' or

a 'double order' and ask for the worker's details to compensate them.

Who's at risk

Restaurants, customers and delivery workers can all be affected. You may be at higher risk if you share one-time codes, respond to account alerts that do not include clear details, or feel pressured to act quickly.

Warning signs to look out for

- Unexpected calls or messages about an order, refund, cancellation or account problems
- Requests for one-time codes, passwords, login details or bank information
- Unexpected password reset emails, login alerts or changes to your account
- Pressure to act quickly because something is supposedly urgent or fraudulent.

Protect yourself from food delivery account takeover scams

STOP. Don't rush. Don't click links, unexpected messages or share passwords, one-time codes or financial information

CHECK. Contact the restaurant or delivery platform using the official App or website to check if the message or call is real

PROTECT. If you shared money or personal information with a scammer, act quickly. Contact your bank or card provider immediately to report the scam. Ask them to stop any transactions

IDCARE is Australia and New Zealand's national identity and cyber support service. It can help you make a plan (for free) to limit the damage. Call it on 1800 595 160.

If scammers have stolen money from you, they often come back for more. Unfortunately, 1 in 3 victims of a scam have been scammed more than once.

Road projects biggest winner in capital works program

Road projects received the largest amount of funding in the third quarter of Baw Baw Shire's capital works program, followed by sports facilities and the Culture and Connection Precinct.

A total of 145 projects were listed on the program and 42 (29 per cent) were completed by March 2026; 36 per cent were in the delivery phase, 15 per cent were in the design phase and 16 per cent were in planning.

The total adopted budget and carryover was \$46.5 million; the total adjusted budget was \$50.8 million. The forecast expenditure to the end of the financial year was \$32.7 million, and the year-to-date actual expenditure (March 2026) was \$18.1 million.

"We secured some grant funding this quarter and there is still another \$6 million still awaiting announcement," Cr Paul Pratt said.

"But also, the commercial realities are clear, the underlying result show, the numbers show, a 10-million-dollar deficit.

"Our capital works delivery is only sitting at 36 per cent of the adjusted budget, and we are going to have to carry over \$12 million of those works."

Nine of 36 road projects were completed, with the total valued at \$15.2 million. Of that, \$2.7 million went to Thurlows Road, \$1.5 million to Darnum-Shady Creek Road, \$1.3 million on the Black Spot Program at Sand Road/Princes Way, \$1.1 million on Old Sale Road, \$3 million on Copelands Road and \$1.2 million on the resealing program.

Another \$2 million was spent on the bridge design for East West Road, Darnum and \$1.5 million was allocated to 10 drainage projects, with two completed, and six in delivery.

Nine of 38 sports and recreation projects valued at \$8.76 million were completed; with \$1.9 million being spent on Western Park Oval two, \$1.4 million on Downton Park Pavillion and \$1.1M on water heating at the Warragul Leisure Centre.

More than \$5.1 million went to stage one of the Baw Baw Culture and Connection Precinct project and more than \$1.4 million was allocated to 19 other community facility projects, nine of which were completed.

\$4.6 million is being spent on 11 projects for council facilities and operations, with

\$1.8 million on replacing plant, fleet and machinery and \$2.1 million on replacing council IT systems.

Stage two and three of works at Commercial Place, Drouin were completed at a value of more than \$1 million and the renewal and relocation of Queen Street public toilets in Warragul was allocated \$686,000, as part of 17 town amenities projects.

A full audit and valuation of council's public art collection occurred alongside a refreshed Public Art Policy, and the development of a Civic Art Collection Policy, which was allocated \$60,000.

Cr Brendan Kingwill advised Traf District news that there are works planned for Waterloo Road out front of the Holden museum and sale yard Road.

"We are also doing foot-path repairs in the CBD where the path has sunk and been patched.

"We are planning a bike track in Willow Grove and new seating in Thorpdale.

"So, there are works planned that don't necessarily make a line on the budget," said Cr Kingwill.

Source: The Warragul & Drouin Gazette



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Did you know?

By Jared Smith



Have you ever noticed there are more male ginger cats than females? What about tortoiseshell or calico cats; did you realise they seem to nearly always be female? There are some interesting genetics behind these colours. Cats carry 19 pairs of chromosomes, one copy from their mother and one from their father, making a total of 38 chromosomes. One of these pairs is the sex chromosomes, which is

what defines their physical sex features. Females have two X chromosomes (XX), and males have a Y chromosome (XY). The Y chromosome is very short and contains a lot less genetic material than the X chromosome. The ginger gene in cats is sex-linked, because it is carried on the X chromosome. In a female cat which has two X chromosomes, she will need both of these to carry a ginger gene for this colour to appear. In a male cat, he will only require his one X chromosome to have the ginger gene to get a ginger coat, because there is no correlating location for a colour gene on the smaller Y chromosome. The chance of inheriting one copy of the ginger gene is much higher, which explains the higher frequency of ginger males. If a female cat has one copy of the ginger gene, but the other chromosome carries a regular colour gene such as black, then her coat will be a mixture of the

colours which is what gives the tortoiseshell pattern. So by this reasoning, 'all' tortoiseshell cats are female. There is however a form of intersex variation where the cat may have an extra chromosome XXY. These cats present with the physical feature of a male cat, but due to having the two copies of the X chromosome, it is also possible for them to have a tortoiseshell coat pattern.



Trafalgar Vets farewell Dr. Jonathan Ong

October will be the last month at Trafalgar and Newborough for our vet Dr. Jonathan Ong. He joined us almost four years ago in early 2023 after graduating from Melbourne University. Jono applied for a position after having previously completed a student placement with us during his study. He was keen to make the move into our region and discover the diverse world of mixed veterinary practice. He is extremely knowledgeable, his practical skills developed quickly, and he was soon an integral part of our team. Jono works hard, in a profession that comes with many stressful situations. He is always supportive of his vet and nursing colleagues and can maintain a sense of fun and light heartedness. This positive energy will be missed. The time has come for him to consider what's next, and Jono has decided to explore a more specialised career path.

He will be returning to Melbourne to pursue a surgical internship, and if this suits him well may study further towards becoming a specialist in future. Thank you Jono, for all of your hard work and for being such a great part of our team. We wish you the best for your next chapter.



Dr Jonathan Ong with a patient

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Meet the Locals - Ivan Blitz

An industrious life

By Judy Bishop

Ivan Blitz's story involves outdoor adventures from early childhood, including camping with Aboriginal families on the Murray River, leading church and scout groups into the remote wilderness, and trekking Victoria's high country.

His autobiography is a rollicking read of humorous anecdotes and his tireless passion for new projects, alongside his many and varied occupations.

Childhood

In the 1930s his family lived in East Malvern, along a dirt track through open paddocks. With a young neighbour, he explored the Ashburton forest and swam in Gardiner's Creek, always with an avid interest in the tadpoles, yabbies, water rats, possums, wombats, and snakes.

And here began his enterprising outlook!

By coincidence, a member of the Serum Laboratory Department in Melbourne discovered the hoard of snakes the kids had captured and stored in an old water tank.

He offered them three pennies a snake which instigated a mass search for more!

Then came the sale of water rats for tuppence each to another buyer.

A gift of three guinea pigs evolved into mass reproduction and sales at three pence each.

Ivan rode his mother's bike with a box load to Camberwell market, along with white mice to follow.

In school holidays he took the train to Red Cliffs on the Murray River, where

his uncle farmed grapes and citrus fruits.

A regular group of Ab-origines from Wentworth became permanent workers and Ivan was able to play with their children.

He was excited to often camp with this small group of Ngarrindjeri Aborigines at Snaggy Bend and remembers eating kangaroo, emu, goanna, swan, duck, cockatoo, fish and crayfish.

He helped gather plants and learned how to make a fishnet with sticks and to catch ducks without scaring them off.

"We'd swim underwater with a hollow reed in our mouth and grab the duck's feet to pull them under."

This rough, survival style of life possibly led to his great liking for bush walking/hiking and understanding of the outdoors.

Out working

Ivan left school after three days in grade 5 to work at a variety of jobs in the local grocery store.

Six years later, at 15, he was sent to Stokes and Sons in Brunswick to work with his father and brother, during which he was sent to Richmond Technical School to learn tool making and fitting and turning.

Not liking the smelly machine oils, instead he followed up on a 'Boy Wanted' sign at a nearby grocery store.

Wanting to save up to buy a car, he took on three jobs – four hours early morning loading wire milk crates of bottled milk onto horse-drawn carts at Clayton Dairy; the Moran & Cato Ltd grocery in Clayton during the day then four hours after dinner

until midnight in Glen Huntly at Southern Bakeries.

At 16 he earned his driving license at Berri in South Australia.

His uncle Ivan found him a more lucrative and less hard-working job driving a truck loaded with wine barrels to Queensland, then to return with a load of spirits.

On the third return trip, some apparent friction developed between the tarp and the barrels.

Passers-by alerted him to fire, which then led to the truck burning down and subsequent grass fires.

Needless to say, he was back with Moran & Cato after that!

Bush walking

The local minister introduced a bush hike to Silvan Dam as an alternative to Sunday School ball games in the church hall.

Considered boring and unpopular by most, Ivan persisted with several others, who then discovered the Melbourne Bush Walkers Club (also functioning as a search and rescue group).

This extra experience motivated Ivan to lead a two-day walk from Walhalla along the Alpine way, all that a junior member was allowed to do.

Next, 15 hikers, including the minister, accompanied Ivan on the walk from Walhalla to Tom Grogin on a 21-day hike, with drums of provisions being parachute-dropped to various compass points along the way.

His strict rules were adhered to and most enjoyed all the adventurous experiences and scenery.

From there and beyond around Victoria, Ivan also wandered about the bush alone, prospecting and eating rabbits!

Marriage, Family and Computers

Through a friend, he met his future wife, Florence.

They both lived with his parents in Coppin St, near Caulfield, until they'd saved enough money to buy a home.

Unlike his father, who mowed the lawns in a tie, hat and good clothes in case he was seen by the neighbours, Ivan embraced a series of real estate projects; always busy renovating and landscaping with native plants.

Believe it or not, he drove his new male relatives into the high country to admire the mountain ranges, driving his Morris Major along familiar, steep walking tracks!

Ivan supported cubs then Oakleigh-Monash scouts with his son Darren, teaching bushcraft, orienteering, night-hiking, caving, water safety etc.

Walks centered around Powelltown, Warburton, Lederberg Gorge, Wombat State Forest, King Lake, Cathedral Range, Bayles and Labertouche.

Ranger Guides also became involved, helping them on to their Duke of Edinburgh Awards.

So too began Ivan's involvement with the Commodore 64 computers to store an inventory of Scout equipment.

Fully committed, he became president of the popular Melbourne-based Commodore 64 Club, designed and published their newsletter and held a cupboard of 18

drawers holding floppy discs of programs, repair manuals and games.

This led to PCs about which he assisted teaching computers to seniors at Monash University and business workers adapting to GST.

His own Hills 64 group continued until 2004, with a popular newsletter and information on how to repair their sick machines.

Ivan had so many fun stories about his working life, usually several jobs at a time, which included Tip Top Bakeries, driving the Mr. Whippy van, delivering Pict Frozen Foods, the Enuff Pet Food Company, Composite Buyers and reading water meters.

"During all my working life I was never out of work, even for a day. When I left one place of employment I immediately went into the next the following day and was known to hold down more than one job at a time."

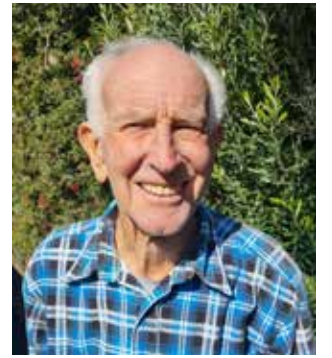
Fish and firewood

Florence and Ivan turned the lane behind their Mt Waverley home into a series of goldfish ponds under the business name Pinewood Aquariums.

There they raised thousands of healthy outdoor-bred fish to sell from the 12 glass display tanks in the garage.

Cleverly, Ivan set up a glass tank in the foyer of the council building which he maintained for the community's delight.

The family moved from Waverley to Blackburn, Belgrave and later Cockatoo, all homes requiring renovations, additions and/or landscaping.



Building gardens to feature native plants and habitats was a priority and their new Cockatoo home built on bare land became a haven for wildlife surrounded by Mountain Ash trees.

On retirement, Ivan helped the shire workers clear roads and paths after storms, as well as using a powerful wood splitter he purchased to help neighbours wanting to clear their own plots.

Ivan's next challenge to keep busy was to compile the Flood family tree for his sister-in-law, which continues to enlarge as his 'Big Tree' with over 12,000 different surnames!

Florence and Ivan spent time volunteering at the Warragul & District and Noojee & District historical societies, during which Ivan researched and wrote several booklets - 'Noojee' and 'The Valley of Tressles'.

Since 2016, Ivan and Florence have been sharing an acreage and home at Trafalgar East with Darren's family.

The eradication of blackberries along Mosquito Creek, a driveway of agapanthus plus pine trees and ragwort, and rejuvenation of the paddock grass has developed alongside Darren's fencing business.

At the time of interview, Ivan reflected fondly on his early life, when people looked out for each other.

His walking was confined to the local tracks and delivering Traf District News, a job that kept him in contact with the local community.



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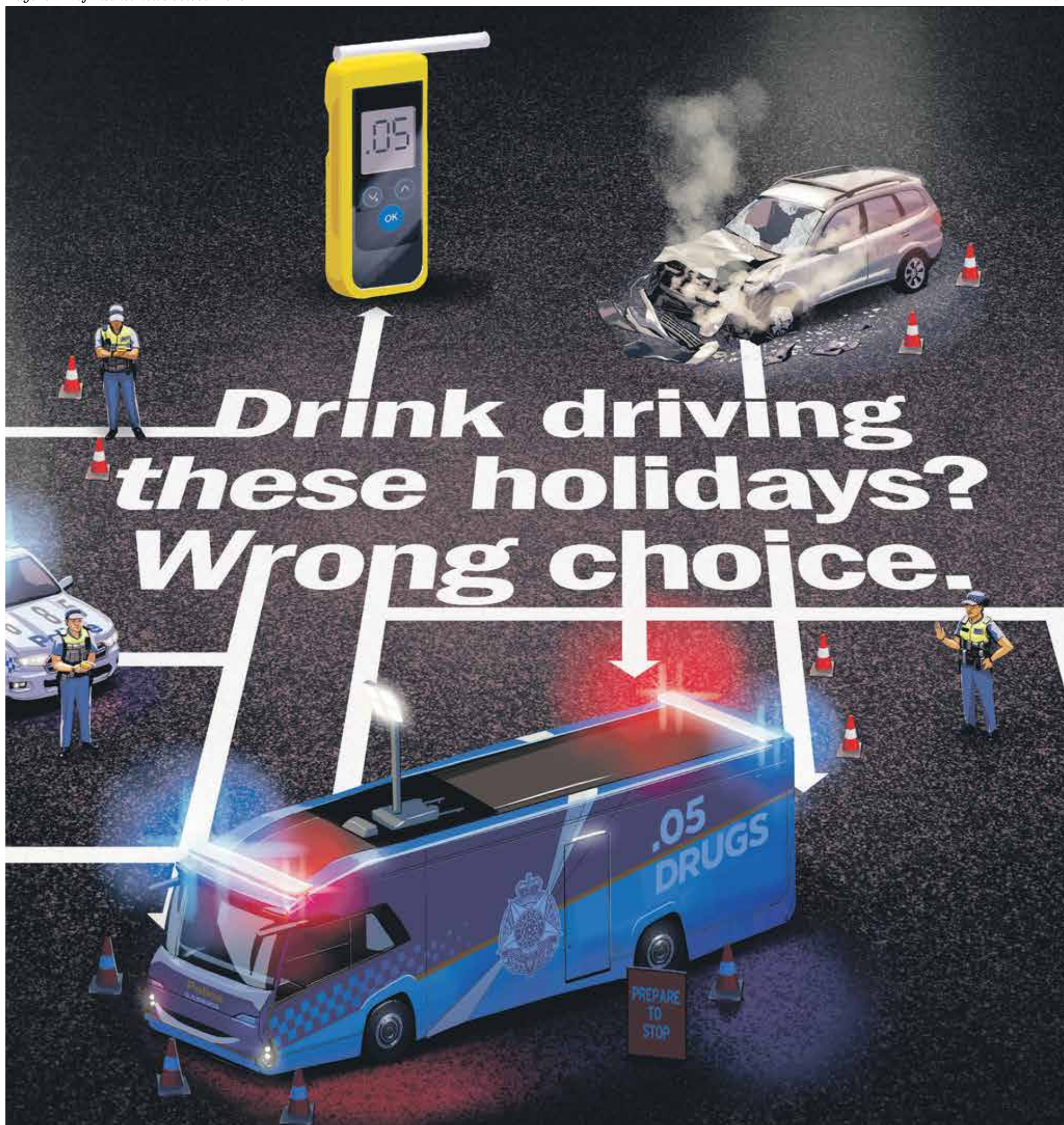
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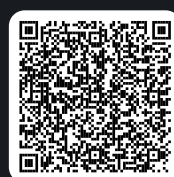


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Baw Baw Arts Alliance hosts October exhibitions

By Carol Monson

At the Baw Baw Arts Alliance's Station Gallery in Yarragon, there is always a creatively different and inviting exhibition in the main section of the gallery.

During September, a number of mixed media artists combined their considerable talents to present a range of very different works that come under the heading of Mixed Media.

Works that combined paint and collage, scraps of fabric, beads, pieces of text



Janine Richardson at a previous De-Stash Market in the VRI Hall, Warragul

from old books, scraps of sheet music were on display.

If it can be glued on to a surface mixed media artists will use it at some stage.

A recent official opening of this exhibition attracted a wide range of ages who enjoyed a few words about the works from leaders of the mixed media groups in the Arts Alliance, Deb Churchill and Ingrid Thomas.

Both said it was a wonderful opportunity for some artists, who had never exhibited, to see their work hanging on a gallery wall.

If you have an interest in this form of art check out the group on Wednesday from 10am to 12pm in Artspace 1 at Trafalgar Railway Station.

Two more groups operate from the VRI Hall Wednesday from 6:30 to 8:30pm or on Thursday from 10am to 12:30pm.

A very popular form of art that attracts many to the Arts Alliance creative groups is mosaics which takes place at Artspace 2 at Trafalgar Railway Station on Thursday morning from 10:15am to 3:30pm.

If you miss this time slot you will be welcome on the second Saturday of every

month in the same space from 1:00pm to 4:00pm.

During the month of October, the work of dedicated mosaic artists alongside beginners' work will be exhibited in the Station Gallery Yarragon.

Cheryl Cook, a recognised 'Master' felter and user of natural dyes, will have her most recent work displayed 'On the Wall', during October in the Yarragon Railway Station.

Both exhibitions are being officially opened at 2:00pm on Saturday, 3 October, at the Station Gallery.

This is a free event.

One of the more recent ventures by the Arts Alliance is the open invitation to members of the public to participate in free Art activities at the VRI Hall in Queen Street, Warragul, on the third Saturday morning of each month.

The October invitation however is for the vibrant 'De-Stash Market' on Saturday 17 October from 9am to 1pm.

This timeslot also provides you with a chance of visiting the first Baw Baw Arts and Makers Market for the Summer season, 2026 to 2027 in the TAFE Car Park next door to the VRI.

Councillor Comments

By Brendan Kingwill



I'm really excited to say the Traf BMX track upgrades are now complete and open for the community to enjoy.

I know this has been a highly anticipated project, and plenty of local riders have been keen to see it finished.

I had the chance to get out there last month to have a look, and the new facilities are looking great.

The track has had a complete regrade, with the jumps, straights and berms reshaped and improved.

The aim is to provide a safer, faster and, most importantly, more enjoyable riding experience for riders of all ages and skill levels.

It's a \$22,000 investment and another example of Council supporting local sport and active recreation.

So, if you haven't been down to check it out yet, get down there and give it a go!

There's also been some really good progress on the Westbury Community Hub, which will transform the old Westbury Tennis Clubrooms into a useful community space for local residents and groups.

This project started with community discussions back in March 2025, and since then Council has been able to pull together funding from the 2025/26 Capital Works Budget, a Councillor "Can Do" Fund allocation and a successful Tiny Towns Program grant.

A lot has already been completed, including an accessible modular toilet, electrical works, a new accessible path and ramp, water supply upgrades, new gutters and stormwater infrastructure, along with general maintenance to the building.

The final piece of the puzzle is replacing the septic system, which is being funded through the Tiny Towns grant.

Council is currently finalising the contractor arrangements, with work expected to start shortly.

I think this is a great example of what can happen when Council, the community and

grant funding work together to deliver better facilities for our smaller communities.

The footpath on the corner of Princess Hwy and Contingent St should be repaired by the time of publishing.

This area has been a thorn in my side from day one of being a Councillor.

It has caused much grief for some residents and visitors and now we can finally get it repaired.

We saw a massive weekend in Trafalgar when the Peter Brock day at the Holden Museum collided with the EDFL Grand finale.

Congratulations to all the winners.

As always, if there's something happening in Trafalgar, Yarragon or our surrounding communities that you think I should know about, please get in touch.



Westbury Tennis Club

St Johns Parish Trafalgar invites new members

St John's Parish is located on Waterloo road, adjacent to the Ashby Street Railway crossing and has a long history in the area.

It encompasses Trafalgar, Yarragon, Thorpdale, Naracan, Childers and Willow Grove.

Mass was first celebrated in Trafalgar by Rev. Father Hegarty in 1880.

As a timber church, St John's, was built in Trafalgar in 1890 and St Jarlath's church in Yarragon was built in 1900.

The present brick War Memorial church was built in 1954.

Recently in 2020-2022 extensive repairs were carried out on this church with new concrete flooring, heating, carpet and sound system installed, financed by the public and a diocesan loan.

The community assistance in helping restore the church was wonderful evidence of the importance

placed upon it by the district which it continues to serve.

St Jarlath's, Yarragon, is also undergoing repairs and maintenance to enable this lovely 126-year-old place of worship to continue to be used by future generations.

Our present parish priest is Father Bernard Buckley VG and he is supported by a Parish Pastoral Council and a finance committee.

All parishes across the Diocese of Sale have been working on a pastoral plan to guide their mission and priorities over the next five years.

A goal we are focusing on is to build an Inclusive and welcoming Church.

St John's Parish aims to be a welcoming community that radiates acceptance, hope, and support for all people, especially those in need.

We hope to do this by encouraging gatherings open to all in our community.

At present, a social gathering is a morning tea held in



Parish Priest Fr. Bernard Buckley VG

the Parish centre on Waterloo Road, on the second Friday of the month at 10:30am and anyone is welcome to enjoy a free cuppa and chat.

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Small acts, big impact at St Joseph's Trafalgar

St Joseph's Primary School, Trafalgar, has proudly embraced the message of this year's Bullying. No Way: National Week of Action, with students and staff coming together to promote kindness, inclusion and respect.

The 2026 theme, "Small Acts. BIG IMPACT," encourages everyone to recognise that even the smallest positive actions can make a significant difference in creating safe and supportive school communities.

On Monday, students participated in the Kids Helpline's Largest Anti-Bullying

Lesson, joining thousands of students across Australia, learning about the importance of standing up against bullying and supporting one another.

On Tuesday, St Joseph's dedicated Stand Up Project (SUP) Leaders delivered the next lesson in the school's anti-bullying program.

The Stand Up Project empowers students to become upstanders rather than bystanders, helping build safer and more inclusive school communities through peer-led leadership and anti-bullying training.

Students were encouraged to wear purple, a warm and inclusive colour, to raise awareness and show support for this important message.

St Joseph's has enthusiastically embraced this initiative and recently purchased bright hot pink caps and sun hats for its ten SUP Leaders.

Easily identifiable in the school yard, the leaders wear the distinctive hats so that fellow students know who they can approach for support, guidance, or assistance during playtimes.

Principal Patricia Mulqueen said the school is excited about the positive

impact the Stand Up Project is having on students.

"We are very proud of our SUP Leaders and the example they set for others."

By empowering students to support one another, we are creating a stronger culture of kindness, inclusion and respect throughout our school community."

As National Week of Action reminds us, small acts of kindness and courage can have a big impact, and St Joseph's Trafalgar is committed to ensuring every student feels safe, supported and valued.



School purchased hot pink Stand Up Project hats so leaders can be easily identifiable on the yard to help and support younger students

St Joseph's celebrates fathers and special role models

St Joseph's School, Trafalgar, recently celebrated Father's Day with a wonderful morning of community, gratitude, and fun.

The day began with a delicious BBQ breakfast, where dads enjoyed bacon and egg sandwiches with their children.

Following breakfast, students and guests attended a special Father's Day liturgy,

organised by Mr Will Troy, giving thanks for the important role that fathers, grandfathers, and father figures play in the lives of our students.

Through prayer, reflections, and songs the school community celebrated the love, guidance and support these special people provide.

Afterwards, the dads joined students back in their classrooms for a range of

activities, including card games and craft.

St Joseph's would like to thank all the fathers and special guests who attended and helped make the celebration such a memorable occasion.



Celebrating Father's Day together at school



Enjoying card games together during the day

St Joseph's School spreads the R U OK? message

Students and staff at St Joseph's Catholic School recently came together to celebrate R U OK? Day, promoting the importance of checking in on the wellbeing of others.

The school's Year 6 Student Leaders embraced the occasion by dressing up in bright yellow novelty costumes and visiting every classroom to share the important message behind R U OK? Day.

Through fun and engaging conversations, they encouraged students to look out for one another and to start meaningful conversations with friends who may need support.

Students also enjoyed a special tasting activity featuring an array of yellow fruits and vegetables, including bananas, golden kiwi fruit, pineapple, yellow capsicum and even sour lemons.

As a special treat, everyone was rewarded with a yellow banana lolly.

The wellbeing theme continued in the staffroom, where staff enjoyed a selection of yellow-themed morning tea treats.

Beautiful yellow flowers displayed throughout the school served as a cheerful reminder of the day's message: a simple conversation can make a big difference.

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Glenys Ralls awarded life membership

At the August annual general meeting, it was with great pleasure that president, John Weymouth, presented Glenys Ralls with a life membership of the Trafalgar & District Historical Society.

Glenys has been a member of the society since its inception in 1985, and for the last 35 years, has held the position of treasurer.

Although retired as treasurer, Glenys will continue in her role recording the Changing Faces of Trafalgar

and distributing the society's Gazette.

Sue Battye has kindly accepted the treasurer's job.

In other society news, new members are always welcome, and with frequent donations of artifacts and memorabilia, the cataloguing of the collection is on-going.

Working bees are held each Friday from 2 till 4 pm. Further information can be found on the back page of our Gazette (available at the newsagency or Post Office) or by calling Jean on 5633 1960.



Life membership for Glenys Ralls, presented by John Weymouth

Route 69 Cruise Day at Trafalgar Holden Museum

By Anne Schembri

October is shaping up to be the biggest and most exciting month of the year at the Trafalgar Holden Museum, with volunteers looking forward to welcoming Holden enthusiasts from across Australia for the annual Route 69 Cruise Day.

This year's event will be held on Sunday, 18 October, celebrating 69 years of Holden-made cars in Australia.

Once again, the museum is thrilled to have the very last VF Commodore Police Car lead the cruise.

It will be an incredible sight as this significant piece of Holden history heads an array of classic and modern Holdens through the roads of Gippsland.

Holden owners travel from all over Australia to take part in Route 69 Cruise, sharing their stories, memories, and passion for the iconic Australian marque with fellow enthusiasts.

The museum itself is a celebration of that history.

Visitors are often surprised to discover just how much more there is to Holden's story than cars.

For many years, Holden was involved in a wide range of products and industries before becoming one of Australia's most famous car manufacturers.

With close to 100 vehicles on display, thousands of other Holden-related items and new displays being added regularly, there is always

something new to discover at the museum.

On Route 69 Cruise Day, the museum will be open from 10am, with the 69km scenic cruise departing at 1pm and taking drivers through the beautiful Gippsland countryside.

Entry to the museum and the event is just \$20,

with food options available throughout the day.

Whether you own a Holden, grew up with one, or simply have a fond memory of the cars that helped shape Australian motoring, Route 69 Cruise Day promises to be a memorable day for the whole family.



Route 69 Cruise over the Blue Rock Dam wall

Why do Trafalgar Lions fundraise?

The Lions Club of Trafalgar aims to support many local community groups and Lions Charitable Foundations.

This can be done by activities such as providing a BBQ for the residents of Andrews House, organising the local Junior Public

Speaking Awards or giving financial donations.

In the last financial year, the Club donated a total of \$34,158.

Nearly all this money was raised by conducting the annual Swap Meet, holding BBQs, the sale of wood to IGA, catering, raffles and the sale of Lions Christmas Cakes and Mints.

These activities are possible due to the voluntary work of our members.

Volunteers enjoy fellowship and the knowledge that they are serving their community.

The Club is always prepared to welcome new members to help achieve its aims.



Fundraising BBQ at the Homo Sweet Homo Market at the Trafalgar Public Hall. From the left Glenn Rodda, Pauline Wheller, David Gibbs, Mike Hornby and Lyn Gibbs



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Victorian Lions Foundation - medical projects
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The Trafalgar and Yarragon News

Thursday, 7 October 1926.

Perhaps not.

But they will learn.

Great Britain is essentially free trade. The word protection is abhorrent to them.

In recent years there has been a new aspect to this policy.

This has arisen through the altered commercial relationship to the Dominions, especially Australia.

This country is the best customer Great Britain has in the world, except, of course, her home folk.

Now the position so far as Australia is concerned, is that we give a solid preference to Britain over foreign countries through our tariff. Britain, being free trade, does not give a quid pro quo.

Australia's exports are for the greatest part foodstuffs, and in this our producers have to compete in open market against the cheap labour of all foreigners.

With a view to the adoption of a system of reciprocity, there have been conferences between statesmen of the two countries.

It is common logic that Australia cannot afford to penalise her producers by British preference and sell at world's bedrock.

The "old country" will have to adopt a fair attitude.

Thursday, 14 October, 1926

Tonight. Trafalgar R.S.L Re-union

A cordial invitation is extended to all ex-service

men to attend the Trafalgar branch of the Returned Soldiers' League reunion smoke night in the Memorial Hall this Thursday evening at eight o'clock.

The branch intends to make this an annual affair, and it is anticipated that district men will "fall in" with the idea.

Invitations have been accepted by neighbouring branches. Representatives of the state executive will attend, including the recently appointed organizer.

The Honorable Secretary, Mr W. Kirkwood, and his committee have arranged a good program, and an enjoyable time is assured.

During the evening, the opportunity will be taken to explain the intentions of the League in regard to soldier settlement.

The present unsatisfactory position is causing grave concern, and some action is necessary.

This is, of course, only one phase of the League's work, and other aspects will also be dealt with.

But the position of soldier settlers has a direct interest for most of the members, and the public too, in this district.

Thursday, 21 October, 1926.

Round Australia.

Trafalgar residents back

Lengthy tour ends.

From Trafalgar to Adelaide, thence to Darwin through Western Queensland. (Much of the area unexplored), to Brisbane, Sydney, thence via

the Princes' Highway back to Trafalgar.

This is the tour which was undertaken by the Reverend G. Prickett and Mr T. McCrorey of Trafalgar and concluded this Wednesday afternoon.

The lengthy journey was undertaken per motor car, and considering the many unavoidable difficulties encountered, there was very little car trouble.

The travellers enjoyed the trip but were pleased to be back home.

Thursday, 28 October 2, 1926

Well done.

Bushfire relief work.

On Friday, members of the Cabinet Bushfire Relief Committee and the Lord Mayor's Fund completed a tour of the areas which were swept by fire last summer.

They met the people of Hill End and Fumina at the local hall. Among those present was Mr W. Mitchell, whose wife was burnt to death in the bushfire....

Mr Mitchell has been about 45 years in Victoria and has been a prominent settler of the Ridge Fuminafor over 30 years....

Commendation of the work of the Central Committee was expressed by Messrs Robbins, Burridge and Rogers of the Moe Committee, who had charge for the relief at Fumina,

Mr Burridge remarking that the Cabinet and Lord Mayor's relief committees had carried out an

extremely difficult job in a very satisfactory manner.

The Trafalgar News

Wednesday, 6 October 1976

Shire rates: 11.25 cents in the dollar

Narracan Shire ratepayers will pay rates based on 11.25 cents in the dollar on net annual value this financial year.

This figure was arrived at by the shire council at its annual estimates meeting last Friday.

The rate has dropped by 13.75 cents on last year's figure, which serves to highlight the fact the property valuations in the shire have increased by an average of 140 percent.

A value was last made six years ago.

Shire Secretary Mr W. Nelson said today some ratepayers who may have been lightly treated in the previous valuation would find the latest increase pretty hefty.

Others would not be so badly off, he said.

The Trafalgar News

Wednesday, 12 October, 1976

Get onto those tags.

From January the 1st next year, cattle over six months of age, not marked with registered tail tags, will not be eligible for sale or entry into an abattoir.

Traf News

October 2016

Closed two of Trafalgar's oldest Organisation

Frank Gridley.

The Trafalgar drop-in day centre and Trafalgar Senior Citizens Inc., two of Trafalgar's oldest community organisations, have ceased to continue from July 2016. The drop-in day centre of Trafalgar, Didcot, or soup and sandwich, as it was affectionately named, began in Trafalgar some 45 years ago. Originally the Didcot organised every Tuesday to provide finance for the creation of Andrews House. Didcot donated many thousands of dollars to local community organisations

from a simple soup and sandwich lunch, also a game of cards or carpet bowls and afternoon tea.

Blooms Fashion Time Again. The Catholic Women's League is once again hosting a Blooms Fashions Morning. So come along and have fun and great company and morning tea on the 21st of October at 10:30 a.m. at St John's Parish Centre, Waterloo Road. Admission: five dollars plus raffle.

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Trafalgar & District Probus Club celebrates 50 years of Probus

By Glenda Mynard

Trafalgar & District Probus club is marking a significant milestone in 2026 as Probus celebrates 50 years of connection, friendship and community across Australia.

While the world has changed, the importance of people coming together has not.

Founded in Australia in 1976, Probus has grown into a network of social clubs

that bring people together through shared interests and regular activities.

Today, Probus supports more than 90,000 members across 1300 clubs throughout Australia, with each club reflecting the unique character of its local community.

Our monthly meeting in Trafalgar will be held on 1 October at the Community Hub

in Ashby Street and anyone is welcome to come along.

Our club was established in 1993 and has been providing a social network for people seeking connection, friendship and shared activities for 33 years.

We are casting our minds back fifty years and dressing in seventies style. Our

meeting will finish with a BBQ lunch.

During the month our state celebrates Victorian Seniors Festival and in Seniors week, 3 – 11 October, there will be free public transport.

To mark the 50th anniversary of Probus in Australia, a celebration hosted by Probus Club of Traralgon will take place in Morwell.

It will include afternoon tea, musical entertainment and featuring guest speaker John Gardner, author of the Dunny Man. (John was our guest speaker in Trafalgar, earlier this year and is very funny and entertaining.)

This will be on 29 October at 2pm, at Kernot Hall in Morwell. Free buses will run from Trafalgar, Sale and Traralgon. Cost is \$20 per head.

Anyone that is retired or semi-retired and interested in learning more about Probus are welcome to attend Our Celebration.

Phone 0428 366 732 for more information.

The benefits of Probus have been widely recognised by all levels of government as well as the Governor General of Australia highlighting the significant contribution Probus makes to the lives of older Australians.

Each Probus club is run by its members and offers activities tailored to local interests, from social gatherings and outings, to guest speakers and community involvement.



Lesley Abernethy receives her 10 year pin



New member, Dawn Thomas is welcomed into the club by vice president Barb Butterworth



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

SELECTION CRITERIA:

Explain how your nominee’s actions have inspired you and contributed significantly to our community. This could be through their voluntary community contribution, work or a combination of these.

- 1. **Word file:** complete the selection criteria at the end of this document
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PLEASE ADDRESS EACH OF THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA IN YOUR NOMINATION:

- 1. The role(s) or area(s) the nominee has excelled
- 2. How the nominee has demonstrated service worthy of recognition
- 3. The impact of the nominee’s contribution on the Trafalgar community in a particular field(s) or group(s)
- 4. The period of time the nominee has made that commitment to the Trafalgar community If possible, include dates of service.
- 5. How this person stands out from others
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All of these criteria must be addressed to ensure a proper appraisal of your nomination

NOTES:

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Applications close on 31 October this year.

The award winners will be announced next year on 26 January.

Rules of Entry:

- Nominations must be received by 5pm on 31 October this year
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Trafalgar Rotary holds changeover dinner

The Trafalgar Rotary Club changeover dinner was a small affair this year, held at the Yarragon Hotel with president Len Makin returning for the 2026/2027 year.

The night focused on sharing the many projects of the club in Trafalgar and surrounding communities, particularly the club's focus on youth programs and activities.

"We have taken on the lead of the Trafalgar Australia Day Breakfast, working in partnership with the Trafalgar Lions Club and Trafalgar Public Hall Committee," shared president Len Makin.

He also noted that in 2026 the Rotary club had many achievements, including support to Rotary International's eradication of Polio by running monthly BBQs at the Trafalgar Market, where \$2200 was raised and donated to this cause.

"The Rotary Junior Community Award, a program developed by the Rotary Club of Mitchell River (Bairnsdale) has been a successful project for our club for over 10 years," celebrated Len Makin.

"The supervising teacher at Trafalgar, Fiona Ross, continues to be an enthusiastic supporter of the program within the year six student group in 2026 with

celebrations planned for October. Last year the club saw its most successful year with the program."

"Trafalgar Primary School had 25 Students who managed to complete the tasks involved and certificates were presented at the school's December presentation evening."

In 2027, the club would like to expand this program to other year six cohorts in schools within the local area.

Rotary club of Trafalgar again participated in the Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) in District 9815 and president Len Makin congratulated Dr Judith Lyons for her

commitment to the planning of this event, which occurs across south east Melbourne and Gippsland.

This year, Trafalgar vice President, Faye Warren also participated in the St Paul's Anglican Grammar School Warragul session as an adjudicator.

Dr Lyons spoke to the meeting about the new format for MUNA that will run in 2026 and how this will increase participation from local secondary school students while still offering the core values of the project of collaborative engagement, teamwork, and networking.

Secretary Dr Glenn Doolan used the meeting to

acknowledge the Baw Baw Art Alliance for allowing use of the Trafalgar Railway Station Gallery twice a month for the formal part of the club meetings before the meeting continues socially over dinner at local restaurants in Trafalgar or Yarragon.

Rotary District 9815 president, Emma Clark, acknowledged Len Makin's leadership of the club during the 2025/2026 year and congratulated him on taking on the 2026/2027 term ahead of the succession of the role to Faye Warren.

Emma praised Len's focus on youth programs and contribution to scholarships and award prizes for students at

Thorpdale Primary School, Trafalgar Primary School, and Trafalgar High School, alongside the ongoing Rotary junior community awards.

Ms Clark also acknowledged the club's donation to Rotary international projects, including Australian Rotarians Against Malaria and Rotary International's eradication of polio, highlighting the club had lived up to the

Rotary 2025 theme "Unite for Good" and 2026 theme "Create a Lasting Impact."

The club meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month, starting at the Trafalgar Railway Station Art space.

Potential new members can make contact on the clubs Facebook page or website <https://www.rotary9815.org.au/clubinfo/trafalgar>



Club members from left: Rotary District 9815 president Emma Clark, Trafalgar vice president Faye Warren, Trafalgar treasurer Dr. Judy Lyons, club member Wombat Lyons, Trafalgar secretary Dr. Glenn Doolan, Trafalgar president Len Makin, club member Michael Fozard OAM



President Len Makin congratulated by Rotary District 9815 president, Emma Clark

If I leave a family member \$1000 in my Will does that mean they can't challenge it?

By Jade MacGregor

It is a common misconception that leaving someone a nominal sum of money in your Will means they cannot make a claim against your estate. This is not necessarily the case.

In Victoria, certain eligible persons may make a family provision claim against an estate under Part IV of the *Administration and Probate Act 1958* (Vic) if they believe the deceased failed to make adequate provision for their proper maintenance and support.

Importantly, receiving a specific bequest under a

Will—such as \$1000—does not prevent an eligible person from making a claim. Depending on the circumstances, they may still ask the Court to make an order for further provision from the estate.

When considering a claim, the Court will consider matters, including the applicant's financial circumstances and needs, their relationship with the deceased, the nature of the deceased's obligations or responsibilities to them, the size and nature of the estate, and the provisions made for the applicant under the Will.

Accordingly, a gift under a Will may reduce the amount that a claimant could potentially receive or make a claim less attractive, but it does not, by itself, prevent an eligible person from bringing a claim.

There is also a strict time limit. Generally, an application for further provision must be made within six months after the date on which representation in the estate is granted (typically a Grant of Probate or Letters of Administration), although the Court has limited power to allow a late application in certain circumstances.

Eligible applicants can include a spouse or domestic partner, children and step-children and certain other persons who meet the requirements of the legislation, including some dependants.

Ultimately, the Court determines whether the deceased failed to make adequate provision for the applicant's proper maintenance and support and, if so, whether an order for further provision should be made from the estate.

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Trafalgar District Uniting Church – 36 Contingent Street, Trafalgar

Reverend Moira Dodsworth – 0447 957 772

Sunday, 4 October – 10am at Yarragon Uniting Church, 2pm for closing/final service at Yallourn North Uniting Church

Sunday, 11 October – Trafalgar Uniting Church

Sunday, 18 October – Newborough Uniting Church (Holy Communion Service)

Sunday, 25 October – Trafalgar Uniting Church

Please note that there is a morning tea and time of fellowship after each service.

Save the date, Sunday 8 November at 10am to celebrate the opening of a new extension at Trafalgar.

Trafalgar District Uniting Church is partnering with the Birthing Kit Foundation to pack 200 birthing kits on Thursday 22 October from 11am to 1pm.

Anyone is welcome to come and assist.



COUNCIL News

Rokeby–Noojee trail upgrade

As the November election draws closer, Baw Baw Shire Council is calling on the community to help advocate for funding for the second and final stage of the Rokeby–Noojee Trail upgrade.

The first stage of the popular trail upgrade was completed in August last year, refreshing a 15-kilometre section from Rokeby to Neerim South. Stage two of the project, valued at \$7 million, would fund the planning and construction of a 13-kilometre section connecting Neerim South and Noojee.

We are calling on candidates to commit to finishing the job. This is an investment our community wants and our region deserves.

To help support our advocacy campaign, follow the QR code and personalise a pre-written letter which will be sent to the relevant MPs and Ministers.



Baw Baw is ready to go. We just need the funding to make it happen. Visit www.bawbawshire.co/Advocacy-Rokeby for more information.

Victorian Seniors Festival

Connect, create and celebrate throughout October with the 2026 Victorian Seniors Festival!

Join in the fun and find a Victorian Seniors Festival event near you. Visit www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au/festival to see local events or collect a program from:

- Coles, Warragul
- Coles, Drouin
- Drouin Library
- Warragul Library
- Neerim South Community Library

Victorian Seniors Card holders can explore Victoria with free travel during the festival. This includes travel across all metropolitan services, V/Line train and coach services, and selected regional bus services outside of the myki-enabled area. Free travel dates are from Saturday 3 to Sunday 11 October 2026.

For more information, visit: www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au/nine-days-free-public-transport

What's on for the kids?

Baw Baw's Healthy Kids Week is returning to local schools from 19–23 October to promote literacy, movement, healthy eating and mindfulness.

To celebrate Children's Week, Baw Baw Shire Council will be hosting a Children's Day out. The event will be packed full of free interactive activities for children ages 0–4, including facepainting, story time, sensory activities and even a therapy dog.

- Tuesday 27 October from 10am – 1pm.
Burke Street Park Pavillion, Warragul
(opposite the Warragul Leisure Centre)

Upcoming Council Meetings:

The following Council meetings will be held in October 2026 in the Fountain Room, West Gippsland Arts Centre.

- **Wednesday 14 October at 5.30pm**
- **Wednesday 28 October at 1pm**

All community members are welcome to attend in person or tune in via the Live Stream on our website.

For a full list of the meetings for 2026, visit www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/CouncilMeetings

Trafalgar Community Directory

This directory has been compiled to provide a list of local and important contacts for the community in Trafalgar. Please advise Trafalgar District News of any corrections and additions.

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What's On around Trafalgar

If you have an event, please feel free to send information to us (editor@trafnews.com). Trafalgar District News is distributed in Trafalgar, Yarragon, Thorpdale and Willow Grove.

Event	Date/Time	Location
Trafalgar Farmers Market Fresh produce, local crafts, and community	Saturday, 3 October, 9am to 1pm	McGregor Park, Trafalgar
Thorpdale Market Enjoy live music, food vans, arts & crafts, jewellery, plants, home wares, trash and treasure, distilled products, face painting, henna body art, metal art, fresh Thorpdale grown potatoes, a community sausage sizzle and much much more!	Sunday, 4 October, 10am-2pm	14 Johnston Street, Thorpdale.
Yarragon Arts Council - Baroque with a twist Peter Hagen (harpsichord) and Niels Bijl (saxophones) recreate known and lesser known baroque masterpieces. Be prepared to be delighted by the melodious and graceful tunes of the French baroque as presented by these two talented musicians in the setting of our stunning music studio. This will be a programme of early 17th century Italian greats centered on the composer Frescobaldi and will offer an innovative programme to entertain our audience	Saturday, 17 October, 3pm to 4pm	Yarragon Studio, 515 Yarragon South Road Cost involved. Contact christinaflann@gmail.com for price an bookings
Walhalla Goldfields Railway - Train Rides All aboard a very special journey down Stringer's Creek Gorge	Weekends 10am, 12pm, 1:30pm. Wednesdays 10am, 12pm. Also running daily during the school holidays.	Walhalla Station Visit website for more information: www.walhallarail.com.au
Soil Health and Sustainable Agriculture with Dr Mary Cole What makes soil healthy — and why does it matter for the food we grow and the future of our farms and gardens? Join internationally recognised soil microbiologist, plant pathologist and mycologist Dr Mary Cole for an engaging look beneath our feet at the living biology that supports healthy plants, fertile soils and resilient landscapes.	Thursday, 29 October, 7pm-9pm	Cost by donation. Yarragon Uniting Church Hall, Campbell Street, Yarragon

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Grand Final Day, a great community success

By Jamie Marslen

Trafalgar was treated to magnificent sunshine and a fantastic crowd for the 2026 Ellinbank & District Football Netball League Grand Final held on 12 September at the Trafalgar Rec Reserve, making it a memorable day for both our club and the wider community.

Although the 'big dance' did not go the way we had hoped for our Senior footballers, reaching the Grand Final was still a tremendous achievement and something everyone associated with TFNC should be proud of.

The success of the day extended well beyond the football and netball.

It was wonderful to see so many community groups working together, including

the Trafalgar Junior Football Club, Trafalgar Cricket Club, Trafalgar Lions Club, Trafalgar Scouts, Trafalgar CFA and Gippsland Jersey.

Each group played an important role in delivering the event while raising much-needed funds for their respective community organisations.

A huge number of volunteers and committee members contributed countless hours before, during and after the Grand Final.

From preparing the ground and facilities to managing parking, catering and the many other jobs required on the day, their combined effort made the event such a success.

On behalf of Trafalgar Football Netball Club, thank

you to everyone who supported us throughout the season and attended the Grand Final.

Your support helped create a tremendous atmosphere and showcased the strong community spirit we are fortunate to have in Trafalgar.

Finally, we extend our sincere appreciation to all our valued sponsors for their generous support throughout 2026.

Your contribution allows our club to continue providing opportunities for our players, members and the wider community.

While the result on the field was not the fairytale ending we had hoped for, the grand final was an outstanding community occasion and a proud day for Trafalgar.



Trafalgar's Cooper Minichiello makes a hard tackle on a Longwarry opponent



Trafalgar's Klay Butler takes the ball forward



Matilda Bosman cheering on Brayde Bosman



Trafalgar's First XVIII team stands while the national anthem is sung

Wes wins back-to-back league 'best and fairest'

What a night for young gun Wes Scott, taking out the 2026 Under 18 League Best and Fairest in a tie on 24 votes.

After winning the Under 16 Ellinbank & District Football Netball League best and fairest last year, Wes goes

back-to-back with another league medal.

This time, while also being a down-ager in his first season of 3rds footy. An amazing achievement from the young fella.

A huge shoutout also to Jake Dinsdale, who finished runner-up in the Under 16 count, just two votes behind

the three-way tie for first. An outstanding season from Jake!

Congratulations Wes and Jake — two young Bloods with very bright futures ahead.

The club is very proud and can't wait to see you continue to tear it up in Trafalgar for years to come.

Dylan wins best and fairest for third time

Trafalgar's Dylan Farrell has done it again, claiming his third Alf Walton Medal as the 2026 Ellinbank & District Football Netball League's senior football best and fairest.

Our ruckman, fourth midfielder, part-time forward,

and all around, Dylan is an unstoppable force who continues to do things a man his size simply shouldn't be able to do.

But more importantly, he is a great bloke and an incredible leader who couldn't be more deserving of a third league medal.

Another incredible individual season from one of the absolute greats of our club.

Congratulations Dylan.



A new season with the Gippsland Goannas

A new cricket season is almost upon us and the Gippsland Goannas.

The Veterans have been practising for a few weeks now.

We will again have teams in Veterans Cricket Victoria, now called Masters Cricket Victoria, Over-50, Over-60 and Over-70 competitions.

We would also love to enter a team into the Women's Over-40 competition and are interested in gauging the interest of senior women in Gippsland.

The Over-50 team will play between five and eight games on Sundays throughout the season, given that most

participants are still playing club cricket on a Saturday.

The Over-60 team will play about 15 games throughout the season, all on Sundays, except for the time around the National Championships, while the Over-70 team will play 13 games, with five on Sundays and the rest midweek.

The Goannas are looking for more players in all grades and would welcome enquiries from interested players, from anywhere in Gippsland.

We currently have players who reside anywhere between Sarsfield, out of Bairnsdale, and Warragul.

Gippsland Goannas are also hosting two of the National Championship Competitions this year.

The Nationals have now been split into five year divisions and the Latrobe Valley area will host the Over-60s from 21-26 November, while the Sale/Maffra region will be the host for the Over-55s in early December.

For further information about the Goannas teams, please contact Ian Gibson on 0427 376 776.

Anthony Bloomfield will be leading the Over-50s and he can be contacted on 0455 303750, while Gordon Cowling (0472 778510) will be managing the Over-70 team.

Any ladies who would like to be involved in an Over-40s Women's team should contact Ian Gibson.

Hole in one

Trafalgar Golf Club member, Glenn Roberts, scored a hole in one on Friday, 21 August.

The milestone shot was scored on the second hole of the course.

This was Glenn's first official hole in one after first joining the Trafalgar Golf Club over 30 years ago.

He celebrated this wonderful and rare achievement by having a few drinks in the clubhouse.

The Trafalgar Golf Club would like to wish Glenn congratulations.



Trafalgar Golf Club member Glenn Roberts after scoring his hole in one

Down the croquet hole at Trafalgar

By Val Massey

Have you ever wondered what happens when a group of friendly people, a few mallets and some very determined little balls get together at 10:30 am on a Saturday?

Something rather magical happens at the Trafalgar Park Community Hub, although, thankfully, there are no furious Queens of Hearts shouting, “Off with their heads!”

Croquet is played on the grounds where the Trafalgar Farmers Market is held in Ashby Street.

At first glance, it all looks very civilised.

Players stroll around with mallets, chat, laugh and encourage one another.

Beneath that calm exterior, however, is a game of strategy, precision, and occasionally, frustration.

There has been some lively discussion about suitable alternative expressions for those moments when the ball stubbornly refuses to go where it is told.

Suggestions have included “Sugar!”, “Naughty

piglet!” and the particularly useful, “Well, that wasn’t in the plan!”

Perhaps this is where the Alice in Wonderland connection really comes in.

Like Alice, you never quite know what might happen once you step through the croquet gate.

The game can look whimsical and leisurely, but players soon discover that it involves plenty of tactics.

Our members are happy to teach newcomers, explain the rules and have a laugh along the way.

You can learn as you go, enjoy the fresh air and perhaps discover a new group of friends.

So, if you have ever thought, “I wonder what croquet is really like?”, why not come along and give it a try?

You might discover that Trafalgar has its very own

little corner of Wonderland, complete with mallets, hoops, friendly faces and perhaps the occasional cry of, “Naughty piglet!”

New players are warmly invited to come along and have a go.

Come for the croquet, stay for the company!

Check out our Facebook page for more information at Trafalgar Park Croquet Club.



New players Pauline Templeton and Tina Phipps are watching Helen Spackman take a shot



Val Massey, Helen Spackman, Geoff Pickburn and Raewyn McMahon after a Kings birthday game

Trafalgar Pickleball Club continues to grow

By Myles Lyons-Mills

The Trafalgar Pickleball Club is run by the Trafalgar Park Community Hub and coordinated by Myles Lyons-Mills and Michael Mills.

The first night of play was back in September 2025,

starting at the Trafalgar Tennis Club.

Through the hard work and determination of Raewyn McMahon and Michael Murell, they have grown the club from playing on one court to four courts.

The club is now operating out of the Trafalgar High School gym.

We have been lucky to have had steady growth ever since.

The Trafalgar Pickleball Club is grateful to have such an amazing group of players, new and experienced come week in and week out.

Always willing to offer support above and beyond what is expected from them.

We enjoy helping new players learn the rules and the fundamentals of the game, as well as helping players improve their game each week.

We also enjoy challenging our more experienced

players with competitions and singles matches.

We host Monday night sessions from 6:30pm-8pm and a Tuesday night session from 6pm-7:30pm.

We would like to invite any interested readers to come to a session.

We provide the paddles and balls, so all you need to

bring is yourself and a willingness to have some fun!

For more information we have a Facebook and Instagram account and booking can be done through the link on our social media accounts or through trybooking.com.

We can't wait to see you on the court.



Club members playing pickleball



The Trafalgar Pickleball Club playing in the Trafalgar High School gym

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