



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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TRENTHAM COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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We wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas and a successful year ahead.



TRATA AGM...

The TRATA AGM was attended by Hepburn Shire CEO Kaylene Conrick, who spoke positively about her impressions of Trentham as being well-positioned for growth and having a strategic advantage in being well-endowed with water. She also noted that it was important to control future development. Her comments reflect many of the responses made in the Community Plan surveys, which go directly to TRATA's statement of purpose (see above).

President Bob White reported on a busy and successful year, notable for the inaugural 'Spudfest', and maintaining the existing range of projects: the Information Centre, monthly Markets, Australia Day celebrations, in association with the Lions Club and Hepburn Shire, and initiatives in sustainability and community planning. Bob acknowledged the hard work of the committee members and others who have contributed so much to the success of these projects.

Following the elections, incoming President Ian MacBean thanked Bob for his leadership during the year and complimented him for his role in driving the 'Spudfest' initiative. He also thanked members of the 2008 committee and accepted the challenge on behalf of incoming committee members (see below) for how TRATA should contribute to managing change on behalf of the Trentham and district community.

Ian Williams' role in reviving and editing the Newsletter this year was also gratefully acknowledged.

* The next issue will be February and the closing date for submissions is 20th January (there is no Newsletter in January), and they can be sent preferably by email to the editor, ianw@kyldaraherb.com.au or to 108 Mulcahy's Road Trentham 3458.

TRATA Committee: President: Ian MacBean, Sue Bruton, Gwenda Dickens, , Kaye Matheson, Georgie Patterson, Andy Robertson, Lori Victorsen, Bob White, Ian Williams, David Wilson. TRATA Mail address, PO Box 166, Trentham 3458

Weather Report

Dr. J. Hollis

TRENTHAM IN OCTOBER

Rainfall 19.8mm Av 102.3

Mean max temp. 16.1°C Av 14.4

5th **DRIEST ON RECORD**

The only drier Octobers were in 2007, 2006(!), 1914 and 1888. The air was also unusually dry. Most of the meagre rain fell in the first week. 43.4mm fell in the 59 days to 31st. Hay crops have failed and headwater streams are dry. A cold spell on 6th produced sleet and hail showers. Minor sleet also fell early on 22nd. Several warm spells contributed to a mean max. temp. 1.7° above average. There were, however 4 air frosts with -1.6° on 5th.

Successful Funding Applications

Shire of Hepburn Round 1 2008/09 Community Grants to the following Trentham groups and projects were announced at the 18 November Council meeting.

Trentham Community Choir	\$500
Trentham Irish Club	\$500
Trentham Playgroup	\$440
Trentham Sustainability Day	\$500
Local Business Study	\$2,000

Congratulations to everyone involved and many thanks to the Shire – all these projects will enrich our community and are a measure of the interest and vitality in our community.

The Local Business Study has been reported previously as the BEAR (Business Enhancement and Retention) project, which is a community-driven initiative, based on a model developed with the Municipal Association of Victoria. It will 'kick-off' early in 2009 with objectives of assisting existing business and encouraging new businesses. More information from Andy Robertson, 5424 1100

Sustainability Day

Despite the rain, hail and sleet the Trentham Sustainability Group hosted an exciting and fun day on Sat. 22 Nov. The event had to be moved from the Town Square to the

Mechanics Hall but quite a number braved the elements to learn more. A raffle with great prizes including a 2,000lt water tank was held. A big thanks too to the House Tour house owners who were really generous with their homes and their time. The energy efficient house tours were terrific, interesting and informative, with heaps of variety. The Food Miles (30km) stall showed a wide range of produce available locally and the proposed Community Garden created a lot of interest.



Lions Club News

Fun Run Breaks All Records

A record field of more than 330 contested the Cool Country Classic Fun Runs held in Trentham on Sunday 16 November 2008.

Starting from the Trentham Sports Ground, runners had the choice of a 5 km town course or a 10 km run to Little Hampton and back.

One enthusiastic competitor emailed her thoughts on the 10 km route to organisers –“competed in the 10km course which had challenges, a circuit route, the downhill rewards, the countryside was beautiful, the wind just enough and of course great participants who were all enthusiastic and friendly. Everyone I spoke too enjoyed the event and many had traveled distances to participate. The time 10:30am gave us a sleep in; the fees are very reasonable and most will come back next year as the city fun runs are getting too crowded and expensive.”

Australian 5000 metre champion and Olympic competitor, Craig Mottram was a surprise entrant in the 5 km race and set a new race record of 13minutes and 44 seconds as he scorched around the town course. Indeed such was the speed of Mottram, that he threatened to pass the lead vehicle on a number of occasions and he finished the course several minutes ahead of the second placegetter.

His appearance was a great inspiration for the many schoolchildren who participated in the Fun Run and he very generously

donated his prize winner's cheque to Loryn Savoia, who was the best female secondary school runner.

The primary school participation award was won by Bullarto Primary School with 22.6% of students competing. Trentham and Tylden Primary Schools were also very well represented with participation rates of 18% and 16.5% respectively. In all, 83 primary school students ran in the race which was fantastic turnout.

The Trentham Lions Club hopes to raise more than \$3000 from the event which will be distributed to deserving local causes. President, Colin Ries thanked all race sponsors and the 50 or so volunteers who worked tirelessly to stage the event. He said next year was the 10th anniversary of the Fun Run and organisers were already working on making it a very memorable event.

Carols in the Park. Friday 5th December. Hot food from 6.30pm, entertainment starts at 7.30 pm. New Format this year – Great entertainment with the Primary School and Kindergarten, Hayden Evans, Marcie Jones, Lauren Lee Williams, Denis & Allison Walsh, Henry Vinyl, Anthony White & Allan Roberts.

And with some luck our local 'Elf' will bring his friend *Rudolf the Reindeer!!!* Enquiries: Pat or Madelene: 5424 8480.

Elderley Citizens Xmas Dinner on Friday 12th December. Lunch at the Trentham Golf Club. Thanks to CWA volunteers.

Thank you to all who supported the Cool Country Classic Fun Run this year. The new venue and course was an outstanding success...and we all had a lot of fun.

Always happy to have your feedback on our activities anytime.

No events in January.

MERRY XMAS TO ALL

About this Newsletter

The Trentham Community Newsletter is published the first week of every month except January.

Guidelines for its Editorial Policy include:

To inform the community of news and coming events that will contribute to building community well-being.

To promote a positive image of Trentham and its community.

To contribute to the historical record.

To provide a medium for advertising services and trades offered to the community.

Submissions considered counterproductive to this policy may not be published. Deadline date for all submissions is strictly the 20th of the previous month. Word limit for contributed articles is 200 words.

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

It is delivered to town residents and is available for collection from the Trentham Newsagency, Trentham Supermarket, the Neighbourhood House and the Visitor Info. Centre. If you would like to receive this newsletter via email, please send a message to <trata_newsletter-subscribe@trentham.org.au> or visit the TRATA website and go to the 'News' section. Current and back issues are available on the website.

Ian Williams, Editor

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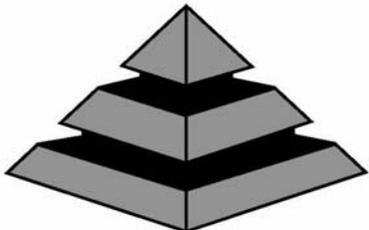
Every 4th Sunday of the month at the old Railway Station - next market Sunday 28th December. Please support your local market Operated by the Trentham Residents & Traders Association Inc. A Trentham Community initiative

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Trentham Coming Events

December

2nd Tuesday- Trentham Playgroup 10am-11.30 @ Mechanics Hall \$3 Enq: Jill 5424 1591.

5th Friday- Trentham- Carols in the Park. Hot Food 6.30pm Entertainment 7.30pm Enq: Pat 5424 8480.

6th Saturday- 9am Community Market @ Neighbourhood Centre. Enq. Katy 5424 1354.

8th Monday – TRATA monthly meeting, 7.30 Railway Station, all welcome, Enq: Ian 5424 1727

9th Tuesday- Trentham Playgroup 10am-11.30 @ Mechanics Hall \$3 Enq: Jill 5424 1591.

12th Friday- 7.30pm Old Time Dance @ Mechanics Hall - \$8 incl supper, spot prizes- Enq: Elizabeth 5424 1254.

12th Friday- Lunch, Elderly Citizens Xmas Dinner @ Trentham Golf Club.

13th Saturday 10.30 am – Trentham Community Choir will perform Carols in the Town Square. Enq: David 5424 1882

15th Monday- Trentham Historical Society. General Committee Meeting @ Camp Street Reserve 2pm. Enq: Gael 5424 2261.

16th Tuesday- Trentham Playgroup 10am-11.30 @ Mechanics Hall \$3 Enq: Jill 5424 1591.

28th Sunday-- 9am-3pm Trentham Market @ Railway Station, all welcome. Enq: Gwenda 5424 8223.

January 2009

3rd Sat – 9am Community Market @ Neighbourhood Centre. Enq: Katy 5424 1354.

9th Fri - 7.30pm Old Time Dance @ Mechanics Hall - \$8 incl supper, spot prizes- Enq: Elizabeth 5424 1254.

25th Sun --- 9am-3pm Trentham Market @ Railway Station, all welcome. Enq: Gwenda 5424 8223.

27th Tue (when school resumes) Trentham Playgroup 10am-11.30 @ Mechanics Hall \$3 Enq: Jill 5424 1591.

PLEASE ADVISE EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY & MARCH 2009, NOW !!!!

NOTE: To add or change information in this events column please contact – Velette 5424 1460 or email vmarion@iprimus.com.au



COOL HARMONY PRESENTS

CHRISTMAS CAROLS
TO WARM YOUR HEART

In

TRENTHAM TOWN SQUARE

10.30 AM SATURDAY 13TH DECEMBER

The Trentham Community Choir, Cool Harmony, will be joined by members of the Daylesford Municipal Brass Band to perform a medley of carols for your enjoyment. Come along and join in for some pre-Christmas sharing of festive cheer and goodwill.



Trentham Talking . . . a summary of responses to the Community Plan surveys. This is Part 1 (of 2) of a report on the final tally of 145 completed survey forms (representing 224 people in total) – a big thank you to everyone who took the time to think about the questions and complete the survey.

Some indication of the significance of the responses can be made from the numbers of responses where it was possible to make a count. It isn't valid to convert these to percentages because some people gave more (or fewer) responses to particular questions – a consequence of the 'open' survey format, which, by definition, doesn't lend itself to numerical analysis. There was also some overlap across questions and difficulties in 'grouping' responses.

What is important is that we now have an extremely valuable resource documenting what Trentham and district people value, what they are concerned about and the ideas they have for 'shaping the future for our town and community'. The complete set of responses will continue to be used to inform the community workshop in February and the groups that will take responsibility for implementing the priorities we set at that workshop.

What do people like about living in Trentham?

1 PEOPLE 95 responses - friendly, accepting people; secure, safe community; being part of a small community > sense of belonging; people greet each other; neighbours that look out for each other; small enough and friendly enough never to be lonely; good for ageing; diversity of people and interests; skills of recent arrivals; new friends; community values and people care for each other.

2 VILLAGE / TOWN CHARACTER 127 responses - relaxed pace; pretty town; village atmosphere; it's quiet!!; most facilities & services available; room for chooks and a big vegie patch; Spring Festival; rural feel; local charm & local history / great sense of history; lake; café, hotel, newsagent, chemist, East Trentham Hotel; police who know the town and people; opportunity to participate in & influence local community; can walk to shops; it's a peaceful place in an increasingly chaotic world; its simplicity, friendliness, real conversations and helpfulness; the 3 churches joining together; history; unpretentiousness; swimming pool; lovely town square and cemetery.

3 ENVIRONMENT 110 - fresh air, adequate rainfall, plenty of room to move; Wombat Forest; birds; bushwalking; night sky (stars); '4 distinctly different seasons: nothing bland about our climate!'; water; great soil; beautiful scenery; great walks & bike rides; great climate for gardening.

4 PROXIMITY 33 - close to Melbourne; handy to Bendigo, Ballarat and the Big Smoke; close to Daylesford, Woodend and Kyneton; reasonable access to most services; efficient emergency treatment at Daylesford Hospital cf 3-4 hour wait at RMH

5 OTHER 14 - 'it's home'; golf course; living active churches; since retirement I have found plenty to occupy my time and brains; town clock; Red Beard; Neighbourhood House – great range of courses; not a major tourist centre; everything; 'I love it here'

"The way the township is interwoven with the natural and agricultural environment, both in its 'streetscape' etc, and in its social fabric – human-scale 'structures' and 'pace of life'."

"Good climate & water supply, quiet, peaceful small town and community with interesting old buildings, wonderful old deciduous trees around the town and beautiful farmland and forests."

What are Trentham's greatest values / strengths / assets / advantages?

1 PEOPLE / SOCIAL / HEALTH / WELL-BEING / COMMUNITY – 121 responses – these were very similar to the responses above with some specifics, including; unique history still largely preserved acceptance of different families (eg same sex couples); potato farming heritage & sawmilling; most amenities no further than 15 minutes away; good chemist; aged care/Bush Nursing Hospital; churches; school & kindergarten; Shirley's morning tea – a gathering of old friends and new; positive attitude general in town; Police Station; community values, closeness and camaraderie; number of groups & committees; Trenam Footy Club; active groups – Landcare, Book Club, Film Society etc; being greeted & recognised; knowledge of the locals is an asset

2 TOWNSHIP & INFRASTRUCTURE – 97 responses – again similar to those above, with specific mentions for Red Beard bakery; Jargon; sporting facilities; Railway Station; ‘best country golf course in Australia’; Lions Club; Twiggs; Quarry St Reserve; TRATA; unique town – streetscape in High St – fantastic; “plus Neighbourhood Centre, Hospital/Nursing Home . . . all businesses & organisations currently running are essential assets of the community”.

3 NATURAL ENVIRONMENT & RESOURCES – 126 responses: nature/environment generally – 28; Trentham Falls – 16; climate/water – 33; Wombat Forest / forests – 29; soils / land /rural - 20

4 LOCATION - 50 responses, very similar to those under what we like about Trentham above.

5 OTHER – 28 responses, with various mentions of “Old World Charm”; history; relatively unspoilt and undeveloped; and the “obvious strength of community, as shown by the Market, Spudfest, Hairy Arch, Feldspar Spring Festival”.

How can we protect Trentham’s values / assets / strengths?

1 PEOPLE / SOCIAL / HEALTH / WELL-BEING / COMMUNITY – 69 suggestions with main themes around: involving people; working together as a community; the need to be open to change; creating a community ‘hub’ to foster a sense of connectedness & well-being.

2 TOWNSHIP & INFRASTRUCTURE – 96 suggestions, including: supporting local shops and businesses; incentives & encouragement for new businesses (not just based on tourism); many calls for controls and restrictions on future development to protect the town’s character; restoration of the streetscape; better public transport; enforce by-laws on cats & dogs.

3 NATURAL ENVIRONMENT & RESOURCES – 40 suggestions including: keep farming areas and support farming community; upgrade forest walking tracks and signage; don’t stress water supply and other natural resources; eradicate weeds along forest edges, waterways and open spaces; protecting the forests; strengthen Landcare; develop new uses for natural areas; town should reflect the richness and value of the natural surroundings; promote investment in food crops using organic methods.

4 LOCATION / TRANSPORT – 6 calls for better access and public transport.

5 OTHER – 32 diverse suggestions: overall environmental plan; a proactive Council member; ensure Council ‘adopts’ community plan; people who live here p/t need to put more \$\$ into the town; promote a festival with heritage theme – potato farming/sawmilling; various suggestions around tourism; resist change; increased development/population > cars, so need a strategy to deal with this, which should include bicycle paths, car-free areas & public transport; “there are groups & processes in place to protect the environmental aspects, although balance is always needed. Balancing ‘peaceful & serene’ against ‘progression & development’ is a tricky one”.

What are Trentham’s main challenges or disadvantages? (What are the things people would most like changed or that we need in Trentham?)

As a preview of the Part 2 report (next Newsletter), the main challenges identified were: lack of public transport (72 responses); restoration of the Cosmo (43); concerns about Council and infrastructure (19); – but by far and away the major concerns were about the business sector/main street (157 responses, not including comments re tourism, controlling development and employment).

The Part 2 report will also cover the things people would most like to change or that we need in Trentham and the thoughtful and, in some cases, inspiring concluding thoughts that people offered.