



Trentham Residents and Traders Association Inc. (TRATA)

"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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TRENTHAM COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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It's back! Welcome to the latest edition of our local community Newsletter. As previously, all Trentham community groups are invited to regularly provide brief details of their events, activities, meetings etc. for publication.. There are many groups active in Trentham, and this is a good way to communicate with the residents of Trentham and surrounding areas.

TRATA belongs to everyone in Trentham and it's your way to have a say in the future of the town.

On 12th February 3 members of the Trentham community attended an excellent presentation in Creswick titled "Innovation in Rural Communities" given by Dr. Ian Plowman, and organizational psychologist. He has researched the question "why are some rural towns more innovative than others?" and his presentation gave the results of his research. Briefly, almost none of Australia's rural towns existed 200 years ago. Each community came about because of some economic or social reason. People moved to these new communities because they offered better prospects. In most cases, the economic or social reason that led to the establishment of a community no longer exists. Unless a town can reinvent itself, to be attractive in the face of today's competing opportunities, it will die. He found the most striking difference between the most innovative town, and the other participating towns is the extent to which there is broad-based investment and proactive participation in community life. "**People make the place.**" He also handed out a paper "Meetings without discussion, how to hear and say more while talking less". There was certainly a lot of food for thought in what he presented. More information is available from his website <www.plowman.com.au>

*The closing date for submissions for the April issue of the Trentham Community Newsletter is 20th March August, and they can be sent preferably by email to ianw@kyldaraherb.com or to TRATA at PO Box 166 Trentham.

TRATA Committee: President Bob.White, Kirk Bradbury, Rena Cluney, Gwenda Dickens, Ian MacBean, Kaye Matheson, Tony Meehan, Ross Urquhart

Coming Events

March

3rd HSC Budget Submissions close
5th Community Planning Group
7.30pm Railway Station, all welcome
10th TRATA monthly meeting, 7.30
Railway Station, all welcome
23rd, TRATA Sunday Market
Your event here next month!

To Our Advertisers

We are aware that several have prepaid for advertisements and we intend to deliver our commitment to you all and we'll be in contact. Our immediate priority was to reestablish the Newsletter ASAP.

Weather Report

Dr. J. Hollis

TRENTHAM IN JANUARY

Rainfall 22.8mm Av 54.5
Mean max temp. 23.4°C Av 21.9
Dry, hot first half, 1st was the fourth successive day over 30°. Heat continued until 12th then cooler spells predominated. SSE winds were frequently strong, reaching storm force early on 17th when several large trees were felled over the region. Rainfall was 42% of average and mean monthly temp. was 1.2° above. A noteworthy lack of thunder.

Global Warming Forum

Fifty-four local people attended a Forum in the Mechanics Institute to hear the latest information on global warming. The forum, sponsored by TRATA on the 5th of February, was presented by Cr David Jones, Mayor of Bendigo and an accredited Al Gore Ambassador, proved challenging with some lively discussion about what the impact of climate change might be on Trentham and district.

As a follow-up to the Forum approximately 20 people have indicated their interest and willingness to be involved in setting-up a **Trentham Sustainability Group**. Another group, with some

overlapping membership, will work on the development of a **Community Plan** for Trentham and District.

Climate change is one of those big, almost-incomprehensible issues that have the capacity to overwhelm and paralyse us. One of the best responses to challenges of this magnitude is 'to build community' so these initiatives offer our community the opportunity to get involved and do something about shaping Trentham the way we would like it to be in future.

The first meetings will be held at 7.30 pm at the Railway Station:
**Trentham Sustainability Group,
Tuesday, 26 February**

Community Planning Group Wednesday, 5 March

For further information, contact Ian MacBean 5424 1727 or 0438 529 481.

Church Services

Anglican St. George's Trentham, Parish of Woodend)

Palm Sunday (Passion Sunday) Mar. 16th. Eucharist 9.00 a.m.

Weekdays in Holy Week. Stations of the Cross 6.00 p.m. (at St. Mary's Woodend) Maundy Thursday 20th. March Holy Eucharist and Footwashing (at St. Mary's Woodend) followed by Watch of the Passion.

Good Friday March 21st. Morning Prayer 9.00 a.m.

Good Friday Liturgy and Veneration of the Cross 12 noon (at St. Mary's Woodend)

Easter Eve March 22nd. Easter Vigil and First Eucharist of Easter 8.00 p.m. (at St. Mary's Woodend)

Easter Day March 23rd. Holy Eucharist 9.00 a.m.

On May 3rd. (Saturday) a dinner dance will be held at St. Paul's Hall Kyneton to raise funds for the new Woodend Hall. Thank you Anglican Parish of Kyneton. Details from Bob. White 5424 1058.

Year of the Potato

To celebrate the International Year of the Potato and its importance to Trentham, a Spudfest will be held in conjunction with the Market on May 25th. with many competitions.

Further details will be given next month including special menus

featuring potatoes at restaurants and cafes in the area. Bookings for space at markets can be made through Gwenda on 5424 8223.

Words in Winter

Words in Winter will make a welcome reappearance in Trentham in August. If you are interested in participating or helping in any way please contact Dianne Parsons on 5424 1227.

Concreting Help

Any organization or individual who could help TRATA concrete the floor of the shed at the Railway Station, please contact Ross (5424 1509) or Bob. (5424 1058).

Bath Street Reserve Boardwalk

Most residents of Trentham will have received a survey form from the Hepburn Shire Council concerning the Bath Street Reserve and the boardwalk which was demolished last year. Many residents felt the questions (Yes or No) were far too restrictive on the options involved. Please let TRATA or your Council representative Cr. Heather Mutimer know your views on the matter. TRATA is considering holding a public meeting on this subject. What to you think?

Volunteers Wanted

The Trentham Information Centre which helps visitors to find their way around our town, desperately needs more volunteers. It is very rewarding when visitors come into the centre wanting to know about the history and delights of Trentham. The Information Centre belongs to the town so anyone that feels they could help are more than welcome.

Imparting good advice to visitors is stimulating and helps our town, particularly local businesses. So please volunteer your services, typically only one morning or afternoon per month. Phone Rena 5424 1203

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.

For editorial or advertising enquiries, contact the editor, Ian Williams, email <ianw@kyldararherb.com.au> or 108 Mulcahy's Rd., Trentham 3458.

We wish to acknowledge Catherine King MHR and her staff for donating time and resources to print this newsletter.

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All material/enquiries

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Phone enquiries: 5424 1199

Trentham Market



Vendors and Visitors Wanted

**Every 4th Sunday of the month at the
old Railway Station - next market
Sunday 23rd March**

**Please support your local
market**

**Operated by the Trentham Residents
& Traders Association Inc.**

A Trentham Community initiative