



TRENTHAM COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



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Bootscoot dance a great success

Last year's bootscoot dance was the best yet and drew its largest crowd to date. Now heading into its seventh year, the Trentham dance is now well known on the national line dance calendar!

Our thanks go to to everyone whose contribution made the dance the success it was. One of the highlights was the introduction of the Trentham Line Dancers, under the teaching of Chris and Lee, to the big world of line dancing. They all had a ball!

Thanks must also go to the helpers in the kitchen on the night – as we always have a huge country supper – and we were certainly not disappointed.

We greatly appreciate the support of the following people and businesses: KR Castlemaine Bacon, Acotts Nursery, Louise Otten (Pandora Ponds), Trentham Garden Ornaments, John's World Roses, Trentham Pharmacy, Trentham Cafe, Trentham Fish & Chips, Jargon, Mrs Marples/Dashwoods,

Ruth White, The Autograph Shop, Spa Centre Railway, Studio 500, Rob & Julia (Uracast) and Pink Lady Chocolates.

We often get asked: "Why did the dance commence?" The answer is that when the train station was refurbished and the information centre established (the station building is not Council owned), many of the expenses associated with the centre needed to be funded by TRATA. Hence the dance was part of our funding strategy. *The station itself is a credit to hard-working TRATA committees over the years, and is a town asset that we can not afford to lose.*

So one of the most important aspects of the bootscoot dance is the economic benefit to the community. The dancers come up for the weekend and spend their money in Trentham. The whole town benefits.

And yes, we will be on again this year!

– Ross Urquhart, TRATA President

Weather Report



Dr. J. Hollis

TRENTHAM IN DECEMBER

- Rainfall 17.5mm (Av 66.0mm)
- Mean max. 21.0°C (Av 19.8°C)
- Mean min. 7.0°C (Av 8.0°C)

DRY AND SMOKEY

Smoke was apparent on 10 days from bushfires in Eastern Victoria. On the 9th, 10th and 20th, visibility was down to 500m and the sun was obscured. Temperatures were highly variable. 35.2° on the 10th was the hottest day for 2006, but was followed by a record low December maximum of 8.5° on the 25th. Afternoon hail showers gave a 'white Christmas' and sleet also fell. A thunderstorm on the 22nd caused flash flooding and up to 36mm in Woodend, mostly falling in ¼ hour. Local ground frosts occurred on the 17th. Rain was 26.5% of normal.

YEAR 2006

- Rain: 620.8mm on 135 days. (Av 1102.3mm on 172 days). The only drier years since 1873 were 1982, 1967 and 1914.
- Mean year temperature: 9.99° (Av 10.06°)
- Mean Max: 15.08° (Av 14.51°)
- Mean Min: 4.89° (Av 5.68°). 56 nights 0° or lower.

PAST 10 YEARS

Average rain 897mm. (1287mm for 11 years to 1956).



Come to Trentham's Australia Day celebrations!

Everyone is invited to this year's Australia Day function in the town square, starting at 11.30am. Entertainment will be provided by Nicole Faulkner (anthem) and the Walsh family.

A barbecue will be held afterwards. See you there!



Trentham Residents and Traders Association Inc. (TRATA)

Registration Number A0033785J

"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."

Visit us at www.trentham.org.au

Neighbourhood Centre classes filling

The Trentham Neighbourhood Centre is gearing up for another busy year with many classes for first term filling up quickly.

Term 1 will see a few new workshops being offered, such as 'Going into Business', which will be conducted by the Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development.

There will also be three FREE law workshops, with topics ranging from Family Law to Wills and Powers of Attorney. Also new to the centre is a Watercolour & Drawing class, which will be held out at Studio 500 on Friday afternoons, as

well as weekend Colour & Sound and Colour & Crystals workshops. An evening Yoga class will start on Monday February 5.

The centre also has all the usual favourites including Computers, Creative Writing, Strength Training and the extremely popular Boot Scooting – with a new beginners class starting at 6.30pm on Monday 5th February.

If you haven't already received a summer program, please drop by the centre or give us a call on 5424 1354. The centre is now open from Monday through to Thursday, 9am-4pm.

Trentham Hospital Auxiliary

Thank you to everyone who helped us raise over \$900 at our Election Day Stall – all those who baked or brought other goods for the stall and all those who bought. The latter seemed very happy with their purchases.

Thanks also to Trentham Bakery for their much appreciated donation of goodies.

The Christmas cake raffle was won by Val McKeone. The greatly admired cake was baked by Nancy

Walsh, our Auxiliary president, and expertly decorated by Geoff Manning. Thank you to you both.

Tickets are still available in the raffle for the beautiful patchwork quilt made and donated by June English. The winning ticket will most likely be drawn Mothers Day. Stay tuned for more information!

Our first meeting for the year will be on February 19 at Shirley's Cafe. Phone Rae Keogh on 5424 1256 if you wish to come along.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Tuesday February 13, 7.30pm
Trentham Kinder AGM
- Saturday March 17
Primary School Fete
- April 6-9
TRATA Art Show at Easter
- Saturday November 24
TRATA Annual Bootscoot
(Community groups, please send in your important dates!)

Bootscoot raffle results

The prizes in the bootscoot raffle were two Christmas hampers and one painting valued at \$400 for the Silent Auction. The winner of the first hamper was Di Parsons (local) and the second hamper went to Kirk Bradbury (local). The Silent Auction highest bidder was Lynn Gray (local). The raffle was drawn by Peter Jaegar of Frog Island Motor Repairs. Congratulations to the winners and thank you to everyone who supported the raffle.

Tourism update

Did you know that the Trentham Waterfall is our main tourist attraction? Unfortunately the map at the falls does not have our township marked! A meeting was held with Parks Victoria recently to try to rectify the situation and therefore increase the number of tourists coming into town. Signage is allowed, but will need to be impartial. These issues are being researched...stay tuned.

Thank you

Thank you to the volunteers who turned up on a very hot day (December 20) for the working bee at the Railway Station. A special thank you to Peter & Colleen Jaegar for their generous help with equipment, time and amenities.

The Trentham Residents and Traders Association Inc (TRATA) newsletter is published the first week of every month. **Deadline date for editorial and advertising artwork is strictly the 20th of the previous month.** Word limit for contributed articles is 200 words.

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**Trentham District
Primary School**

Bridge Street, Trentham 3458

**Trentham
Fete**

St Patrick's Day in the Highlands

17th March 2007

10.00 am - 3.00 pm

- Auctions • Plants • Pony Rides
- Socks • Jumping Castle
- Face Painting • Books
- Home Made Jewellery
- Plaster Fun • Fine Foods
- Lucky Dips • Giftware
- Lucky Jars • Devonshire Tea
- Jumble Sale
- and much, much more!

Please call for further details or to confirm your booking

Livia Bourke Ph: 5424 1824 or
Sheryl Thompson Ph: 5424 1813



Trentham Sunday Market

held 4th Sunday of the month

located at the

TRENTHAM RAILWAY STATION

9am- 3pm

Next market: Sunday 28th January

If you have something for sale, this is the place to sell it!

Two smaller-size stalls are available for \$5 or \$10, plus \$2 Public Liability Insurance. A great option for selling any unwanted items from your garage. For these smaller stalls, the fee may be waived for local charitable/non-profit organisations.

The larger stalls are 8 x 4 metres, which leaves ample space for a display and a vehicle. If you require more space, we are prepared to make special arrangements.

The smaller stalls don't have room for a vehicle, but a stall-holders car park is available adjacent to those stalls.

There is no need to get there early to get your 'preferred spot'. You can reserve a stall and if you have pre-paid, it will be held for you until 9am or 10am. Of course you can just take 'pot luck'.

An area is also set aside for special events such as displays, buskers, advertising, ticket sales etc.

For further information or a registration form, please phone Sheryl on (03) 5424 1813.

Don't miss the
**Trentham Easter
Art and Craft
Show**

Trentham Mechanics Hall

April 6-9

10am-4pm

ADMISSION FREE

This popular event attracted 280 entries last year and visitors from far and wide.

Anyone interested in entering art or craft into the show should contact Sandra Proksa at <sanpro@nex.net.au> or phone 5424 1037

Deadline for entry forms and fees is March 22.

Men's health matters

Keeping physically and socially active promotes good health. Finding the time and motivation to become more active can be hard. However, it can be easier and more enjoyable to increase your activity levels when you are in the company of others.

The Hepburn Active Men (HAM) project will offer men the opportunity to become more physically and socially active in a group setting, and such a group is planned for Trentham.

The HAM group will welcome all men, regardless of age or physical condition. The group will provide a supportive and fun environment for

men to meet, participate, and share their knowledge and experience.

The groups are not about exercising. For example, an activity might be to help with a community project, try bowling, or assist a member to complete a project around his home. Group members will be encouraged to take an active role in deciding the type of activities that they would like to do.

If you have been trying to become more physically or socially active, then HAM could be for you.

For more information, contact Rob Watson from the Hepburn Men's Program on 5345 8165 or 0419 548406.

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Mobile library news

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 or by phoning the mobile library on 0419 377702, or CHRLC Administration on 5332 2615.

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All you need is a library card and a PIN/password.

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Public Library \$2.00 State Library of Victoria \$2.00 University of Ballarat \$2.00 University and Special libraries \$13.20

TIMETABLE:

| DAY | TIME | LOCATION |
|------------------|-----------|---------------------|
| Blackwood | | |
| Tuesday | 1.00-2.15 | Opp Blackwood House |
| Trentham | | |
| Tuesday | 3.00-5.00 | Market street |



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 Regional Library Corporation

Book recommendations:

- *Dying Light* by Stuart MacBride (Mystery/Thriller)
 - *1001 paintings you must see before you die* by Stephen Farthing
- 'Each morning sees some task begun,
 Each evening sees it close;
 Something attempted, something done,
 Has earned a night's repose.'
 - Henry Wadsworth Longfellow
- Cheers from Dale, Bronwyn, Jim, Kerryn and Cara**