



Trentham Residents and Traders Association Inc. (TRATA)

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"For the promotion and improvement of Trentham by encouraging Community involvement in decisions affecting all Residents and Traders and to establish effective communication and representation of the Town within and outside the Shire."

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Starting in the New Year the deadline of the TRATA Newsletter will be the **first** Monday of the month. The newsletter is starting to grow in volume and is taking longer to compile. Distribution methods will also change in the new year due to the rising cost of distribution and TRATA's limited finances. From January 2006 the newsletter will no longer be sent via Australia Post. Instead it will be available in the Supermarket, Coffee Shop, Blackwood Store, on the website in PDF format and via e-mail in PDF format. If you would like to receive your copy via e-mail please let Geoff know via e-mail at geoff@infowis.com.au and you will be added to the list. In the future we will be looking at having copies available in B & B's, hotels etc. The station meeting rooms are available for hire at very reasonable rates for community groups. Check with Sandra Proksa (5424 1037) or Ross Urquhart (5424 1509) for bookings. (Note: if you want your logo included with your advert e-mail a jpeg to Geoff).

PRE CHRISTMAS STREET FAIR AND BOOT SCOOT DANCE NOVEMBER 26TH

A big thank you must go out to all who helped with the Street Fair setup and clean up. This was the first time we have attempted something like this and although there were a couple of hiccups and some things we could have done better we were overall very pleased with the event. We have noted a few things that will need to change for next year and welcome any suggestions that will improve next year's Street Fair.

Thankfully the weather was with us as the street took on a party atmosphere and the music and dancing entertained the crowd. From all accounts, most traders were happy with the day (many were taken by surprise with the level of attendance) and the majority of stall holders were also very pleased and are looking forward to next year.

TRATA is especially grateful to the Trentham CFA for looking after the street closure and the marshalling and to Lee Mayor, Jim and Jason McKeon, Ann and Carol, Kirk and Robert, Alex and to all the partners, wives, husbands and the committee for their help.

The entertainment provided by the singers and dancers created a focal point for the fair and was well received. With the enthusiasm shown

by locals it looks likely that we may have to look at lessons for line dancing and clogging. Which brings us to the Boot Scoot at the Mechanics Hall on Saturday night. Now in its 5th year, everyone thought this was the best one yet and that was obvious by the enthusiasm shown on the night. Thanks to all those who supported it whether by setting up, cleaning up, kitchen hand or any other assistance provided. We also sincerely thank the following businesses that continually support this major event for the town...

- Kyldara Herb Farm
- KR Castlemaine Bacon
- Trentham Supermarket
- Jargon
- Dashwoods
- Springhill Nursery
- John's World Roses
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- Trentham Garden Ornaments
- Daylesford Retravisio
- The Firtree
- Perry's of Kyneton
- Hepburn Spa Resort
- John Fitzgerald Real Estate
- Garden of St. Erth
- Trentham Café

... and all those individuals who are too numerous to name here. Two people that did an enormous amount of work running around for us were Peter Fitzgerald of the Café at the

Garden of St. Erth and Brendan Kelly from The Firtree.

And the good news is that we are doing it all again next year because this has become a major event in the line dance annual calendar. Many visitors have already booked their accommodation for the next year's event in November 2006!

We must also acknowledge and thank our DJ Monica and the New Frontier Dance Association who provide the music to us free of charge.

Also a big thank you to Nola and Lance Whitehouse from Kattemingga for their support in providing the sets for the street fair and the hall which really set the scene and the theme for the day and the evening. This shows community spirit at its best! Thank you.

We also must give a special thank you to Louise Otten who kindly donated 1st prize in the raffle, a fabulous pastel that is now taking pride of place in a house in Richmond. He loves it. Thank you very much Louise.

CHRLC Mobile Library

The CHRLC Mobile Library visits locations in this area regularly. Joining the library is free; books, DVDs, CDs, videos, talking books and magazines can be borrowed and loads of information is available through the library website

www.chrlc.vic.gov.au, by phoning the mobile library on 0419 377702, or CHRLC Administration on 5332 2615. The range of books in the Central Highlands system is extensive and can be reserved online or by asking any library officer who will be happy to do it for you.

VTAC Guide: The VTAC guide for 2006 is now available online. It is also available at all CHRLC branches.

MOBILE LIBRARY TIMES

Blackwood, every Monday, 11.45 – 1.00, Main street.

Trentham, every Monday, 2.30 – 4.30, Market street.

Greendale, every Monday, 10:30 – 11:30, opposite the pub.

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

“The Dead Sit Round in a Ring” by David Lawrence (mystery).

“The Allergy Bible” by Linda Gamlin (non-fiction).

Inasmuch as most good things are produced by labor, it follows that all such things ought to belong to those whose labor has produced them. But as it has happened in all ages of the world that some have labored, and others, without labor, have enjoyed a large proportion of the fruits. This is wrong, and should not continue. To secure to each laborer the whole product of his labor as nearly as possible is a worthy object of any good government.

- Abraham Lincoln

Cheers from Dale, Bronwyn and Kerry

FOUNDRY PLAQUE

I would like to thank Mrs. Gael Elliott for inviting me to unveil the plaque at the foundry. Gael only achieved this after a lot of hard work and the people of Trentham will always be grateful for her dedication to this project. Thank you Gael for a job well done. **G. Langford.**

JUMBLE SALE

Due to unforeseen circumstances the jumble sale for November had to be cancelled. It will now be held on Saturday 11th March 2006.

Elizabeth McInerney – Secretary and Jumble Sale Chairman.

TRENTHAM VOCAL NOSH

We finished the year with a great night of singing, including some unusual fun Christmas songs. We will start 2006 with our first Nosh on Sunday 5th February, continuing on the first Sunday of each month at the Neighbourhood House. Our theme for February will be “New Beginnings” and in March we will feature “Songs of the Commonwealth” to get us in the mood for the Games. Remember: you don’t have to be a great singer or have had any experience of singing in a group. The cost will be \$10 per session, including a hearty meal, with a special fee of \$40 for the first five sessions. Contact Graeme Bertrand on 5424 8295 or Laurie McIntyre on 5424 1648.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Do you light up your house for Christmas? If you would like your place to be seen by all, give me a call (after dark please) to be included on the “Trentham Christmas Lights” map. The map is available from the supermarket. **Call Mary Barry on 5424 1610 by 30th November.**

“A LETTER TO MACCA”

A letter I wrote to Macca from Australia All Over on ABC radio on Sunday mornings was printed in his recent book “Why I Live Where I Live” (in his top 20 chapter). It’s about Trentham and Sue thought that we Trent’amites might be interested.

“Dear Macca,

In a time when all we hear about is elections, war, trauma, hard luck stories and greed, Sunday mornings are an oasis in the desert. Why is it that the media focuses on the negative, when we could be hearing from people like Peter guiding ships into Gladstone, Dick Smith’s adventures, the Fergie tractor trip, Ted the farmer from the West and Gilbert, remarkable and funny at 106. What a rich

tapestry of guests you have from all walks of life, all corners of the country. True inspirations all – it lifts the spirit, revitalises the soul and ignites my passion to explore this magnificent country of ours!

WHY I LIVE WHERE I LIVE

I live where I live because it reminds me of what life is all about – away from the urgency of the city, the traffic snarls and road rage – where you can still leave your keys in the car and the house unlocked. The locals have time to talk and show genuine concern for each other, without invading your privacy. There is a true sense of community – a community that mobilised to stop the destruction of our local native forest, a community which twice in recent times threw a benefit for someone’s uninsured house that burnt down, providing clothing, furniture, funds and promises of assistance with rebuilding. True community!

And my modest patch? I look out onto the towering gums in the forest, kookaburras on the fence posts, over 100 species of birds in the garden, flocks of cockatoos and galahs overhead. There’s a paddock full of kangaroos opposite, koalas and possums grunting at night, the occasional visit from an echidna or wombat.

The air here is so fresh, mornings so crisp, nights cool and starry, and snow at times to delight. Seasons are distinct – winter refreshingly cold, spring full of brilliant bulbs and blossoms, summers mild and dry, and autumn trees spectacular. To me, this is heaven on earth – and only one hour from Melbourne.”

**Sue Robinson
Trentham**

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Sunday 22nd January 2006

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plants, warm hats, gloves & bags,
bric-a-brac, crafts etc. Not to mention
our hot sausage sizzle, tea, coffee and
cold drinks.

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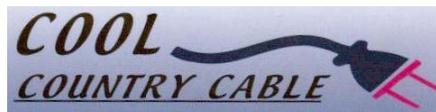
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