



Traf's 'Mr Cricket': Graeme Rankin



Proud father Graeme Rankin with his daughter Mackenzie who was born 6 February 2008

Trafalgar's Mr Cricket, Graeme Rankin, has had another successful year with the bat, hitting two centuries at the time of writing this article.

Ranks, as he is universally known, is amongst Trafalgar's 'blue bloods' when it comes to the willow.

Born in 1966 (a fifth generation Trafalgar Rankin), Graeme is the

first son of local dairy farmer Alan Rankin.

Cricket has always been in Ranks' blood, following his father around like a pup from the age of four to all Trafalgar Cricket Club (TCC), Warragul and District Cricket Association (WDCA) and All-Gippsland games, even going to two Melbourne Country Weeks as a seven

and eight year old

In fact, cricket has been in the Rankin blood for many generations, with the name documented as playing at TCC in 1893/94.

As soon as he was old enough, Graeme took over the job of scoring for both Trafalgar and WDCA games, but regularly as a seven to nine-year-old, he fielded at mid off for Trafalgar in A Grade games as his uncle Laurie couldn't turn up until nearly tea time due to his commitments at his Fruit Outlet (which Jim Abrecht now operates near Rankin's Road.)

In 1976 Ranks played his first game of cricket for Trafalgar as a nine-year-old in the U/16's under the watchful eye of coach (and TCC Life Member) Ben Rowney. His statistics for the season were 12 runs and two wickets.

In one game the following year, Trafalgar was nine wickets down avoiding the outright against Drouin at Drouin, with an hour to play. Graeme was batting with David Moss, and they were being dealt with a barrage of pacy bouncers and expletives from none other than Gary Ablett. Trafalgar finished at 9/28, Mossy 0 not out and Ranks top scoring with nine not out.

As we were walking off Ablett came up behind me, gave Graeme a big slap on the back and said, "Well batted".

His junior cricket flourished, with him opening in the 1978/79 season, and in round two of that season, he took a hat trick, bowling out the last three batsmen.

This early start to cricket has seen Graeme play 255 A Grade

games for TCC. His uncle Laurie played more than 280 and his father Alan played 300 games for Trafalgar.

His record at Trafalgar is amazing, resulting in him being awarded TCC Life Membership at the 2007/08 AGM, joining father Alan and Uncle Laurie as TCC's 10th Life Member since the club began in the late 1800's.

Since starting in the mid 1970's, Graeme's involvement in Trafalgar cricket has produced the following:

- 1st XI Team Member (22 seasons)
- Senior Coach (seven seasons)
- 1st XI Captain (six seasons): (Most other seasons, he was either vice-captain or deputy vice-captain)
- Historian/Statistician (15 seasons)
- General Committee Member (more than 10 seasons)
- League Delegate (more than six seasons):

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From the Editor's desk

Railway Station building

As you will have noticed in the past two editions of the Traf News, we are keen to have something done about our railway station building. We thank Stuart Kingsford for his response to our editorial.

I have written to VicTrack's CEO, seeking his views on the future of the building.

We welcome support in our quest to have the building brought up to the appropriate standard and for it to be occupied.

If you agree, please contact Mr Greg Holt, CEO, VicTrack, GPO Box 1681, Melbourne 3001 or email greg.holt@victrack.com.au

Keep our streets clean

Many of you will have noticed that the footpath outside the supermarket has recently been cleaned of chewing gum that has accumulated over the past few years since the new footpaths were laid.

This is an opportune time for us to continue to keep the footpaths clean of discarded (and used) chewing gum.

It may also be a good project for the Chamber of Commerce and Shire to clean up the rest of the footpaths in the retail area.

Apology for late News

The Traf News committee apologises for the late delivery of the

paper last month. The paper is distributed throughout the Trafalgar township by eleven year-old, Aidan Matthews.

Unfortunately, just prior to commencing delivery of the paper, someone stole Aidan's bike from his home.

This meant that Aidan and his family had to get another bike fixed up and then fitted to accommodate the papers he delivers.

We, at the Traf News, are sorry that this has occurred, not only because it meant a delay in getting the paper to you, but for the angst it caused Aidan and his family.

Printing and Collating Traf News: Can you help?

Lately readers may have noticed our "Can you help?" advertisement. It calls for volunteers to assist with the production of Traf News in areas such as: layout and design, printing and collating, advertising sales, and news reporting.

With more pages being printed,

this has greatly increased the workload for our small team of volunteers.

Printing and collating is the final area in the production of Traf News.

Printing usually takes two days to complete, as both sides cannot be printed at once. It would be helpful

if a volunteer could offer a couple of hours each month to speed up this process.

Collating usually takes around two and half hours, either in the morning or evening.

Training for both activities is provided. For more details please contact Leone on 5633 1181.



Dear Editor

Over the last six months, I have been fundraising as part of the "See The World Challenge" for The Fred Hollows Foundation. I wish to express a sincere Thank You to all the people of Trafalgar who supported me during this time.

I was able to raise \$3000 which has the potential to give sight back to 120 people.

Due to a change in personal circumstances, I am unable to travel to Vietnam and Cambodia to visit the hospitals that will benefit from the funding that I was able to raise the money for. I have never fundraised before and was blown away by the support of people in the area who were willing to assist me on my quest to help people who cannot help

themselves due to the circumstances that they are born into.

I will endeavour to continue on the inspirational work that was started by Fred Hollows as I cannot imagine a life that is in constant darkness for no reason.

Once again, thank you to everyone out there who gave of their time, who donated and supported me over the last six months.

Sarah Taylor
Trafalgar



Quote of the month

The optimist sees opportunity in every danger; the pessimist sees danger in every opportunity.
Winston Churchill

DEADLINES

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- Trafalgar Recreation Reserve Groundsman (one season)
- Trafalgar Recreation Reserve Committee Member: 1994 to present day.
- 1st XI Batting Aggregate winner (12 seasons)
- 1st XI League Batting Average (four seasons)
- All Gippsland U/21 Representative 1986/87 and 1987/88 (Premiers and Captain)
- League Representative (18 seasons), plus vice-captain and/or deputy vice-captain and selector on various occasions
- All Gippsland selection on five occasions
- Melbourne Country Week Rep (14 seasons - manager/captain on two occasions)
- U/16 Team Member (Seven seasons) including being the captain of the WDCA in 1982/83, with a batting average of 178.6)
- U/16 Country Week Representative (Two Seasons) with All Gippsland Selection in one season
- Latrobe Valley School Boys representative (One season, as Captain).

Other than playing for Trafalgar, locally, Graeme has represented Nilma Dusties, picking up many honours whilst there.

Outside of the Trafalgar area, Graeme represented Collingwood Cricket Club (coached by ex Australian player, Trevor Laughlin) in its Colts (U/23) team for one year, and three years in its third and



A young Graeme Rankin with his dad, Alan, taken at the start of season 1977/78.

fourth XI teams. He also played one season with the Waverley/Dandenong Cricket Club (coached by another ex Australian player, Rodney Hogg).

Since becoming a police officer, Graeme has also played for the past three years, for the Victoria Police Cricket Club (again coached by Trevor Laughlin), participating in the Australasian Police Championships in Christchurch, New Zealand.

Graeme's first experience in playing cricket overseas occurred when he was a member of the Bundalaguah Cricket Club when its 1988 team toured Fiji and won the annual Crompton Cup. Bundalaguah's opening bowlers

were Ian Wrigglesworth and Paul Coloe, who were both bowling for Richmond's First XI at the time, and some of the locals were coming out to bat in bare feet!

Graeme also played cricket in England for two seasons, first playing for the Farsley Celtic Cricket Club (Division 2 Leeds League in Yorkshire) in 1990 as a member of the First XI team Member, scoring 650 runs, including two centuries, at an average of 45.

Graeme then played for two clubs in 1992, Highbury Cricket Club (Division 1 Leeds League, Yorkshire) in 1992, with a First XI batting average of 56, scoring 896 runs including three centuries (highest score of 132 not out), and Farsley Cricket Club (Bradford Evening League, Yorkshire).

During his career to date, Graeme has scored 8189 runs, including scoring 50 runs on 43 occasions and 14 centuries (two of which were this season) for Trafalgar. In all forms of cricket (other clubs and grades), he has scored more than 30 centuries.

Graeme's top cricket highlights are:

1. 2006/07 A Grade premiership;
2. Various Gippsland Cricket League and Country Premierships;
3. Playing cricket in England in 1990 and 1992;
4. Going to cricket with his father as a child;
5. Assisting TCC members develop their cricketing skills;
6. Being awarded TCC Life Membership (joining his father and uncle Laurie);

7. Watching Adam Gilchrist bat;
8. Opening the bowling for Richmond's First XI at the time, and some of the locals were coming out to bat in bare feet!
9. Playing at the MCG for the WDCA against Bendigo during country week in the mid 80's; and
10. Playing cricket in Fiji (1988 and 1995) and Christchurch (2006).

Finally, a career such as Graeme's must have some embarrassing moments. One that Graeme recalls is whilst he was playing for Farsley in the Bradford Mid Week Evening League (16 overs aside) in West Yorkshire in 1992.

He opened the batting with ex-Yorkshire opening batsman Ashley Metcalfe against a couple of former County bowlers, and had a partnership of 160 (just missing a league record) of which Graeme scored 85.

After his team had won, Graeme was sitting in the change rooms with the boys when this older bloke came in and the whole room went silent.

He said, "Where's the Aussie who made the runs?". He complimented Graeme on his stroke play, and asked him a heap of questions, including where he was from, etc.

When he left the room, Graeme asked the boys who that was, at which time one of his team mates yelled out, "Ranks ya #@%\$, that's Ray Illingworth, he used to captain England".

Farsley Cricket Club was where Illingworth played when he wasn't on higher duties, and Graeme's batting partner, Ashley Metcalfe was married to his daughter.

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Dear Editor



Warragul Gazette responds to Wade

Dear Editor,
I wish to respond to a feature article in your last publication (March 2008) titled 'The relevance of newspapers' by a Duncan Wade.

Your readers may be interested to know that according to a Google search Mr Wade is in fact pre press manager for the regional daily newspaper, *Shepparton News*. It is extremely disappointing that nowhere in his article attacking mainstream media does he mention this.

Mr Wade suggests our newspaper is more interested in advertising than news. I can assure him that we are interested in informing and attracting readers and operating as a business. Unlike the *Traf News* our employees do not volunteer their time and we have overheads to meet.

Journalists would like to think that we don't depend on advertising, but that is not the case. It is a fine balance to provide pages with advertising and news. We must also remember that our advertisers are

also our readers, particularly in a small community and advertisements also provide readers with information.

Advertising also has its own source of information just think of engagements, births, deaths, funerals and situations vacant, an extremely important and well read section of any newspaper.

In relation to your survey results, I would be very surprised if your publication did not rate high when compared to commercial newspapers. The *Traf News* circulates largely in Trafalgar and concentrates on articles relating to the town and surrounds.

We produce a regional publication covering a population area of more than 35,000 people. It's like comparing apples with oranges.

Our audited circulation figures in Trafalgar have remained steady for several years and have not been in decline as you suggest. This is also taking into account that our consumers buy our paper and it is not delivered free to their letter-

box.

I am not sure where Mr Wade gets the idea that all journalists are tertiary trained and while many of them may be, all of them are not. What is the relevance of a person's ability to do the job got to do with a tertiary qualification?

I don't believe we tell our community what to think. We hope we are at the places that they can't get to. We hope to give an insight into what is going on around West Gippsland whether that is council, school activities, social events or sport.

There is scarcely an issue of *The Traf News* go by that does not have several articles provided from the pages of *The Gazette*. We provide these articles written and ready for insertion without any extra work by the publication's volunteers. Photographs are also provided complete with captions. I was under the understanding that this was very much appreciated by the editorial staff as this is what is conveyed to me. I have been more than happy to

support this community publication.

In this particular issue the front page article on Australia Day and accompanying photograph was provided by us and a lengthy article on ward subdivisions for Baw Baw Shire. These articles took up four pages.

I know how difficult it is to put a newspaper together when it is a full time job so I can only begin to imagine what it must be like putting out a community publication with a team of volunteers. It is a mighty effort and I hope the local community continues to provide support and encouragement.

However, Mr Wade has put his integrity into question by not telling readers who he is before he launched into an attack on *The Gazette* and the craft of journalism. You as editor should have insisted he do so to maintain what Mr Wade calls your 'credible publication'.

Carolyn Turner
Editor
Warragul Gazette

Traf landfill to be shared

Baw Baw Shire has agreed to allow Latrobe City to make use of the Trafalgar landfill for a period expected to be less than 12 months, while it constructs a new landfill. The shared use commenced on 29 February 2008.

Latrobe City approached Baw Baw Shire in late 2007 when it realised its new landfill was unlikely to be completed in time for the closure of the Morwell landfill.

The arrangement is in place until the new Latrobe City landfill is completed and operating. Latrobe City has recently received the required approvals and is working quickly towards the construction of their new landfill. It should be completed in approximately nine months, subject to weather conditions.

In considering the decision to agree to the shared use, council considered:

- That the long-term solution, after the closure of Trafalgar landfill, will be to transport waste to the new Latrobe landfill
- Its regional responsibility to assist an adjoining council, as council would expect Latrobe City to help Baw Baw if needed
- The anticipated limited impact on Trafalgar, with only a small additional increase in traffic along Ashby Street, Mirboo North Trafalgar Road and

Giles Road. (Ed: *Traf News* understands that this is approximately 100 truck trips per day)

- A limited period of use
- The reduction in the life of the Trafalgar landfill.

The Trafalgar landfill was expected to be full by around 2013. However a study conducted last year indicated there is sufficient volume to extend the life to 2016. Use by Latrobe City is expected to consume around two years of life.

The Trafalgar landfill/transfer station operating hours will only vary slightly, with the facility opening one hour earlier each morning. The hours now are:

- Monday-Friday - 8.00am to 4.00pm (transfer station hours also);
- Saturday - 8:00am to 11:00am (transfer station hours also);
- Sunday - Closed for dumping waste, but the transfer station is open to Baw Baw Shire residents from 10.00am to 4.00pm.

Council has increased the commercial and industrial waste charges to match those of the Latrobe City from \$72.00 to \$82.50, but transfer station charges will be unchanged.

To improve access to the Uralla Nature Reserve, council will be constructing a walking trail along Giles Road this financial year.

Uralla Nature Reserve news

By Chris Mynard

Baw Baw Shire and the Uralla Reserve Committee have marked the location of a walking/cycling path to the reserve from Trafalgar township along Giles Road. Requests for this path have been put to council by the TCDA and other interested parties for some years now. Council is keen for the people who walk Giles Road to have input into this project.

Anyone who wants to be involved with the Giles Road pathway can contact David Sutcliffe at the Baw Baw Shire offices or members of the Uralla Reserve Committee.

Walking track construction and maintenance has been the main focus for the Uralla Management Committee and volunteer workers since the start of this year.

A mini excavator and bobcat loader, supplied by Mark Paul from Trafalgar Excavations, has been used to construct the final section of the easy access track from Donaldsons

Track into Hendersons Gully. This leaves us with two short sections of boardwalk and the construction of a bridge over the gully to complete this 500mt track.

Thirty cubic metres of crushed rock was spread on various sections of track. This is a long term project to ensure all year round access to the Reserve.

Excessive leaf litter and bark was graded to form tracks which will help create fire breaks to assist us with small fuel reductions/regeneration burns that are planned for the coming autumn, with the help of the Trafalgar Fire Brigade.

The continued support that the management committee receives from the regular crew of volunteer workers is very much appreciated.

Regardless of weather conditions, they continue to spend their time looking after this unique asset for all visitors and residents to enjoy.



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Trafalgar Thorpdale RSL sub-branch news

By Ray James*

It is pleasing to report that we had a very successful AGM on 7 March 2008 which was twelve months to the day of forming this new RSL sub-branch. The meeting was well attended to the point of running short of seats for people to sit on; I hope this minor problem continues well into the future.

The business of running an RSL branch is new to me and others, and it is very pleasing to see experienced people becoming members of the sub-branch and willing to help out with guidance and the work load.

It was also particularly pleasing to see the ladies taking a keen role in our RSL sub-branch so there is no doubt in my mind that this RSL will continue to grow, even though we have some hurdles to clear in the next few months.

New executive elected

Congratulations to the Executive elected and to the committee and in particular, welcome aboard Faye Harkess.

A new executive has been elected for another twelve month term and they are:

President: Ray James
Vice President: Jim Crowe
Secretary: Faye Harkess
Treasurer: Darryl Shaw
Welfare Officer: Jim Crowe

Appeals Officer: Dave Helliwell ANZAC Day services

The planning for this year ANZAC Day service has begun and I thank our guest Bernie Murray for his guidance on this very important day in the calendar year of our RSL sub-branch.

This year Trafalgar Thorpdale RSL Sub-Branch will conduct an ANZAC Day service at Thorpdale on the Sunday before ANZAC Day and a Dawn Service and ANZAC Day service at Trafalgar on ANZAC Day. Bernie Murray will conduct a special service for those at Andrews House, as done in previous years.

All service times and dates are as follows:

Thorpdale:

Sunday, 20 April at 11.00am at the Thorpdale Cenotaph followed by a BBQ. All Welcome.

Trafalgar:

Friday, 25 April the services are as follows:

6.00am Dawn service at the cenotaph

10.00am there will be an ANZAC Day service at Andrews House for the residents and their families.

11.00am A march for all returned and ex-service personnel including affiliate organisations will take place commencing at the Trafalgar RSL

building in Kitchener Street (assembling at 10.50 am) to the Cenotaph on Princess Highway for an 11.00 am service and wreath laying ceremony.

For all enquiries please contact: President, Ray James, 5633 1162 or Secretary, Faye Harkess 5633 1453.

Trafalgar cenotaph

Some time ago I reported that the Trafalgar cenotaph had been cleaned and that the lettering was to be re-gilded by JT and PM Keenen and Sons.

To date the lettering job is incomplete. I rang the contractor and have been assured by Mr Peter Keenen that re-gilding of the lettering will most certainly be done before this ANZAC Day.

Early years of Traf RSL building

In the last issue of the *Traf News* I put out a call for help for information in regards to the early years of the Trafalgar RSL building.

This cry for help was answered most admirably by Mr Jack McDonald. Jack McDonald is with the Trafalgar and District Historical Society, and Jack has kindly given us permission

to use the material. So thank you Jack and thanks to the Trafalgar and District Historical Society.

Sub-branch meetings

Our sub-branch meets on the first Friday of each month at the RSL Hall, Contingent Street Trafalgar at 1100 hours.

We are looking to increase our membership and invite ex-service personnel and close and distant relatives of ex-service personnel, if interested in becoming a member, to contact me or come along to a meeting. You will be made most welcome.

By becoming a member at Trafalgar Thorpdale RSL you automatically have full use of the Moe and other RSL facilities as a RSL member.

I can be contacted by: Phone: 5633 1162 or Email: rayjames@dcsi.net.au

Lest We Forget!

* Ray James is the President of the Trafalgar Thorpdale RSL sub-branch

Many years ago in Scotland, a new game was invented. It was ruled "Gentlemen Only Ladies Forbidden" and thus the word GOLF entered into the English language.

Join us at Trafalgar Playgroup

By Louise Kennedy Young



New mothers and their children enjoying playgroup at Trafalgar

Welcome to 2008! Trafalgar Playgroup has started once again and we look forward to seeing families and carers with children from birth to five years, to join us.

We meet at the Trafalgar Scout Hall in Kitchener Street (next to the fire station) on Thursday mornings from 9.30am-11.30am during the school term (you can come earlier to help set-up from 9.15am if you wish).

Our aim is that parents and children will enjoy a friendly and welcoming playgroup where children can interact socially with other children while parents/carers can meet other local parents, over coffee.

We have an outdoor play area with a sandpit, slide, basketball ring along with many indoor activities including climbing frames, dress ups, kitchen play, chalk board, puzzles, book reading area, play dough and baby toys.

A committee which oversees the running of the playgroup meets monthly to plan activities discuss fundraising ideas and other issues. It is informal and we encourage anyone to come along. (Thank you to staff at Bendigo Bank for your administrative support!)

The cost of attending Trafalgar Playgroup is \$4.00 for each session per family along with an annual fee of \$25.00 for Playgroup Victoria Membership which covers insurance and other benefits.

Everyone brings their own food/drinks for snack time, and tea/coffee/milo is available for parents and carers.

For further information contact Louise on 5633 1463 or just come along!

Battle help urgently needed

The future of The Battle of Trafalgar Festival is in grave doubt due to a lack of volunteer committee members and not enough involvement and coordination from program groups.

It would be a tragedy to see the festival that brings 5000 people to the town each year, fold. The continuation of the festival was high on the agenda at the February TCDA meeting and after much debate it was decided it would continue with Jackie Neale to be Chairperson.

Jackie is very excited about her new position and has already begun putting some plans into practice.

After having a meeting with the event organizers from the Baw Baw Shire she has come away feeling inspired. Staff are offering support on many levels and will help to make risk management less daunting.

If you are in a community group



or business and would like to run an event please come aboard now. You will receive a great deal of support, free advertising and may even be applicable for money to help run your event.

We have a list of suggested events to help you plan your event. This is a great opportunity for groups to raise funds.

We would also benefit from someone who either has a talent in advertising and marketing or would like to use our festival to obtain some experience.

If you are interested as a group or an individual in the Festival or would just like to help out on the day, please don't hesitate to call Jackie on 5633 1246 after 4.00pm, any day.

There are only seven meetings involved (on the first Tuesday in the month) before the festival. All that will be expected from you is a sense of humour. It helps if you like pizza and wine.

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Isabel Catt celebrates 90 years

Long-time Yarragon resident Isabel Catt recently celebrated her 90th birthday with between 40 and 50 family, friends and community members on Sunday, 24 February.

Known for her community activities in Yarragon, Isabel now resides at Andrews House in Trafalgar where the party was held.

The party featured a speech by daughter Cheryl about Isabel's life and the attendance of Pakenham resident Freda Thomas who trained with Isabel. The party was also attended by Isabel's sister Jean.

Born in one of two hospitals located in Yarragon on February 24, 1918, Isabel Souter attended school in Yarragon and lived on the family's dairy farm located south of Yarragon, until the age of 21.

Isabel enrolled in nursing at the

West Gippsland Hospital just before World War II.

She married local dairy farmer Stan Catt and had three children, Gordon (now residing in Inverloch), Ron (Yarragon) and Cheryl (Adelaide).

Between raising a family and working on the farm, Isabel taught Sunday School and home nursing classes in the Yarragon district. She was also a home nursing and first aid badge examiner and volunteered with the Red Cross.

Following Stan's death 32 years ago, Isabel continued to work on the farm with Ron, as well as increasing her community involvement.

Isabel was a foundation member of the Yarragon Senior Citizens, president of the local neighborhood advisory group and served on the West Gippsland Hospital auxiliary.



Long-time Yarragon resident Isabel Catt prepares to cut her 90th birthday cake surrounded by (from left) great-grandson Jonathon Carmody, granddaughter Suzanne Carmody, great-grandson Daniel Carmody and granddaughters Ashley-Maree Catt and Charlotte Catt.

She was also presented with a life governor certificate for her fundraising efforts with the auxiliary.

Isabel was also president of the local neighborhood advisory group, regularly organised Australia Day activities in Yarragon, was one of five co-authors who wrote a history of Yarragon in the lead up to Australia's centenary celebrations, and was secretary of the local National Party.

However, Isabel considers her main achievement in the community as securing a good water supply for Yarragon, having met with numerous politicians at the time.

Isabel has a sister Jean, three children, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Article and photo provided by Warragul Gazette

Immunisation dates

DATE	DAY	TIME	CENTRE
5 April	Saturday	10.00am to 11.00am	Warragul
9 April	Wednesday	5.30pm to 6.30pm	Drouin
18 April	Friday	10.00am to 11.00am	Drouin
18 April	Friday	12.30pm to 1.30pm	Trafalgar
3 May	Saturday	10.00am to 11.00am	Trafalgar

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Centres

- Trafalgar:** Community Service Centre (Senior Citizens Hall), Princes Highway
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What is climate change?

Climate change is the greatest threat facing our planet. Humans are causing climate change, and humans can stop it getting worse. We can keep our planet healthy for future generations by acting on climate change now and reducing our greenhouse pollution.

What's causing the problem?

Across the world, human activity is causing climate change by adding huge amounts of carbon dioxide (CO2) and other greenhouse polluting gases to our atmosphere. The biggest source of greenhouse pollution is the burning of fossil fuels - such as coal and oil - for energy.

Why is the planet warming?

The Earth is wrapped in a delicately balanced 'blanket' of gases. Like a greenhouse in a garden, this insulating layer traps heat from the sun, and sustains life.

Human activities, particularly the generation of energy from fossil fuels, are adding significant amounts of greenhouse pollution to the atmosphere. This pollution stays in the atmosphere for many decades.

Greenhouse pollution is making the Earth's 'blanket' unnaturally thick, resulting in heating up the planet, otherwise known as global

warming. This heat trap is also causing many unusual and dangerous changes to our climate and weather systems, best described as climate change.

How do we solve the 'climate crisis'?

We can stop climate change, but only by making major reductions in the amount of greenhouse pollution we create. To cut pollution, we need to drastically change the way we use and produce energy.

Individuals, businesses and governments need to become much more energy efficient and to stop wasting energy. And we need to invest more in clean, renewable sources of energy such as wind and solar power.

Renewable energy is available now, safe for the environment and good for our economy. By dealing with climate change, we have an opportunity to make Australia a world leader in renewable energy and create thousands of jobs and export opportunities.

Climate change - what does it mean for Australians?

Australia is particularly vulnerable to climate change - environmentally and economically.

We already live on the driest inhabited continent on earth. Climate change is making most of Australia drier. We are already experiencing more severe droughts and water shortages.

Climate change is bad for our economy, and bad for our individual hip-pockets. In 2006, Cyclone Larry, severe drought and bushfires wiped billions off the Australian economy. These costs flow through to ordinary Australians in many ways, for example, increased food prices and high-

er insurance premiums.

If we don't take action, climate change will worsen

If we do nothing about our changing climate, Australian scientists at the CSIRO estimate that temperatures in Australia could be up to two degree celcius hotter by 2030 and up to six degrees hotter by 2070.

As temperatures increase we can expect:

- More frequent and severe droughts, bushfires, floods and storms
- Increased deaths from heat-waves and flooding and higher incidences of dengue fever, malaria and other mosquito-borne diseases
- Damage to our farming and tourism economies as crops fail and attractions like ski

fields, the Great Barrier Reef and Kakadu disappear

- Wildlife extinctions as habitat changes or disappears.

The above information is supplied by the Australian Conservation Foundation and forms part of the information program of the Trafalgar Yarragon Sustainability Network.

Network Meetings

The newly formed network is gaining momentum with more members and more ideas for action. We now have two main groups focusing on an education/communication strategy and another focusing on renewable energy solutions. More areas will be added as time and member capacity grows.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 27 March upstairs at the Baw Baw Technology Centre in Trafalgar at 7.30pm.

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Births

Congratulations to sisters Debbie DiSisto and Trudy Cook (nee Giles) who gave birth to daughters within four days of one another in late January. Details follow:

Bibby - Lockwood

Blake Thomas was born on Friday, 8 February at the West Gippsland Hospital to Damian and Andrea of Yarragon.

Cook - Giles

Brianna Marie was born on 25 January at the West Gippsland Hospital to Trudy and Daniel of Trafalgar.

James - Bryden

Levi Hunter was born on Monday, 11 February at the West Gippsland Hospital to Phill and Jenelle of Trafalgar.

Damschke - Carnes

Seth Brodie was born on Tuesday, 26 February at the West Gippsland Hospital to Ben and April of Trafalgar.

Dawes

James Kennedy was born on Thursday, 7 February at the West Gippsland Hospital to Jason and Tamara of Yarragon.

Disisto - Giles

Bella Rose was born on 21 January at the West Gippsland Hospital to Debbie and Mark of Trafalgar.

Inner Wheel club of Traf turns 30



Photo of charter members still in Club. From left: Janice Cogle (Secretary), Dawn Whitten, Joy Morrison, Lorrie Mills, Hilda Haldane (Charter President) and Elaine Boyle (President).

Members of the Inner Wheel Club of Trafalgar celebrated the club's 30th birthday with a luncheon on 23 February, 2008 at Mirador Springs Trafalgar. The theme for the day was pearl. Fifty ladies attended, present and past members of Trafalgar, guests and members of Maffra, Foster, Narre Warren, Warragul,

Morwell, Moe and Echuca were represented.

The birthday candle atop 50 cupcakes was lit by Charter President Hilda Haldane. Guests enjoyed a delicious lunch followed by entertainer Libby Langford of Warragul.

Inner Wheel is an international women's organisation, the second largest in the world. Trafalgar Inner

Wheel was chartered on February 24, 1978 at Trafalgar Golf Club. Six charter members are still in the Club supporting the local community, district, Australian and international projects. \$1,095,000.00 has been raised in Australia since 2000, for cord blood (stem cell) research. Cord Blood Day is 9 May - look for the stall in front of the newsagency.

New Mattresses for Andrews House



Trafalgar Uniting Church Treasurer John Aldrich (left) and Church Council President Eric Johnson (right) present Andrews House Manager Janet Moore (centre) with a cheque for \$2,200.

The comfort of residents receiving palliative care at Andrews House will be improved thanks to the support of the Trafalgar Uniting Church.

The Church recently donated

\$2,200 to the Andrews House Murray to Moyne cycle relay team who are raising funds to purchase specialised equipment to improve the care of residents receiving palliative care.

Two air mattresses will be purchased with the donation. The mattresses help in the prevention of pressure areas for residents who are in bed for long periods of time.

Join in the Joint Walk for Arthritis Awareness week

To celebrate Arthritis Awareness Week the Moe Narracan Arthritis Self Help Group, Latrobe Valley Cancer Help Group and Latrobe Community Health Service jointly invite community members to join them in a walk followed by a picnic on Monday 7 April, 11.00am to 2.30pm in the Moe Botanical Gardens. The day will

start with some gentle warm up exercises, then there are some easy tracks for walking at your own pace. Participants are asked to please BYO lunch. There are free gas BBQs available.

Arthritis is Australia's major cause of disability and chronic pain affecting one in six people between the ages of 15 and 64. Regular

physical activity, such as walking, is vital in preventing and managing arthritis. There will be information available about arthritis management at the picnic.

For further information contact Beverley phone: 5126 2416 or Julie 5127 9139. If it is raining the venue will change to Latrobe Community Health Service, 42 Fowler St. Moe.

Births

Keinick - McGarrity

To Adam and Nicole in Canada a beautiful baby daughter Lily Joy, born 13 February. Another grandchild to be loved and cherished by Pam and Brian.

Kersten - Clarke

Matthew Steven was born on Wednesday, 23 January at the West Gippsland Hospital to Tim and Jennifer of Yarragon.

Rankin - Giles

MacKenzie Lila was born on Wednesday 6 February at the West Gippsland Hospital to Graeme and Lauren of Trafalgar



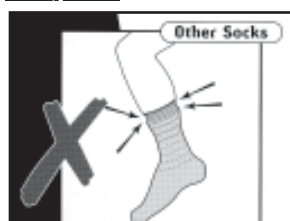
Pioneer plaque missing

The Pioneer Wall erected between the Community Centre and Trafalgar Technology Centre has a plaque of one of the pioneer Trafalgar families missing.

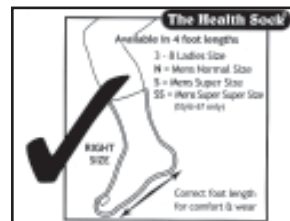
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Trafalgar and District Probus club

Annual Election

This month we begin our 2008/9 program with the election of a new committee with Isobel Robins taking over from Bob Moss as president. In Probus the president's position changes each year.

What is Probus and what's in it for me?

We think that a lot of people have the wrong idea of what is Probus, and what does it do. The answer is that it gives retirees of Trafalgar and district the opportunity to mix socially with others of similar age as well as involving themselves in activities such as bus trips, dine outs, bush walking and listening to invited speakers on many varied topics. We do not just sit around; we are too busy enjoying our retirement

Bus Trips

There are two types of trips we do. The first is with a large coach where we have travelled to places like Point Cook Air Museum, Cerebus Naval depot, Melbourne Zoo twilight music nights and the Goulburn Valley wineries and boat cruise. These all have meals provided.

The other trips are in a twenty one seater bus normally BYO lunch and travel to places like the Tarra



Trafalgar and district Probus club's new committee for year 2008/9. Back row L-R. Jeanie Whittaker, Elaine Smith, Judith Heasley, Les Bartlett, Graham Dove. Front row L-R. Nola Moss, Betty Kennedy, Olwyn Vitale, Pat Wisewold, Isobel Robbins, Eleanor Harrington and Bob Moss

Valley, Victoria Art Centre, the "Tidemaster" cruise from Tooradin, and many more. These bus trips are held on alternative months.

Dine-outs

Each month, a group of up to thirty, travel to a club or hotel in the Gippsland area for a lunch and either play the pokies or hit the shops after eating.

Bush walking

No, we do not go with compass in hand to scale the mountains.

What we do is select areas with reasonably level and well maintained tracks to walk a few kilometres then have a lunch (often a BBQ or hot dogs) then finish the day with another walk before finishing off with a coffee on the way home.

Speakers

Every month after the general meeting we have speakers who talk on many varied and interesting subjects from African Orphanages, the Kokoda Trail, history of the paddle

steamers and crime and fire prevention

So as you can see that every week there is something to do in Probus if you wish.

So if you are looking to put some interest into your life come to a meeting at the Trafalgar Bowls Club at 10.00am, on the first Thursday of the month. If you like what you see then it will cost \$25.00 per year to join. At this time we do have vacancies, so call in and have a look.

A Day in the life of Janine Webb

Janine is Acting Facilities Manager and Emergency Management Coordinator for the Gippsland Region of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development based at the Regional Office in Moe.

Justin, her son, is 26, married to Jiang Cui and father of Jamie. They live in Xi'an in the Shaanxi Province of central China. Justin has a Bachelor of Business from Victorian University of Technology and has taught English in China for four years.

Cassie who is 23, lives in Northcote and works for the ACTU.

I've lived in Traf for 40 of my almost 47 years. I'm the fourth of seven siblings raised in Contour Rd Trafalgar at the address where my father still resides.

It's hard to describe a typical day of a Facilities Manager, the hours vary as much as the work does. I've been doing the job since September last year when the previous manager moved on, prior to that I was the Facilities Officer and we formed a three person team with an administrative officer to do the same work. For emergencies, I'm on call 24 hours a day, so there is little distinction sometimes between home and work.

First of all I'll try to describe work I've done in the last month: Over the last few weeks I've spent a number of days in Melbourne at planning meetings, training courses and preparing a submission to Heritage Victoria in response to a proposal to list a school site in South Gippsland.

I have travelled to Cann River, Swan Reach, Clifton Creek and Bairnsdale to participate in meetings with School Principals, School Council Presidents along with an architect and project facilitator to decide on the best possible scope of works for each as we plan new building projects of values of up to \$500,000.

I have travelled to other schools in East Gippsland and Wellington Shires to inspect current conditions at their school and to discuss a possible property purchase one sees as vital for their future building project.



Janine Webb

I've met with the Manager of East Gippsland Shire Planning unit to discuss this proposed increase in size to ensure it fits within the Urban Design framework the shire has in place and ascertain any difficulties we may have in getting land rezoned to 'educational' should the whole project proceed.

I have also travelled to Jindivick to discuss the new relocatable building they received last year, inspecting the quality of the set up and progress with another building project.

While in the Baw Baw Shire I also met with the Principal of the Warragul Primary School and a neighbour who has concerns with trucks and cars coming and going from the school that are constantly running into her rear fence.

I was invited to meet with the consultant currently preparing an 'Outdoor Recreation Facility' report for Baw Baw Shire based on the facilities in Warragul.

Here I found that the consultant had surveyed only the schools actually within the township so my advice was to include the neighbouring primary schools that would also use the facilities such as Bona Vista, Ellinbank,

Nilma, Darnum and Buln Buln.

Secondly, here is a more general idea of the duties. As capital works projects in schools within the Gippsland Region amount to around \$6 million for building new and refurbishing existing buildings each year, I'm involved in the planning of quite a number of different sized projects throughout the year.

I also provide advice on maintenance prioritizing and processes to the principals of Gippsland state schools as they receive the funds directly with their other funding.

I provide advice and support within the area from Phillip Island to Mallacoota, which includes six shires and approximately 150 state owned secondary, primary and specialist schools. I supervise two other team members who coordinate programs that include:

- the portable and relocatable building transfers where schools that have too many rooms donate them to schools with increased enrolment and therefore need them,
- the integration works program which ensures schools

that have students with disabilities have the required infrastructure to allow access, this includes ramps, handrails, disabled toilets etc.,

- non school accommodation which is the management of our own office building, and other network offices in Warragul, Sale, Bairnsdale and recently added is the Leongatha network office,
- the supplementation fund which allows us to assist in a very limited manner schools whose finances cannot stretch to cover urgent and unforeseen maintenance items, this has most recently been expended on repairs after storms and floods but is also called upon because of vandalism.

Thirdly, in my other role as Emergency Management Coordinator, I maintain networks with emergency service personnel from CFA, SES, Police, the Municipal Emergency Resource Officers of all six shires. This involves many meetings which I rotate attendance with two other staff from the office.

I also attend the Divisional Meetings which are held in Newborough and Bairnsdale twice a year. During emergencies such as bushfires and floods, I'm the one who recommends school closures and bus cancellations to ensure the safety of students and staff. I also provide information to the private schools so they too can follow suit if they so choose. In this role I was kept particularly busy last year.

Also in 2007 I used the networks I had built up to administer the Drought Support funding supplied to the Department for our Region, this was targeted to schools whose families may have difficulty paying for extras such as sporting events, camps and other excursions.

It also was used by many as recovery for community cohesion and morale as the drought has hit more than just the hip pocket of many families.

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friends but Australia is lovely with good people, beautiful places and good weather.

The school is very different. My school in Brazil starts at 7:30 am and finishes at 11:40 am. You can't choose the subjects, you don't change your classroom and my class had 60 students. Here I am studying at Trafalgar High School, in Year 11. My teachers, friends and host family always help me with the differences.

From the 15 of March to the 6 April, I will be on the 'Rock to Reef' tour. This is a big trip around Australia. We will go to Adelaide, Coober Pedy, Uluru, Alice Springs, Cairns, Townsville, the Gold coast and Sydney. It will be fun.

This exchange is the best thing that has happened in my life because I have met new people, learned about a different culture, visited many beautiful places and ate Vegemite. I have friends all over the world and I will never forget this year. I am sure that I will go back to Brazil as a new person in a better person.

I just have to say 'thank you very much' to my host families and Rotary.

Rotary club of Trafalgar 'youth exchange programme'

Rotary International's 'Youth Exchange Program' is now seeking secondary school students at years 10 and 11 who will be between the ages of 15 years and 16 years and 11 months on 1 January 2009 who would like the opportunity to spend one year attending a secondary school and living with a host family in another country. The applicant must not have completed secondary



President Audun Pederson and Exchange student Filipe Luis.

The major objects of the program are to further International goodwill and understanding, to enable the students involved to advance their education by studying in a foreign environment, to act as ambassadors for Australia and to study another language, life-style or culture.

Applicants must be in the upper third of their year level, be of good character and reputation, have an outgoing and pleasant personality to fit them for their role as ambassador, and must have the support of their family and the principal of their school.

Parents of exchange students will pay for the return airfare to the host country and provide necessary clothing, uniforms, school books, insurance, the costs of Rotary sponsored

tours and incidental costs associated with every day living.

The overseas 'Host Rotary Club' will provide accommodation with full board, supervision and pocket money for one year.

The student will stay with several families.

Successful applicants leave for the host country in January, 2009 and return in January, 2010.

Countries of exchange are Austria, Brazil, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Japan, Sweden, Switzerland and USA.

Interested Students are invited to apply to the Rotary Club of Trafalgar

Application forms may be obtained from: Christine Makin, PO Box 132, Trafalgar, 3824 Phone 5633 2181

Applications close (at club level) on Monday 14 April 2008.

Private Smith writes from overseas



Private Smith later on in life.

During World War I, Private Alan Smith of Trafalgar wrote a number of letters home to his family.

The following three articles are reproduced from the Thorpdale Community News as an Anzac Day special. Traf News thanks Private Smith's daughter, Betty Kennedy, for supplying the articles.

Christmas in Egypt

The Trafalgar Times, on 25 February 1916, reported Private A Smith of Trafalgar writing home from Egypt shortly after Christmas 1915. Private Smith's letter says:

Christmas with us was far better than any of the lads expected, as we

were simply loaded with good things. In addition to the treasured parcels sent from friends, every man received a small tin containing cigars, cigarettes, tobacco and matches.

I passed mine along to my mates who were delighted beyond expression. In addition, every man received a Christmas cake, and other good things, which brought back many pleasant recollections of the friends we had left behind in Australia.

Mine came from Queensland. Some of the lads were fortunate in finding money in theirs, a fiver in one instance turning up.

Our Christmas dinner comprised roast pork, roast beef, pudding, cake and soft drink. After dinner every man in the 9th and 14th battalions received 16 cigarettes - a gift from the residents of St Kilda.

Altogether our Christmas was quite cheery, the more so as no one expected to get anything beyond the every day fare. All the Trafalgar lads I have come in touch with are keeping well, and eager to get their work over. The last I met was Andy Clarke, who gave me all the news.

The mails do not arrive very regularly. For weeks I did not get any letters and then they came in a bundle. No one appears to have any idea when we are to move out of here, but men are constantly arriving and some big move is pending. We are getting used to the heat by this time, but it was very trying at first.

The sights in Egypt are wonderful, and to my mind all well worth the experience of soldiering alone.

In the Firing Line

The Trafalgar-Yarragon Times, on 27 October 1916, reported Private Smith writing from "somewhere in France":

Now having a spell after being part of the big advance on the "Somme". It was a very warm affair - seven days in the front without a spell.

I met Roy and Ken Mitchell of Moe and Jim O'Brien - also Bert Dalgleish and Eric McDonald of Yarragon and one of Tom McDonnell's boys.

Herb Lynch was badly wounded and Roy Hough knocked about. It was marvellous that any of us got through - rifles were not used, it was all big guns, artillery shells and machine guns.

All you could see from the front trenches was smoke and dust. The Huns (Germans) had wonderful trenches, some were 30 feet (9 metres) deep with glass doors and comfortable beds, carpets, wallpapering and electric light.

We believe that officers' wives were there too. I saw this for myself. The German artillery was wonderful, but their men are not up to our boys, they come and give themselves up at every opportunity. I will be back up in the trenches again soon, then I hope to get relief and go over to

England.

If we had more reinforcements we would have a much better time.

With the "boys" in France

The Thorpdale Community newspaper records a further letter written by Private Smith shortly after the first big German offensive had been checked. He writes:

The situation looks a lot brighter than it did a week ago, and we seem to be holding Fritz now.

It is awful to think of the sacrifices that have to be made, and the suffering that is being imposed on mankind all through one man. We hope that this year will see the end of the war. The other belligerents are nearing exhaustion, and are being pressed to keep up their manpower.

The Yanks are steadily pouring in, and it seems as if the Hun is anxious to force a decision before he gets his full weight into the fray. Australia should be proud of her men, for they stand, unrivalled. I am speaking now without any undue spirit of egotism.

If it were otherwise they would not be sent to the most vital spots on the battlefield. Our brigade is separated from the other two, but is working in touch with the New Zealanders.

Wherever Fritz shows a disposition to get troublesome, the Australians serenely appear until the danger is past, consequently we are seldom left very long in the same place.

A Day in the life of Janine Webb...

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I've been working for the Department of Education for four and a half years and worked for the Department of Human Services in the Latrobe Valley Neighbourhood Renewal Project for two years prior to that.

This was community development work in low socio-economic areas of the four major towns in the Latrobe City and included the 'Urban Development' project where 20 Office of Housing houses were renovated as training projects for long term unemployed people, then sold.

In my spare time I'm involved in

the Gippsland community. I'm Chair of the board of the Trafalgar & District Community Bank, vice president of the Trafalgar Community Development Association and I try to find time to attend meetings of the Gippsland Trades & Labour Council as well as local ALP Branches, though I do admit to finding it more and more difficult to fit any of these into my schedule with the extra travel etc demanded by the increased responsibility since last September.

I keep in close touch with my children (ok they're adults now) and my grandson by use of Facebook and MSN.

Isn't the internet wonderful in decreasing the distance between close families these days?

My Facebook friends' list includes many of my close family members, nieces, nephews, my sisters etc. I also like to read books, often biographies and novels based on real stories.

I also belong to and take an active interest in Amnesty International, APHEDA Union Aid Abroad, Life Love and Health which is an aid organization assisting in East Timor and I sponsor a child through World Vision.

Sometimes you'll find me dining

at the Traf Pub or Nelsons Restaurant with friends or getting Chinese take away, as I must admit cooking, housework and gardening are not my passions.

I love the fact that there are wonderful places to eat in Trafalgar, the services are close by and wandering down the street on a Saturday morning many familiar faces will smile and say hello, maybe even stop for a chat or a cuppa.

The train station is close by for an environmentally friendly and restful trip to the city providing inexpensive travel as well as some time to read.

Trafalgar has been a wonderful place to grow up, to raise my children and simply to be part of over the years.

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LIONS CLUB OF TRAFALGAR NEWS

Wine and cheese profits will save sight

On Friday 14 March in hot, sultry conditions, an excellent crowd of ninety five people attended the Lions Club of Trafalgar's annual wine and cheese night at the Trafalgar Community Centre. All funds raised from this event are donated to the annual Latrobe Health-Lions Ride for Sight, which then donates all profits from the ride to the Centre for Eye Research Australia (CERA) for sight research projects.

This year the four-day ride will begin at Churchill on Thursday 17 April, with overnight stops at Rosedale, Yarram and Mirboo North before finishing back at Churchill on Sunday 20 April after travelling approximately 400km.

Over the past fourteen years the ride has raised \$485,000 for sight research and with a field of fifty riders this year, they are certain to crack the half million dollar barrier.

Many of the "Ride for Sight"



"Ride for Sight" sponsorship and promotions officer Shirley Higman (right) presents a cheque for \$3000 from Latrobe Health Services to Rod Jackson watched by Associate Professor Jill Keeffe from the Centre for Eye Research.

committee members and participating riders attended the wine and cheese night, including committee chairman Rod Jackson and Associate Professor Jill Keeffe OAM from CERA.

During the evening Lion Shirley Higman, sponsorship and promotions officer for the "Ride for Sight", presented a cheque for \$3,000 to committee chairman Rod Jackson on behalf of major sponsor Latrobe



Kathy and Brian O'Connell, Margaret McKenzie, Kevin and Olive Morrison check the cheese platters at the wine and cheese night.



Enjoying the wine are Alan Eden, Greg and Lyn Sephton, Sue Jackson and "Ride for Sight" chairman Rod Jackson

Tairi. The company also kindly donated wine for the door prize and raffle. The tasty range of cheeses and dips was generously donated by Jindi Cheese Co Ltd and Murray Goulburn Co-operative Ltd.

New Trafalgar resident Stephanie Mott was the lucky winner of the door prize of a magnum of wine, while a beaming Sue Murphy won the food and wine hamper raffle.

Trafalgar Lions Club members were delighted with the excellent attendance in very hot conditions.

Event organiser Graham McKenzie thanked everybody in attendance for their support, as well as wine consultant Sef Tairi for his advice and assistance, Vintners Wines, Jindi Cheese Ltd and Murray Goulburn Co-op Ltd.

He also thanked those present who had ordered wine, adding that the profit from the night of approximately \$2,000 will be presented to the committee during the running of the "Ride for Sight" in April.

Health Services.

Mr Jackson then invited Associate Professor Jill Keeffe OAM to explain to those present how the money raised on the ride is used to provide a Lions Fellowship which supports part of the salary of promising young researchers at CERA.

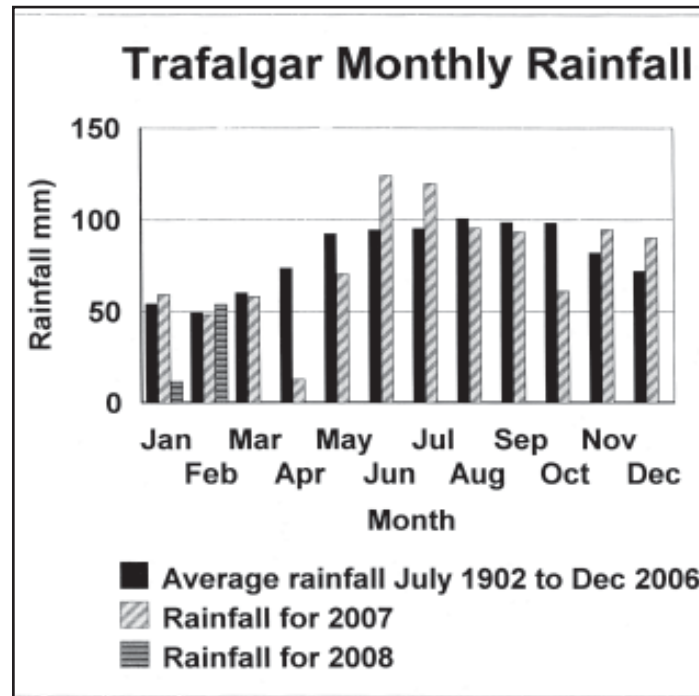
The excellent variety of wines available for tasting during the evening was provided by Vintners Wines through sales consultant Sef

Fancy a spot of rain?



The graph below compares the monthly rainfall received in Trafalgar in 2008 with the 2007 monthly rainfall and the average rainfall over the period July 1902- December 2006.

February rainfall - 54.2mm; Summer rainfall - 156.4mm



On the bench

By Lehane



Did you go away for the Easter break?
No, it actually caught me on the hop I fear.
Easter seemed to be on me before I knew it.
Wasn't it much earlier than usual this year?

It's certainly the earliest you and I will ever see it,
In fact it is the earliest most people have seen.
The last time Easter Sunday was March 23rd,
Was back in the year Nineteen Thirteen.

Has Easter Sunday ever been even earlier?
Yes, but only by one day.
Last time it occurred on March 22nd,
Was the year Eighteen Eighteen. You don't say!

So tell me, how is the actual date worked out?
Is there some formula that is used?
First Sunday following first Full Moon after Autumn Equinox.
Why did I ask? Now I'm totally confused.

Will Easter ever be this early again?
Certainly, but you and I won't see it old mate.
It won't happen again for over two hundred years,
Two Thousand Two Hundred and Twenty-Eight.

And the next time Easter Sunday falls on March 22nd,
Is Two Thousand Two Hundred and Eighty-Five.
I wonder what Planet Earth will look like then
And if Humanity will still be alive?

TADS Drama Workshop

TADS will be holding a Drama Workshop on Sunday 13 April 2008 between 1.00pm and 5.00pm at the Trafalgar Public Hall in Contingent Street.

If you are interested in being part of this year's TADS Production and you are 18 years or older you should come along to this workshop.

Please contact: Lois 5635 2150 or Jo 0412 142 055

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Where: Trafalgar Public Hall

When: Sunday 13 April 2008
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A rural innovation: Trafalgar hospital annexe

The West Gippsland Healthcare Group (WGHC) is currently having the history of the West Gippsland Hospital written. As part of that historical document, the following section on the Trafalgar Hospital Annexe will form part of the book. Traf News thanks the WGHC for providing this excerpt.

In the 1940's, few working people owned motor cars and transport for them between the towns in the Warragul district relied on trains, horse-drawn vehicles, bicycles and the goodwill of neighbours. Petrol was rationed and relatively expensive. In this situation, distances such as five and thirteen miles (8-21 kilometres) from West Gippsland Hospital (WGH) were a real barrier to many people, especially pregnant women.

It was against this background that two deputations approached the Committee of Management in May 1941, one from Drouin, one from Trafalgar, each requesting that West Gippsland Hospital consider setting up a branch hospital in their town.

The situation in Drouin seemed straightforward to the all-male deputation led by Cr E G Porter. The Sisters who had run a small private (maternity) hospital in the town were giving up their lease, and the men wanted WGH to take over the lease and staff the hospital to serve the people of Drouin and areas to the west.

Urgent cases could be treated locally, as was already done, and the growth in prosperity of Drouin with the butter factory and the flax-mill

would ensure community support. The men even argued that "the extra beds would be useful in case of an evacuation of city people during an invasion."

The lease would cost £500 (\$31,550 in today's money) for five years but the Drouin hospital would be self-sufficient financially. What the men needed was expertise and advice.

Trafalgar, on the other hand, had no hospital at the time. A building stood empty, a former private hospital, which their deputation thought could either be opened as a Bush Nursing Hospital or linked to WGH as a subsidiary. Mr W L Morrison emphasised that the Trafalgar community was ready to support a hospital financially but would prefer the link with WGH.

Having heard both deputations, the President, Mr J M Balfour, reminded them of existing policy and said that this move would break new ground through decentralising. He agreed to wait upon the Charities Board, of which he was a member, with Mr Morrison.

Three months later he was able to tell the Annual General Meeting that the Trafalgar branch hospital would be an accomplished fact, and a "ground-breaking development" in hospital administration in Victoria. Following Charities Board approval a Sub-Committee to manage the Trafalgar "subsidiary hospital" was established and the building leased in August 1941. The members of this Committee were Messers W Morrison, J M Balfour, W Bloye, H Bayley, C H Skews and Dr G Ley.



The former Trafalgar hospital located in Ashby Street. Photo by Dawn Whitten.

The Trafalgar Branch Hospital, the first branch hospital in the state, was opened on 4 October 1941 by Mr W White, the Chairman of the Charities Board. After praising the work of Mr Morrison and the practical help of the people, who raised £345 (\$21,770) to set it up, he reminded them that the hospital was an experiment and would be watched "to see if this service to out-lying districts could be extended."

The successful opening of the Trafalgar Annexe brought Cr Porter from Drouin heading a second deputation, again arguing their case for a branch hospital.

At Trafalgar, Sister Swingler took charge and in the first month, twelve patients were treated with a daily average of three inmates. Fees of £49/5/6 (\$3109) were collected, and the Trafalgar Committee moved that the hospital should be adminis-

tered as a ward of the West Gippsland Hospital.

The Trafalgar Annexe continued to operate with a daily average of between four and five patients, not only maternity cases, and to bring in a small but steady fee income, fulfilling a local need. Local fund-raising continued through an annual drive and the work of the Ladies Auxillary.

One local working man was keen to support the Annexe but had no

spare money at the end of each week. He arranged to work overtime for the weekend and gave the whole of his wages, £5/- (\$315), a generosity which symbolised the spirit of the local community.

The Trafalgar Annexe continued to prosper.

In 1944, with support from the Charities Board, the Trafalgar and District Progress and Development League proposed to raise funds to

purchase land for a permanent hospital building and sites in the town were inspected. Meantime, the old building's drainage was in need of repairs.

As the war ended, the shortages of nursing staff became acute. Several sisters, nurses and the Matron resigned from the main hospital in 1946 making the ongoing staffing of Trafalgar even more difficult.

A Trafalgar Annexe Appeal Committee (consisting of Messers Weymouth, Morrison, Symons, Ferguson and Fennell) was set up to canvas local support, and also discussed installing a new septic tank system and an incinerator and repainting the building.

Late in 1947, with staffing still an issue, the public was advised that the Committee of Management of West Gippsland Hospital had reluctantly ordered temporary closure of the Trafalgar Annexe "because of the difficulty in obtaining trained nursing staff."

This unsatisfactory situation dragged on for another six months. Apart from the question of staffing it was obvious that extensive renovations to the Trafalgar building were needed and there were many claims on the finances for work on the main hospital.

Following a public meeting in the town in June 1948, a deputation waited on the Minister of Health, but staffing shortages could not be overcome. The owner of the building, Mr G H Eyre, offered to supply funds towards the refurbishment and to buy and install a septic tank and a

hot water service at his own expense.

The WGH Committee of Management continued to rent the building while seeking a staffing solution.

The local dentist offered to set up rooms which prompted the WGH Committee of Management to ask the local committee to take over the £2/10/- (\$157.75) weekly rent.

Finally, in February 1949, the Hospitals and Charities Commission, successor to the Charities Board, recommended the closure of the Annexe, but also suggested that the Trafalgar Committee purchase land in the town in case a hospital could be built in the future.

The public meeting told this news again voiced the "dire need" for a hospital in the area, but WGH removed its equipment and sold the staff house to Mr Eyre for its valuation of £168 (\$7370), leaving WGH to hold over £1000 (\$43,875) in trust for the Trafalgar Committee.

So ended a brave experiment in decentralisation; but the demonstrated commitment of the Trafalgar community to have and support its own facility laid groundwork for the later establishment of Andrews House Hostel in 1997.

(Ed: The hospital building, located in Ashby Street, subsequently became the Mountain View Guest House, and since 1990 has been the private residence of Russell and Di Cook. If anyone has any further information on the hospital annexe or has a photo of it, please contact the Traf News)

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Hobbies/Interests	Gardening, watching Carlton, reading	Gardening, cooking, reading
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Vehicle you have	Alfa 159	Honda CRV
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Three people you would invite to a dinner party (not family)	Anthony Koutifides, Jackson Browne, Bono	Nigella Lawson, Oprah, Peter Cundall
Three things you would like on a Desert Island	Good book, hat, sunglasses	Good book, sunscreen, lip gloss
Things you can't live without	Music, footy, family, garden	Family, lip gloss
Pet hates	Poker machines, speeding drivers, unnecessary waste	Selfishness
What would you like to achieve in your life-time?	Contentment, life balance	Good health and happiness
What's best about Traf?	Friendliness of Traf people	Friendliness of Traf people

Lions Club Youth of the Year: Jadon Mintern

The annual, Australia wide, Lions Club Youth of the Year Quest has commenced for 2008.

Each year the Quest begins at Club level in towns and cities across the Nation, with the generous sponsorship of the National Australia Bank.

Competing involves filling in an application form and then taking part in an interview with a panel of judges. After this, the contestants

participate in the public speaking section of the Quest. In this part the contestant speaks for two minutes in response to each of two impromptu questions about recent events or current affairs. Finally the contestants present a five minute speech on a subject of their own choice.

This year we were fortunate to have Maree Tink, Heather Hayward and Ian Murphy as Judges. Judging is done according to strict criteria, and we are very grateful to them for



Maree Hill, Heather Hayward, Ann Erbs, Jessica Edwards, Jadon Mintern and Ian Murphy.

so generously giving their time, enthusiasm, expertise and commitment.

The Lions Club of Trafalgar this year had two entrants, Jadon Mintern from Trafalgar High School and Jessica Edwards from Lavalla Catholic College.

Both students performed extremely well in each section, making the judges job very difficult.

Our overall winner for 2008 is Jadon Mintern.

Jadon also won the award for

public speaking this year.

Jadon, as our Club winner, went on to compete at Zone Level at Drouin on 5 March. The rules and procedures are the same, however Jadon was competing against five other Club Level winners from Drouin, Longwarry & District, Neerim & District, Warragul and Willowgrove & District Lions Clubs.

At this level Jadon was once again overall winner. An outstanding effort.



Mick Dickson, Rick Hoult, Jaydon Mintern and Bernadette Spencer.

THS student John Monroe receives Monash Prize

As Dux of Year 11 in 2007, John Monroe was recently presented with the prestigious Monash Prize by Ms Christine Prendergast, the Marketing Manager from Monash University Gippsland.

The Monash Prize is awarded to the most outstanding Year 11 student for the year, and as the 2008 recipient, John will receive a cheque for \$1,000 to help further his education.

This year, John is the Vice-Captain of Trafalgar High School. He is enjoying studying all his subjects, in particular Mathematical Methods and Indonesian. Next year, John hopes to study Law/Commerce.

John is also involved in the Drama and Music extra curricular programs, and is a member of the SRC team.

Trafalgar High School and Monash University wishes him the best for his future studies.



John Monroe pictured with Ms Christine Prendergast from Monash University Gippsland and Mr Colin Hopkins THS acting principal.

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St Joseph's school celebrates Catholic Education Week

Every child is unique. Every child has potential. These are the beliefs driving Catholic Education in the Diocese of Sale.

The Director of Catholic Education in the Sale Diocese, Peter Ryan, says there is much to celebrate in Catholic Education Week.

"The Catholic School is an extension of the family. Every day teachers build upon the learning that has taken place at home and provide varied experiences to encourage children's achievement. Our students excel in English, Mathematics, Science, Humanities, LOTE and the Arts.

"Yet Catholic Schools are different. While they welcome all students, regardless of social or financial circumstances, they are firmly based on the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Our

schools strive to develop in children Christian qualities "love of neighbour alongside love of enemies, generosity instead of the need always to come first and compassion not just for friends but for all.

"Catholic schools seek to be places where every student can experience and share peace, joy, hope, justice and love," says Peter Ryan. "Our Religious Education programs renew children's sense of wonder and help them find their place in the world. This is life-giving learning at its best," said Mr Ryan.

As part of Catholic Week celebrations the children had a special day on Friday, 14 March where they took part in a variety of fun learning activities throughout the day. The day started with a special liturgy giving thanks to God for the wonderful

opportunities for growth we have at St. Josephs then the 800m marathon was run with the whole school cheering on the participants. After this the children broke into cross age groups and took part in singing,

drama, games, story-telling, art and literacy activities.

All agreed it was a very enjoyable day and a great way to celebrate what's special about Catholic education.



These girls show great school spirit as they cheer on the marathon runners.

Trafalgar Scout group: Founders Day 2008

By Haylee Oates



Founder Day for Cubs and Scouts was on the 24 February 2008. Troy Oates, a cub at 1st Trafalgar, is only seven years old and he went abseiling that day.

He loved it but when he got to the bottom he said, "I feel sick". His advice to everyone is not to eat before you go abseiling. There were also many different activities to do that day like catapulting, games, billy carts and many more.

We had a cake because it is 100 years since Australian Scouts and Cubs started. It was a really big cake but there was still not enough to go round. It was a great day!



Trafalgar cub Troy Oates practices his abseiling skills.

"The Great Ocean and Otway Classic"

By Marcus Barker

On Saturday 15 March members of the bicycling group "Team Traf" were to complete a 145 km bicycle ride from Torquay through the Otways and back to Torquay via the Great Ocean Road.

First however, we all had to get there which was never going to be easy when travelling with "Wheel Brace" Brown, sometimes known as "The Doc". After a couple of minor delays we set off in two cars, one owned by James "Wheel Brace" Brown (it has only done 450,000 kms) and one by me.

We made a quick stop at Pakenham where we did some quality carbo loading for the next day's ride, some went for KFC and some for Maca's.

We set off again with "Wheel Brace" spraying a fine mist of oil out the rear of his car, making it difficult to see through the coating on our windscreen! Just as we got onto the Geelong Freeway James started to slow and then move over to the left and our fears of his car never making it to Aireys Inlet, where we were staying, started to become a reality. No. All was well.

James was tired and wanted Steve to drive for a while. Again, half way down the Geelong Freeway the old girl started to slow and even started sending a display of sparks out from underneath the car before Steve coasted to the side of the freeway.

By this time it was pitch black and we discovered that James' car had a flat left rear tyre and the sparks were coming from the trailer chain dragging on the road.

"No problems," says James "I have a spare." So we unloaded bikes and gear to get at the spare tyre, jack



Team Traf riders: Alan Hauxwell (Yarragon), James "Wheelbrace" Brown, Mick Bourke, Rick Martin, Marcus Barker, Callan Barker and Steve Youde.

and wheel brace. Now James swears there was a wheel brace in the car but all we could come up with was a monkey wrench apparently named after its owner!

James and Alan proceeded to rip the wheel nuts off and in the meantime I set off to the nearest Servo to get a wheel brace, no mean feat, even though the servo was only one kilometre away, a round trip of 40 kms was required to get back!

All done, we set off again and ended up arriving at Aireys Inlet at 11.30pm only for James to drive into the wrong drive way. A quick teeth cleaning and into bed for a 5.00am start.

The day of the ride dawned as a magnificent one with warm conditions and after breakfast we set off for the start line in Torquay, where we, James Brown, Marcus Barker, Callan Barker, Alan Hauxwell, Steve Youde and Mick Bourke were to meet up with some others from "Team Traf".

After a couple of phone calls we found David Kochade and former Traf Post Office owner, Rick Martin, but where were Kenny "Lance" Rogers and Jeff Hasthorpe?

A quick phone call to "Lance" and he assured us they would join us shortly. After waiting another 20 minutes with "Lance" not answering his phone we thought it best that we get going.

Apparently, they decided to get a head start on us!

The ride turned out to be fantastic with a 70km gentle climb up to Deans Marsh, where arriving at the drink station we found they had run out of water, luckily we all had a bit left to get us through to the next stop.

From Deans Marsh we had a challenging climb before a sensational and very fast descent into Lorne.

From Lorne we followed the Great Ocean Road back to Torquay, drinking in the views and tackling the

short but steep climbs out of Aireys Inlet and Anglesea before crossing the finish line happy with our individual efforts. Callan really enjoyed catching up to "Lance" half way through the ride, coming up behind him to give him a smack on the back to give him a bit of a hurry up.

That night we returned to our lodgings at Aireys Inlet for a few cold beers and a feast of fish and chips.

As you will see in the photo two of our members are missing in the pre-ride photo opportunity but that's the price you pay when you sneak off without your mates!

P.S. There was rumour that another member of "Team Traf" was riding in the event but Rod "Judass" Dixon was not seen by any of the Team.

If anyone is interested in riding with Team Traf on Sunday mornings, please see Marcus Barker at Nelsons of Trafalgar for more info.

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Sunday Mass: 9.00am

Church News - World Youth Day 2008

The WYD Cross and Icon will be visiting St John's Parish Trafalgar on Monday 21 April from 5.00pm - 6.00pm.

The Cross and Icon were commissioned by Pope Benedict IV to travel around the world. The Cross and Icon will arrive at Trafalgar Railway Station at approximately 5.00pm. Parishioners are invited to walk in procession along the path adjacent to Princes Highway, across the Ashby Street railway crossing to St John's Church where we will have a Welcome ceremony and a Liturgy.

Everyone will have the opportunity to touch the cross. After the cross has left our parish all are invited to a commemoration BBQ in St Joseph's school yard.



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18 April - Engine Ran Hot

The Strand Picture Company presented another very fine program in the presence of a fairly large audience at Trafalgar last Saturday evening, every item receiving well-deserved appreciation. Unfortunately, towards the close of the show the engine ran hot, and the last few scenes of the star picture - 'The Plow Woman' - could not be given.

25 April - More Men Wanted

The movement for securing more volunteers for the A.I.F. will extend to Trafalgar next Monday week, when thirty odd soldiers will visit the town on the Monday and remain as guests of the townspeople until Wednesday.

About half of these men are returned soldiers, while the other half will shortly embark for England. They have a very fine brass band, which will be freely used during their stay in the town.

Empire Day Celebrations

It is generally believed that this year's Empire Day celebrations at Trafalgar will eclipse all previous efforts. The procession at midday, the afternoon sports, and the entertainment at night will all be worthy of the Society and the occasion.

(Note: Empire Day was celebrated throughout the British Empire on 24 May each year. It was discontinued in the period following W.W.2.)

New Road

Good progress continues to be made with the new road between Trafalgar and Thorpdale, and it will prove a blessing to hundreds of people when open for traffic.

Lots of Potatoes

Big quantities of potatoes from the swamp and other parts of the district continue to arrive at Trafalgar, and many heavily laden trains are still leaving for the city.

The 'Gippsland News', April 1948

1 April - Trafalgar Hospital Annexe to Close

At the last meeting of the Board of Management of the West Gippsland Hospital at Warragul, it was agreed to close the Trafalgar branch of the institution, owing to the shortage of staff and the high cost of overhead expenses. (Ed: See article on pp18 and 19).

22 April - Nursing Training

Ex-servicewomen who enlisted or were called up before their 30th birthday may now be accepted for nursing training under the Commonwealth Reconstruction Training scheme. Under the pupillage scheme they are paid the salary of a first-year staff nurse from the commencement of training and they also receive an allowance of up to 10 pounds (\$480 in today's value) for books and up to 20 pounds (\$960) for instruments, equipment and uniforms.

Trafalgar Brass Band

The band has been fortunate in obtaining the services as bandmaster of Mr R. Davidson, of Warragul. He is most enthusiastic over the Trafalgar band's two performances under his baton and does not hesitate to say that with its own band-room, where additional practices can be arranged, this

band will hold its own with the best.

29 April - Anzac Day

On Friday afternoon the district State schools and Convent at Trafalgar were visited by members of the Trafalgar branch of the Returned Soldiers' League, and addresses delivered. On Sunday at Trafalgar there was a dawn pilgrimage to the Memorial Stone, the Last Post being played by Arthur Freeman, and later in the morning Diggers visited the local cemetery and laid wreaths on the graves of Ex-Servicemen.

Trafalgar Scouts

Mr C. Gaunt, Scoutmaster, submitted a report on the year's activities, showing that 35 scouts had passed through, and the year finished with four Patrols of six boys. Twenty Tenderfoots were passed, and only four now need to pass one test to gain second-class certificates. All boys were passed by Mr Adcock in second-class first aid, after fortnightly lessons. In all, approximately 280 tests were passed.

The 'Trafalgar News', April 1978

5 April - Flood Legislation

Farmers in the Trafalgar East area are fighting a flood area classification put on their land by Narracan Council after flooding in the district last year.

The classification will mean no building permits can be issued for the land, and the farmers are claiming this will cause a 60 to 70 per cent reduction in values.

Narracan Council has received a 10-point submission from the Trafalgar Drainage Trust on behalf of the farmers, stating the Trafalgar Meadows should not be declared a flood zone.

19 April - New Lions Club

The Yarragon Lions Club will be born at 8.00pm next Wednesday in the Catholic Church Hall. The Lions District Governor, Mr Leo Tyquin, from Mordialloc, will attend and present member kits and badges to the formation members. It is expected there will be at least 20 members in the new club.

Bowlers Enjoyed Mixed Company

Associates were allowed to play with the men in an historic President v Secretary bowls clash at Trafalgar last Saturday.

It is the first time the sexes have been permitted this latitude and it led to a most enjoyable social match. Members said they hoped it was the forerunner of more events of this nature in the future.

26 April - Free Golf

Intending Members and interested golfers, Associates and Juniors, are invited to play free on the Trafalgar course, if accompanied by a Member or Associate, until the end of April.

Annual fees are: Members \$60; Associates \$35; Working Juniors \$35; Juniors \$12.

Around the Society

We have received enquiries re a Mr John Howard of Trafalgar South who died in 1920. We think he was a paling splitter by occupation. Any information would be welcome

We are still desperate for computer help, especially from anyone with a knowledge of the 'In Design' program.

Please note that our April meeting will be held on 10 April this year, due to the Art Exhibition which is to be held on our usual meeting night.



'Remember When' is compiled by Jack McDonald from newspapers held in the Trafalgar and District Historical Society Archives.

Tanjil Valley Garden

By Shirley Alchin

We travelled to Shady Creek on Monday, 3 March, 2008 to visit Diane and Ray Moyer's dairy farm. Despite an extremely hot afternoon, nearly 40 keen gardeners came along from Hazelwood North, Thorpdale, Trafalgar, Moe, Newborough, Hill End, Willow Grove and Tanjil South.

This lovely garden is ideal to view in the autumn. Peter Marslen from Hill End, who was present, levelled the house site.

A built up central garden bed featuring an old seed drill, was visually stunning with rhubarb flourishing like tropical plants amidst, carpet roses, shrubs and ground covers. Terraced beds were covered with leucodendrons, tea trees and proteas, all very healthy in spite of the extremely dry conditions we are

experiencing.

Shady trees were welcome to rest beneath. Other features included the use of old farm implements, large rocks in garden beds, kangaroo paws, lavenders, lambs ear, hebes, alstromerias, chinese lanterns, calla lilies, seaside daisies and petunias in beds edged in blue stone were greatly admired.

Blue wrens and finches were flitting around oblivious to the crowd of people. Gums, citrus and cyprus were doing well.

Diane generously asked us in from the heat to enjoy our afternoon tea, this was very much appreciated. Thank you both for a great afternoon.

Monday 28 April 2008 we go to Bob Watson's, Thorpdale to see his large display of chrysanthemums. Meet in Trafalgar (behind chemist)

at 1.00pm. BYO afternoon tea, plus chair etc.

Our bus trip to Alamanda Homestead nursery featuring clematis, will be on Wednesday, 30 April leaving Trafalgar at 9.00am. We will pick up gardeners in Yarragon at 9.15am.

To book your seat contact Shirley Alchin on 5160 1305 or Jan Austen-Hart 5633 2916. The cost is approximately \$20.00-\$25.00. BYO lunch and chair as we also hope to visit Berwick Botanical gardens.

There will be NO Garden group on Monday 5 May 2008 due to these other outings.



New Members are always welcome. Please contact: S Allchin 5160 1305.

Margaret Milne's Garden Tips

When we visited this lovely garden we were all taken by the row of leucodendrons that lined the driveway.

Leucodendrons are a close relation of the 'Protea' family. They are a hardy plant, originally from South Africa and when established need little water. They were grown for the 'Cut flower' market as the flowers last for weeks. There are many types and colours, even variegated varieties. They need to be cut back after flowering to keep their shape.

Handy Hint:

If you have an over abundance of tomatoes, wash and place them in bags and put into the freezer until ready for use.

Homoeopathy Awareness Week

From 29 April to 6 May, 2008 the Australian Homoeopathic Association will be celebrating the 253rd anniversary of the birthday of Dr Samuel Hahnemann, the founder of Homoeopathy.

A highlight of our plans involves coordination with homoeopathic organisations in over 30 countries worldwide to conduct a World Homoeopathy Awareness Week (WHAW).

What is Homoeopathy?

Homoeopathy is an effective and scientific system of healing which assists the natural tendency of the

body to heal itself. It recognises that all symptoms of ill health are expressions of disharmony within the whole person and it is the patient who needs treatment not the disease.

Homoeopathy used properly will treat the whole person with the well-selected remedy attending to the individual's physical, mental and emotional needs.

In the last 200 years the clinical effectiveness of homoeopathy has been clearly demonstrated and today homoeopathy is used world wide. It is used in the treatment of chronic illness, acute conditions and minor

accidents requiring first aid.

How does Homoeopathy differ from conventional medicine?

Conventional medicine is based primarily on the concept that diseases are caused by harmful organisms such as bacteria and viruses. Treatment aims to either kill these organisms or to oppose the resulting local symptoms with drugs.

Homoeopathy views many symptoms in its quest to treat underlying tendencies to ill health. In this context, mental and emotional symptoms can sometimes play an important part in understanding this suscepti-

bility. Homoeopathic treatment strengthens a person's health, acting as a catalyst, stimulating and directing the body's ability to fight infection as well as resolving any underlying susceptibility to disease.

More information on the AHA website: www.homeopathyoz.org

To find out more about Homoeopathy, Marietta Herni, who is a qualified homoeopath and registered nurse will give an introductory talk about homoeopathy at the Trafalgar Community Centre on Friday 9 May at 2.00pm. For booking, please phone: 5169 6355.

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Trafalgar Veterinary Clinic News

By Dr Kerrie Piper

'Hot Spots' in Dogs

Now that we are reaching the end of the hotspot season, I thought now would be a good time to discuss what they are, what to keep an eye out for and how to treat them at home, so we can all be prepared next season!

What is a 'Hot Spot'?

A hot spot is the common name given to a skin sore in dogs which has a characteristic appearance; they are often weeping, red and itchy sores. Hot spots are typically found around the face and ears of dogs as well as around the tail and 'trouser' areas, but they can certainly occur anywhere.

Why would my dog get a Hot Spot?

Hot spots are skin infections

caused by the normal skin bacteria found on dogs. These bacteria are able to multiply easily if there is extra moisture (eg drooling around the lips) or if there has been skin trauma (eg fleas causing the dog to bite and scratch his rump).

So any dog can develop a hot spot if the conditions are right. We see a lot of hot spots in the spring time as dogs are keen to go swimming and the weather is not really warm enough to dry out their coats out afterwards.

The wet dogs jump right into the car or go straight to bed where their skin bacteria begin to multiply in the warm, wet coat.

Hot spots grow large very quickly. This growth is partly aided by the dog chewing and scratching at the

sores because they are so itchy.

This action moistens the skin, damages the healthy skin and spread the bacteria around the wound.

Within just 2 hours one bacteria can produce 15 generations, or 5.5 thousand bacteria!

Commonly we see owners who describe hotspots that have literally doubled in size over 12hrs when left without treatment.

What can I do to treat Hot Spots?

The first thing that needs to be done is to reduce the humidity around the sore.

Dog hairs (even short hairs) will hold humidity close the skin, keeping the bacteria multiplying.

First line treatment at home is to shave or trim the hair from over and around the sore, making sure that the air can get to the surface of the sore.

The next step is to try to kill off some bacteria - dilute iodine is probably the easiest and cheapest way to go about it at home.

It is important to wash the sore as well as the surrounding healthy skin with the iodine three times daily. (Please remember not to use iodine on cats).

Some hotspots, especially if they are large (say more than a 4cm diameter) may need antibiotics as

well as the clipping and cleaning.

If you are unsure about the hotspot, or if your dog is off colour, it may be best to take him into your vet who will check out the sore and perhaps prescribe some antibiotics as well.

The best way to deal with hot spots is to prevent them! Here are a few things you can do at home to help reduce the chance of a hot spot happening to your pet:

- dry your pet well after baths and swimming
- don't let your dog hop into bed after getting wet, try to dry him first
- keep fleas under control with regular prevention, including over winter!
- regular grooming will help you detect hotspots early, before they get out of hand
- wash your dog in antibacterial washes (see your vet for advise) if your dog is prone to getting hotspots

Good luck! If you are able to catch them early often hot spots can be cleared up at home, however if in doubt or if the sore doesn't seem to be getting better please take your dog to a vet, he might need other medication to help clear the infection.

Exhibition to celebrate Gippsland Artists

The Rotary Club of Trafalgar will again present its annual art exhibition in April, following last year's outstanding success.

The exhibition features Gippsland artists only and offers a wide variety of categories with attractive prize money.

The Trafalgar Branch of the Bendigo Bank has again generously sponsored this event, recognising the large number of volunteer hours that combine to produce such a high quality show.

This year's theme is Gippsland Landscapes which promises to exhibit some exciting interpretations across a variety of mediums.

Local artist Meg Abrecht has painted a stunning view of the Baw Baw's for the exhibition's raffle prize.

Proceeds go to Rotary Centenary

House for cancer care patients, being a major community service to the Gippsland region.

The unique category of Art Piece with Short Story has 'open' status and invites all age groups to consider their own story and depict it with any artistic medium.

Over 400 items of high quality were exhibited last year and Rotarians are keen to achieve a similar response again this year.

Opening night on Friday 18 April features live music, a complimentary wine and savouries and includes the 'Traf Tales' Writers Awards. Tickets are available at the door for \$20 including the catalogue.

Otherwise wander in over the weekend and perhaps enjoy a Devonshire tea with the friendly locals.

Further enquiries contact Peter Cooke 5633 1502.



An open invitation to the community Transport Connections Meeting

When: 28th April 2008

Where: Trafalgar Customer Service Centre

Time: 7.00pm to 8.30pm

The aim of the meeting is to gauge community interest in an additional service to Traralgon to link up with Valley Transit services to GippsTAFE Yallourn and Morwell and to provide a link for people to access the opportunities in Churchill such as Gippsland Education Precinct and Monash University.

Come along and have your say.

If you are unable to attend the meeting ring Ron at Baw Baw Shire to have your say. For further information contact Ron Lambert, Transport Connections Officer, Baw Baw Shire Council, 5625 0241.



Hill End News

The Scarecrow Market

Sunday 16 March started early for marketeers at Hill End. Chris Williams organised as many stalls as possible under the shade of the oak trees at the old school.

Everyone endured the heat, except perhaps those more interested in art works and Devonshire cream teas in the school room. Outside, Peter Marslen and Neville Cliff cooked first the bacon and eggs for breakfast and then sausages for all-comers. In the kitchen, Margaret Wright and helpers kept the drinks flowing.

Business was good for many stall holders. The children's collages of scarecrows, 76 of them, were a sight to behold. These came from preschoolers, primary school students and students at Baringa. There were some intriguing prizes given by local businesses and individuals; dog dishes, succulent plants, glass butterflies and lollies

on sticks. The entries to the scarecrow competition reflected a diversity of ingenuity and in some cases striking artistic talent.

James Penfold had made one almost entirely of waste pieces of pipe. As I left, two still sat slumped in chairs by the entrance looking like a couple of locals having a chat.

Thank you to all who made it such a good day, those who ran things, those who gave so generously, those who came to look and talk and those who bought and went home with treasures.

You are helping to keep the old school in community hands.

The Heritage of Hill End

When Anne Napier, a Heritage consultant came to the History Gathering on 22 February, she told us many things about the heritage movement that "rang bells" in the group. She said that our heritage is what gives us a sense of place. This

may include buildings in various states of repair, rare or outstanding trees, areas of rich biodiversity, vehicles, furniture, costumes and sites.

Heritage can also be the records of what has happened in the past. These may be thematic studies of the district. For example, Lucy Bourchier's work on the provision of schooling at Duggan/Fumina South amounts to a thematic study of educational provision by the community around 1900 and onwards. They might be about mining, wood milling, domestic conditions, etc..

NB! You might contribute!

Heather and Peter Marslen are taking on the Historic Photographic Section of the Tanjil Valley Art Show this June. Please look out those old photographs, note down what you know of them. HECI will pay for them to be duplicated for display in the old Fumina South School building, and then kept in our local records.

The History Gatherers have already begun the district's thematic history with their talks on life here. The oral histories, the stories of people doing what they did and explaining why they did so, are a key part of this record making.

Several local people have begun to work on a history to recall events in the 125 years of the Willow Grove School, to be celebrated later this year.

What could we do in the face of the bureaucratic tendency to rationalise in terms of economics and sell off property, and literally wipe some of this heritage? Anne said that as a community, we needed to be determined that what we have in this district is the district's heritage. She suggested that making the history of each site evident in signage etc. would help to do this.

The National Trust is a good lobby group to help us with this, if necessary and we know that there is grant money from trusts etc. This March, Iain McLean managed to get \$12200 for improvements to the Hill End Mechanics Hall from the DSE and Shire by applying for the money.

This can be a tedious process, but with the will and good information about the ways to go about the application, it can be successful.

ANZAC Day

ANZAC Day at the Hill End Hall is planned for 11.00am on 25 April. You are welcome to join us. Last year was a moving event at a very beautiful site.



Councillor's Comments

By Cr David Balfour

Improved access to Uralla Nature Reserve

This financial year council will be constructing a walking track along Giles Road. I am sure this will benefit the many walkers who enjoy Uralla Nature Reserve.

Entrance to Trafalgar golf club

The Baw Baw Shire will be funding improvements to the entrance of the Golf Club. This will make access for buses and large vehicles much safer. Work will commence after Easter.

Missing sign

Baw Baw Shire is searching for a family that was once represented on the Pioneer Wall erected in 1985 outside the old Shire Offices. Council is eager to have a replacement plaque installed on the wall. We are looking to find whose family name should be on it. I would be glad to hear from anyone who can help with this matter.

New community group

The residents of Fumina South, Hill End, Willow Grove and Tanjil

South have been meeting to develop the Tanjil Valley District Community Plan. The Baw Baw Shire Council has facilitated the development of the Community Plan which reflects the aspirations of the Tanjil Valley District community.

Well done to all residents who have been involved and I look forward to working with you to implement the plan.

Wild Dog artists

I recently attended the official opening of the 'gumbay' China Influence exhibition by the Wild Dog Artists at the Art Centre in Warragul. This dynamic body of work was directly influenced by the artists' journey to Baw Baw Shire sister city Jiuliang.

Congratulations to the artists involved Kerrie Warren, Leonie Ryan, Eileen Harrison, Jenny Murray-Jones, Laurie Collins and Gary Miles.

Wine show

The Gippsland Wine Show 2008 was recently held at Wonthaggi in the

Bass Coast Shire. This was a great night Over 40 wineries from across the region from Cardinia, Baw Baw, Bass Coast, South Gippsland, Latrobe, Wellington and East Gippsland Shires submitted nearly 200 wines for judging. Many wineries within the Baw Baw Shire received medals.

They included Brandy Creek Wines Drouin East, Lillico Wines Warragul, Acreage Vineyard and Winery Drouin South, Lochmore Wines Trafalgar, Gypsy Creek Winery Labertouche, Parnassus in Drouin East, Cannibal Creek Tynong North and Kouark Vineyard in Drouin South. They are all an integral part of the business community of Baw Baw.

Wild Dog Winery had a great night winning four trophies and 12 medals in total. Well done to the Surman family, Wild Dog Winery Warragul.

If you would like to discuss any council matters with me, I am available on 0419 765 240.

FARM NEWS

The first official recording of a Spot-tailed Quoll in the Latrobe Valley in 50 years has excited biodiversity staff at the Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE).

A dead Spot-tailed Quoll (*Dasyurus maculatus*) was reported at Hearne's Oak, west of Morwell last week and reported to department staff in Traralgon.

Biodiversity Officer, Dr Rolf Willig said a local resident noticed the animal in the centre island of the Princes Highway while driving past, stopped for a closer look and took some photographs.

"The find was reported to local DSE staff but the animal had been removed by the time they arrived at the location," Dr Willig said.

"Fortunately, it could be verified from the photographs, and DSE quoll researcher, Dr Jenny Nelson has identified the animal as an older male."

Male Spot-tailed Quolls are known to wander and may travel long distances but it now raises the question of where the animal came from and whether there is still a local population persisting in the area.

"These quolls are considered endangered both in Victoria and

Search for spot-tailed quoll



A Spot-tailed Quoll

nationally, so the Hearne's Oak find provides some hope that Spot-tailed Quolls may still be surviving in the remnant patches of forest in the Latrobe Valley, or at least using these remnants as corridors to move between the Strzeleckis and the more extensive forest to the north," Dr Willig said.

The Spot-tailed Quoll is the largest marsupial carnivore on mainland Australia and is a close mainland relative of Tasmanian Devil and Tasmanian Tiger.

It is roughly the size of a cat or small dog and generally feeds on birds, small mammals and carrion. It formerly occurred throughout southern and eastern Victoria but today is patchily distributed across

most of this range, its main stronghold being in East Gippsland.

Normally a secretive forest species, Spot-tailed Quolls are occasionally seen in farmland adjacent to forest.

"There have been no recorded sightings in the Latrobe Valley since the 1960s, however some evidence of Spot-tailed Quolls was found in the southern Strzeleckis in the late 1990s and one appeared in a backyard in Rawson three years ago," Dr Willig said.

"Unusual finds or sightings of wildlife are extremely important in

determining where many of our threatened species may still be hanging on amidst agricultural or even industrial landscapes."

Members of the public are encouraged to report these sightings to their local DSE office.

Anyone who might have noticed the Hearne's Oak quoll on the roadside before mid afternoon on Monday, February 25, or know about its current whereabouts is asked to contact Dr Rolf Willig at the Traralgon DSE office on 5172 2550.

DSE/DPI articles collated by Eric Johnson.

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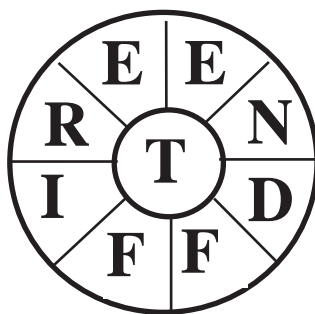
1. What is the nickname of the Western Australian cricket team?
2. What is the surname of Kath from the TV show Kath and Kim?
3. What colour are the seats and carpet of the Australian Senate?
4. In what year was the Centenary cricket test held in Melbourne?
5. Who was the winning jockey in the 2002 Tooheys New Melbourne Cup?
6. What is the capital of Burkino Faso?

Solutions

1. Warriors
2. day-Night
3. red
4. 1977
5. Damien Oliver
6. Ouagadougou



Word Wheel



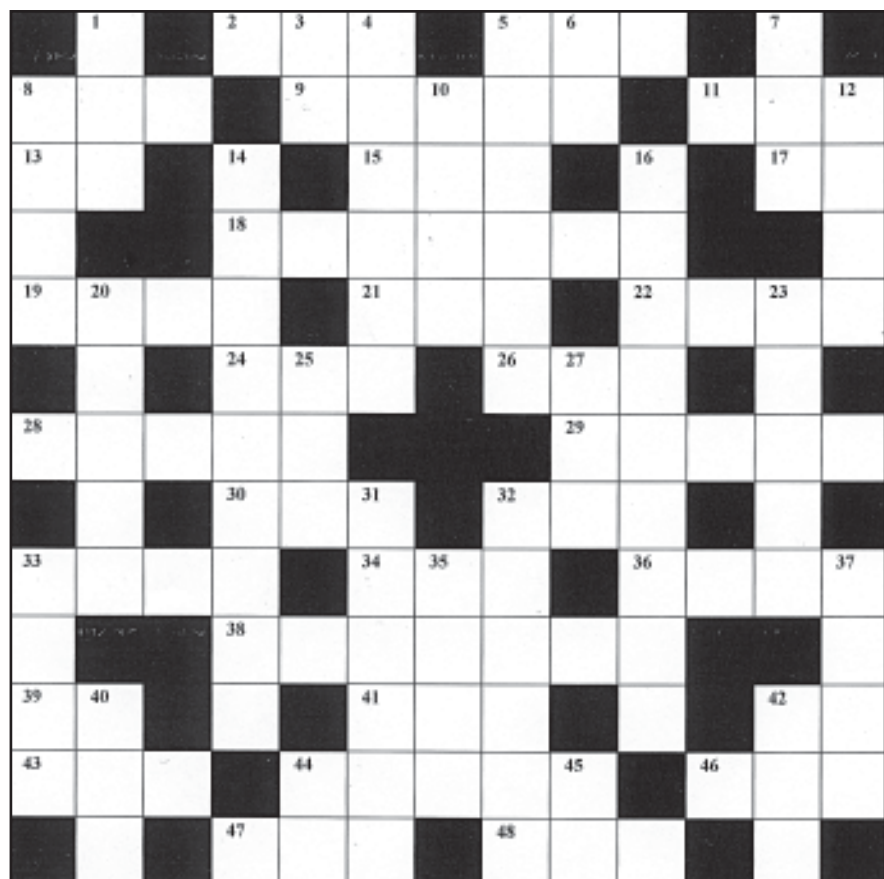
How many words of four letters or more can you make from these letters? Every word must contain the centre letter (W). No letter may be used more than once in any word. No names, foreign words, acronyms or abbreviations. There must be one word containing all nine letters.

Target: 30 words good; 34 words very good; 38 words excellent.

Solution for March Word Wheel

Dent, deter, diet, DIFFERENT, dint, dirt, drift, edit, enter, feet, feint, fete, fetid, fret, frit, inert, inter, nitre, refit, rent, rete, rident, rift, rite, teen, tend, tender, tern, tide, tied, tier, tiff, tinder, tine, tire, tired, tree, trend, trident, tried, trine.

Traf News Quick Crossword No. 44



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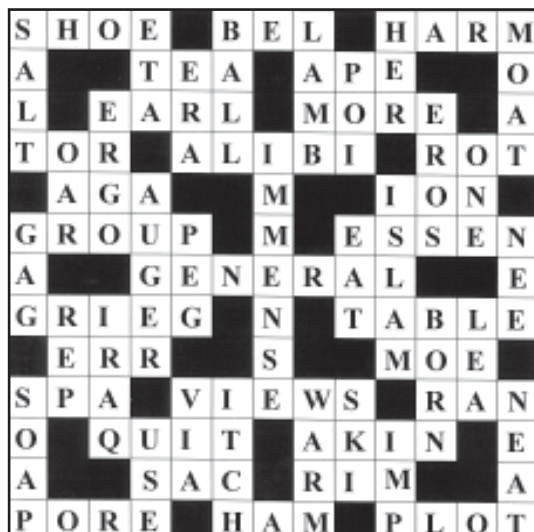
2. Snake
5. Rodent
8. Rounded vase
9. Member of Australian and New Zealand Army Corps
11. Fuss
13. Note
15. Information

17. For instance
18. US state
19. Former Russian ruler
21. Fish eggs
22. Coming after
24. Period of time
28. Cowboy show
29. Planet
30. Say further
32. Barrier

33. Desert dweller
34. Greek letter
36. Zulu warrior
38. Country
39. Pronoun
41. High
42. Artificial intelligence
43. Unit of energy
44. Book of maps
46. Donkey

47. Consumed
 48. Blend
- DOWN**
1. Sphere
 3. Order of Australia
 4. Type of goat
 5. Mountains
 6. Alternating current
 7. Lyric poem
 8. Single item
 10. Nought
 12. Wicked giant
 14. Pleasant
 16. Dancer
 20. Scrub
 23. Top card
 25. Pole
 27. Eggs
 31. Discussion
 32. Small fowl
 33. Prolonged pain
 35. Lofty
 37. Part of eye
 40. Do wrong
 42. Tree
 44. About
 45. Silicone (Chem)

Solution to Quick Crossword No. 43



On the tee with the Seniors

By Graeme Grant



John Robinson, Geoff Pickburn, Barton Griffin and Max Roberts complete their recent round of golf.

The Trafalgar Seniors March Monthly Medals were won by Margaret Grant 32 nett and Fr John Dunlea 31 nett. The Scratch winners were Olwyn Balfour 49 and Max Roberts 41 with 38 players competing.

The Seniors Annual Meeting will be held following golf on Thursday, 10 April. It is most essential that every good successful Club has a hard working and competent Secretary and we have been so fortunate for the past 14 years to have had Shelley Tarasinski fill that position for the Trafalgar Seniors.

Shelley has now decided to relinquish her Secretary duties, but has decided she would like to remain on the Committee. Congratulations Shelley for a great job over such a long period.

Presentation Dinner will commence in the Clubhouse at 6.00 pm on the same day. Trophies will be presented to the various category winners which arise from the previous 12 months golf competitions. The trophy Sponsors are, ANZ Bank Trafalgar, Trafalgar Men's and Boys Wear and John Toyne On Course Golf Shop.

Nineteen Senior players travelled to the Traralgon Golf Course on 18

February for an inter club golf game with the Traralgon Seniors. A return game will be held at Trafalgar in August and we will play for a Perpetual trophy between the both Senior Clubs.

Bill Dunn was the February winner of the Wights of Moe Award.

Tuesday Stableford competition winners have been Sandra Lawler 22 and Max Roberts 21, Joan Rich 24 and Bob Traill 21, Sandra Lawler 21 and Ray Armistead 22.

Thursday February winners have been Evelyn Bastin 24 pts and Bill Dunn 25 pts, May Griffin 31 nett and Bob Carpenter 31 nett, Sandra Lawler 14 and Bill Dunn 14 won the Putting competition. The Ambrose event was won by Helen Keith, Bill Dunn, Bill Slater and Duane Baker with a great score of 23 3/8 which included an eagle 2 on the very difficult 17th hole.

The five night golfing holiday to Deniliquin commencing on Sunday 13 April has been extremely well supported with 49 people now looking forward to their holiday.



Retiring Secretary Shelley Tarasinski having a drink with fellow Seniors Bill Reid, Max Roberts and Melva Grant.

Trafalgar division four team makes the grand final



MGBA Winning Division 4 Grand Final Team. (From left) Brian Heslop, Brian Cook, Peter Watson, Daryl Scott, Geoff Burt, Bill Tatterson, Graham Hill, Barney Asmussen, Darrell Williams, Murray Kane, Neil Cumming, (Rear) Pat McGowan, Alex Brodie, Tynon Gatt, Martin Kenny, Neil Carolan and Norm Thompson. Absent Max Pugliese

TBC Men's Division 4 wins pennant final

After finishing on top of the Division 4 Pennant ladder, Trafalgar went on to play the Yallourn team at Traralgon in the second semi-final. After one hundred ends of bowls the final scores were only separated by one shot, in Trafalgar's favour (87 to 86) to advance into the grand final the following Saturday.

DFS Stubby holders Rink of the Week: - Bill Tatterson, Graham Hill, Barney Asmussen and Tynon Gatt. +10shots

Yallourn went on to play on the Sunday to defeat Warragul to get another chance at Trafalgar on grand final day.

Before a good crowd on a very pleasant Saturday afternoon at Traralgon, Trafalgar played Yallourn for the following MGBA Division four grand final pennant results:-

Norm Thompson, Geoff Burt, Brian Heslop and Neil Cumming defeated Roy James's team, 26 to 17 shots.

Brian Cook, Daryl Scott, Murray Kane and Pat McGowan lost to Ray Mellon's team, 18 to 24shots.

Bill Tatterson, Graham Hill, Barney Asmussen and Tynon Gatt defeated Stan Kelly's team, 31 to 21 shots.

Alex Brodie, Martin Kenny, Peter Watson and Darrell Williams lost to Alan Luck's team, 22 to 27 shots.

These scores gave Trafalgar a total of 97 shots to be victorious over rivals Yallourn on 88 shots for a win by nine shots.

DFS Stubby holders Rink of the Week: - All Division Four Teams plus emergency player Max Pugliese and Manager Neil Carolan. Division Four team is now elevated to Division Three for next season.

The spit roast winner's celebration and bowls break-up for the pennant season was held that evening back at the clubrooms. It was well attended and

enjoyed by all. During the evening a surprise presentation was made, by RVBA Vice President Geoff Burt, to long time TBC bowler Tom Morland, on the occasion of him reaching the status of a veteran RVBA member also known as the OBE award. Geoff also presented Norm Thompson and Barry Lane with RVBA service awards for outstanding service to bowls.

With pennant season finalised lawn bowls is still alive with any number of tournaments to play in. The Annual TBC Charity day is one of these events with 28 teams commencing the day with an egg, snags and bacon breakfast, before playing three games of bowls with lunch in the middle. The eventual winners were a team from Stratford and runners up also a visiting team but from Berwick, with lots of other winners as a result of the numerous raffle prizes.

The club championship men's pairs has been run and won by Brian Cook and Terry Comber who defeated Martin Fraser and Gus Moore in the grand final.

Corporate bowls

After a rain affected start to Holdsworth Concreting Corporate Bowls, the first four rounds have been completed with the top four sides advancing to the finals stage, but the converted wooden spoon trophy has been won for the first time by the team representing Winfield Stud and consisted of Gordon, Shane, Michelle and Naomi Paynter. The teams to contest the finals in finishing order are Giles Primal's, Troubles, Thorpy CCB and The Silvertops will battle for the trophy next week.

Carpet bowls

Carpet Bowls pennant will again get under way in May with Thursday evening social bowls starting on 10 April at 7.30pm. Anyone interested in having a go at indoor bowls please turn up on the Thursday evenings for a look, see and try.



If the number of juniors registering at the recently held registration day is any indication, the future at Trafalgar Victory F.C. looks very promising. As a result of healthy registrations, we are able to offer Under 9's, Under 10's Under 11's and Under 12's. We are also on the verge of entering an Under 14's team. In addition, a Small Sided Games competition is offered for the younger soccer players aged between 5 and 7. This program replaces the previously offered Goal Kick.

The Gippsland Soccer League has announced that the junior season will commence on Saturday April 12 and the senior season will kick off on Sunday March 30.

Contact and training details for all teams can be located on our new club website at: <http://trafalgarvictory.sportzvault.com/>.

We encourage all people to utilize this site in order to be up to date with club events and news. The club can also be contacted via the email available on this site.

The commencement of a new season is the ideal time for local businesses to consider sponsorship of our club or one of our teams. Financial support is an essential ingredient for growth in our club and promotion of soccer in Trafalgar.

One of our ongoing sponsors is Norm Oliver Meats located in Midvalley. Proprietors, Shane and Kylie Connaughton have generously supplied hotdogs for our club for the past two seasons.

Their sons Jesse and Darcy both play for Trafalgar Victory F.C. and in 2007 the Connaughton family generously sponsored the Under 11 with new playing strips. This team plays all over Gippsland from Drouin to Sale and now proudly advertises Norm Oliver Meats each weekend on their strips.

If you would like to benefit from an association with Trafalgar Victory F.C. then please access the website provided above, or write to the Secretary of the Trafalgar Victory F.C., P.O. Box 407, Trafalgar 3824, or speak with Leanne in person on 0406 573 428.

Trafalgar Victory F.C. news



Juniors at the recently held registration day



Sponsors Shane and Kylie Connaughton

Trafalgar Park Bowls Club

By Keith Sewell

Busy month at Trafalgar Park Club Mixed Pairs Championship

The final of the club mixed pairs championship was played on 12 February between Judith Heasley and Alan Smith against Dawn Whitten and Bevan Romans. J Heasley and A Smith were too steady on the day and ran out winners with 19 shots to 8 shots.

Twilight Bowls

A good crowd of over 40 people enjoyed a meal of pizza followed by two games of bowls on Thursday, 14 February. In fine weather conditions

the winning team was Brian Condon, Jaydan Christie, Judith Heasley and Shirley Jennings (skipper).

On Thursday, 28 February a barbecue meal was cooked by the chef before bowls commenced. The winning team was Brenton McMurtrie, Shirley Jennings and David Swingler (skipper).

Mixed Fours Tournament

A mixed fours tournament was held with 32 players competing on Wednesday, 27 February 2008. The winners were a team from Garfield skippered by J. Prentice whilst the

runners up team were Betty Sewell, Marie Holt, Jenny Chaplain and Keith Sewell from Trafalgar Park.

Monthly Mixed Pairs

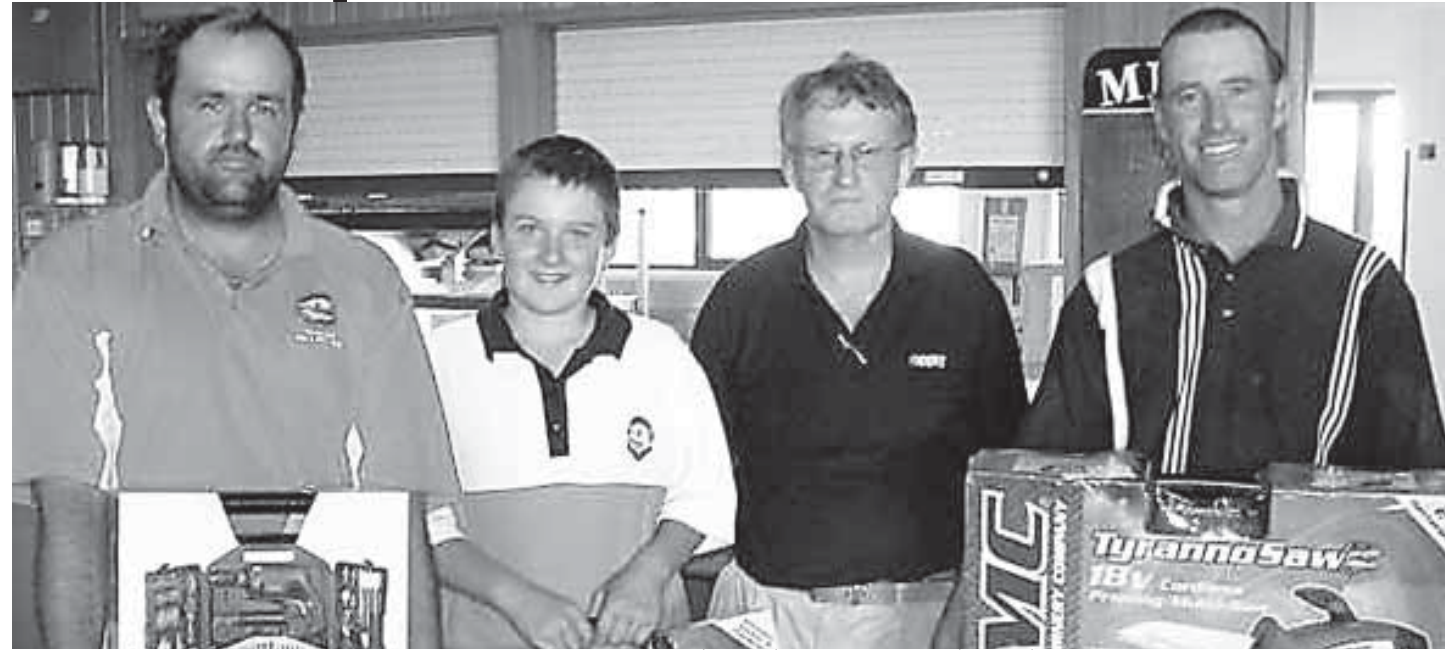
The mixed pairs event for March was held on Wednesday, 5 March. The weather was warm and pleasant. The winning team was Dawn Whitten and John Barclay who both played well on the day.

Pennant Bowls

The Ladies team narrowly missed out on making the finals but nevertheless they still had a good season. The Men's team made the finals but lost to the eventual premiers Longwarry (3) in the preliminary final.

Rookie pro wins the Traf Pro-Am

By Bill Taylor



Winners of the T.M and H. Home Hardware Mens Stroke event - John Mathison (B Grade), Lochlan Ferguson (C Grade), club Vice-Captain Michael Lewis and Peter Browne (A Grade)

The Trafalgar Golf Club has just concluded its busiest month of the year.

First up was the Global Traffic Management P/L and Stockdale and Leggo Trafalgar Golf Club Pro-Am where South Australian rookie professional Jarrad Roxby continued on his winning way making it back-to-back victories with a drawn win with Stuart Bouvier from Queensland.

A day after notching his first professional victory with a win at Drouin, Roxby battled persistent afternoon rain to post a two-under, 68 and join Queenslander Stuart Bouvier at the top of the leader board.

Midway through the afternoon, play was suspended until rain eased with the round resuming after an hour and a half delay.

"I hadn't seen either course until I stepped on the first tee and so far I have been impressed. I only turned pro late last year, so to have had a couple of wins this week has been so unexpected," said a thrilled Roxby.

The second major event was the Trafalgar Tournament. Over 300 players contested the five day event. Donna Mellon led the day on Thursday winning the Ladies Champagne Charlie Stroke event. The following day M. Shneider won the T.M and H. Home Hardware Stableford. It was a real battle on



Winner of the Trafalgar Champagne Charlie ladies stroke event - Donna Mellon with Aija Owen

Saturday with Reno Borg and Craig Thornton winning the Traf Men's and Boys Wear 4BBB stableford on a countback from father/son team Neil and Matt Regnier, while Sunday saw Trevor Roberts and Jeynelle Wilcox win the Mixed Canadian. The final event was the Aygee Mens Stroke with Peter Brown winning the 36 hole A grade, John Mathison B grade and Lochlan Ferguson C grade.

Finally, the club hosted the last day of the three day Baw Baw Classic. Everyone was delighted to see George Petkovic win the overall trophy on a countback for two reasons. Firstly he is a popular Trafalgar member and secondly the runner up prize was a brushcutter which seemed a little incongruous to be given to the proprietor of George's Mowers.

The daily event was won by Don Robinson, who outlasted everyone in the extremely hot conditions to register a great win.

President Bob Pearce, Captain Graeme Geisler, V/C Michael Lewis and the ProAm committee must be congratulated on an extremely fine job. Finding sponsors, organising events, arranging fields and running the events is time and effort consuming and they answered every challenge.

Well done to all concerned.



BawBaw Classic runner-up Russell Kimm and winner George Petkovic with Mayor Dick Van Leeuw (Left)

Trafalgar Equestrian Club plans the years events

Now that horse flu bans have been lifted, the Trafalgar Equestrian Park is finally getting back on track with the clubs organising their events.

As a result our clubs have to try to fit all their events into the equestrian calendar in the next couple of months. The Equestrian Park has lost the opportunity to run the annual rodeo, which we ran as the only fund raising event for the year. Pony club also has cancelled their gymkhana which is the only fund raiser for them.

We are still working to upgrade our toilet and shower facilities at the grounds.

On 31 March we held our AGM, at which a committee of management was elected, for the Trafalgar Equestrian Park. The new members of the committee will be published at a future date. The following is a list of events to be held by the Equestrian Park in the coming months.

Trafalgar Equestrian Park 2008 Calendar of Events

Dates and Events

- April 5: Adult riders, day two show-jumping series
- April 6: Trafalgar pony club rally
- April 12: Adult riding show, day three show-jumping series
- April 13: Gippsland Regional Promotional Group of the Australian pony stud book association
- April 19 and 20: Trafalgar Polo Cross Club - Gippsland Annual Championship Tournament
- April 26 and 27: Australian Stock Horse Gippsland Championship Show
- May 4: Pony club rally
- May 25: Adult rider club annual dressage and CT day
- May 31: Adult riders rally
- June 1: Pony club rally
- June 15: Adult riders annual fun Gymkhana
- June 22: Adult riders rally
- July 6: Pony club rally
- July 27: Adult riders rally
- August 3: Pony club rally
- August 24: Adult riders rally
- September 7: Pony club rally
- September 28: Adult riders rally

- October 5: Pony club rally
- October 26: Adult riders rally
- November 2: Pony club rally
- November 23: Adult riders rally
- December 6: Adult riders Christmas rally
- December 7: Pony club Christmas rally
- December 13 and 14: Gippsland regional annual championships camp draft
- December 20 and 21: Gippsland promotional group of Australian ponies stud book stud show

Contacts for clubs

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Wendy Parfitt 5635 2302
- Dressage and activity day enquires
Ann 5633 1604

Traf junior cricketers win Association awards



Warragul & District Cricket Association League presentations. Darcy Brock (WDCA U/14 Bowling Average/Aggregate) and Todd Mann (Best U/18 player in WDCA open age club and representative cricket and for that he received \$500 worth of cricket gear compliments of Kookaburra.)



U/14 team. Back Row L to R: Jack Smart, Ben Willis, Todd Mann (Coach), Dylan Malady, Dylan Farrell & Jackson Noonan. Front Row L to R: Ryan Sim, Hayden Farrell, Darcy Brock, Brandon Baker & Darcy Holdsworth. Absent: Connor Noonan.

Trafalgar Tennis Club News

By Keith Sewell

Night Tennis Grand Final

The night tennis grand final was played between "Volleys" and "Hindus" on Monday 3 March 2008. The evening was warm and the playing conditions were perfect for tennis. The final was won by the Volleys team with the scores being 6 sets 46

games to 3 sets 32 games. The premiership team comprised Lincoln Weymouth, Luke Bryant, Stuart McDonald, Catherine Bryant, Wendy McDonald and Louise Miller.

The tennis club is grateful to Julianne Keily who was the organiser for this season's successful night tennis competition.

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