

## May 2022 Edition

### ► MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Hello and welcome to the May edition of our Storm Recovery newsletter. Firstly, I'd like to invite you to join in a community event being held on Thursday 23 June at the Lyonville Hall. We would love for community members from Trentham right up to Bullarto, Little Hampton and all storm affected parts of the shire to come together to socialise and share in some of the beautiful wood-fired pizza made onsite. We are lucky enough to have Dr Rob Gordon return for a chat about the experience of living through an event such as we experienced last June. Please bring a friend and enjoy the evening.

In this newsletter, we have included a DELWP map of firewood collection points in our local forests. You can find exact details on their website under autumn firewood collection.

We continue to bring new staff into our team and look forward to working these staff. I encourage you to check out our current vacancies if you or anybody you know is interested in working with us. All current vacancies are advertised on our website.

The communications team are putting together a coffee table book to record some of our stories from the June event in one collection. I believe this will be an interesting book and encourage everybody to consider to share your story, no matter how big or small. Our Storm Recovery Communications Officer is running the project and is an experienced writer who can work with you to edit your stories, or conduct an interview to write and collaborate with you on your story.

I am hoping that many of you will take up the chance to do some chainsaw training, which is being run through the Creswick Timber Training Centre. While there is obviously fallen timber still on private property, the storm-thrown timber has all been processed and cleared from our roadsides and reserves. The chainsaw courses will continue to usefully employ some of the by-product.

I look forward to seeing you at Lyonville on 18 June.

**Cr Tim Drylie**



### ► STAFF PROFILE



#### **Katherine Myers**

Katherine is one of our Storm Recovery Case Support and Outreach Officers. Her role encompasses both case support and outreach work within the storm recovery team.

While Katherine is based at Creswick with the flood recovery team, her skills are also utilised in the east of the Shire to support the Trentham Storm Recovery team.

With a background in agricultural science and banking, Katherine is actively involved with Victorian Farmers Federation. She is looking forward to applying advocacy skills to her local community, both within and beyond the agricultural sector.

### ► COMMEMORATIVE BOOK

Our team is putting together a coffee table book as a commemoration of the storm event of June 2021.

We welcome any contributions from people who would like to share their stories and/or photos. If you are not a writer, don't worry, we can work collaboratively. Everybody's experience is different, important and forms part of a collective experience. We are seeking first hand accounts, large and small of the storm and/or its aftermath. All contributions will be considered.

Please contact our Communications team on [kmexted@hepburn.vic.gov.au](mailto:kmexted@hepburn.vic.gov.au)



## ► FREE COMMUNITY EVENING (with pizza!)

We are very pleased to host a free evening to bring residents together for a social catchup. This evening is for all residents of our storm affected communities to gather for a Thursday night meal of pizza cooked in the fabulous pizza oven by the Lyonville Hall committee. You can meet with **Mayor Cr Tim Drylie** and your local representative **Cr Brian Hood**, both of whom will attend the evening.

Guest speaker **Dr Rob Gordon** is returning to share his insights into the practical and emotional responses after such events as we experienced during the June storm. As winter sets in again, now is a great time to check in on each other and also enjoy a meal with fellow community members.

The home-cooked pizzas will begin rolling out at 6pm. Rob Gordon will speak at 6.30 for about an hour and we expect to wrap up around 8.30pm. There will be a chance to chat to Dr Gordon after his talk if you are interested.

Registrations for the event (we need to know how many pizzas to make!) can be made via:

1. **Use the QR code**
2. **or call the organisers on 03 4373 7373**
3. **or visit [hepburn.vic.gov.au/storm-and-flood-recovery/](https://hepburn.vic.gov.au/storm-and-flood-recovery/)**

**Date:** Thursday 23 June 2022

**Time:** 6 - 8.30pm

**Place:** Lyonville Hall, Brenmer Avenue, Lyonville

We encourage the people of Trentham, Lyonville, Little Hampton, Bullarto and any storm affected areas to join us for this interesting evening. If you require transport, please contact the Storm Recovery Team on 4373 7373.



## ► RURAL FINANCIAL COUNSELLING

The Rural Financial Counselling Service provides support and information on financial and legal matters for rural primary producers and small business owners.

For support that is professional, confidential and impartial, call the Rural Financial Counselling Service on 1300 735 578 or visit at <https://rfcsnetwork.com.au/>

## ► \$250 VOUCHER TRENTHAM

Bendigo Bank is running a Support and Shop Local program in Trentham. Spend \$20 or more at any retail or hospitality business in or around Trentham and district this June to win a \$250 gift voucher. To enter write your name, address and telephone number on the back of your purchase receipt, then drop it into the entry box in the Trentham branch. Entries are limited to one per purchase.

Each Wednesday in June a winner will be drawn. Winners will receive a \$250 gift voucher from a local business of their choice.

Terms and conditions at [plexus.co/terms/shop-around-trentham-districts](https://plexus.co/terms/shop-around-trentham-districts)



## ▶ NESTBOXES

The Cool Country Mens Shed at Trentham is well underway making 150 nestboxes for the nestbox and habitat program.

The nestbox designs have been selected to be suitable for rosellas, Sugar-gliders and phascogales; species that sit in the middle of the forest's web of relationships as eaters of insects, nectar and buds and small animals, and as prey for larger owls and hawks.

While the ideal hollow for wildlife is inside a tree or stump, the nestboxes are an excellent next option for these important forest dwellers.

The completed nestboxes form part of the Habitat Kit, which includes a tree giveaway and plant voucher sufficient for 30 indigenous plants. There has been a strong uptake on the program, which is funded by DELWP, and being run in conjunction with Hepburn Shire, along with the Macedon Ranges and Moorabool shire councils. Expressions of Interest are closed for this program but we will keep you informed of outcomes.



## ▶ FENCE POSTS

The fence post program continues to be rolled out across the shire, with storm-affected residents having already received more than half the available posts.

Deliveries were diverted for a time due to a request from the Werribee Park Zoo, who needed to upgrade their existing fencing.

The posts are made from storm-damaged timber that has been repurposed from green waste obtained over the course of the clean-up program.

Deliveries to our Shire have now resumed and residents who are still waiting can expect to receive their fenceposts soon.



## ▶ FREE CHAINSAW COURSES AT CRESWICK

Free chainsaw courses, valued at \$600, are being offered during August and September.

These courses are being run by the Creswick Timber Training Centre using storm-thrown timber collected in the cleanup from the June 2021 storm.

Participants in the course will receive a free safety pack of goggles and gloves. These classes are run with the intention of participants then taking their skills to support their local chosen community group.

Please use the QR Code to register or to seek further information on these courses.

Registrations close on 30 June 2022.



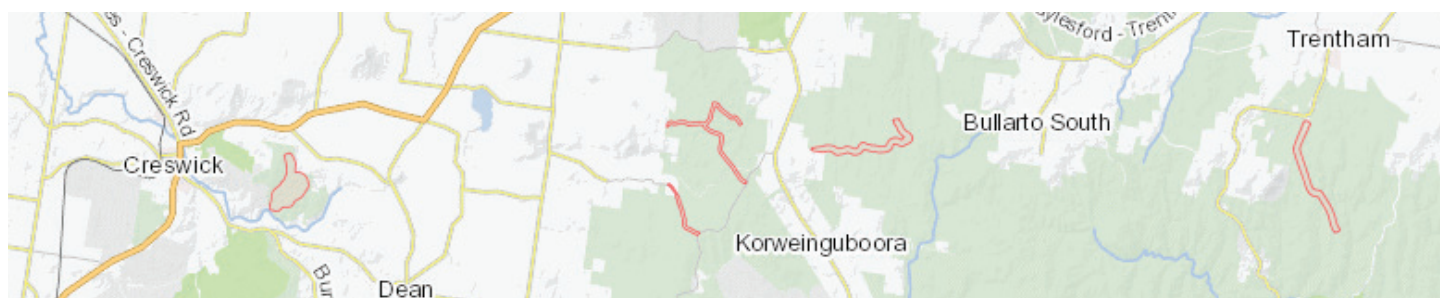
## FIREWOOD COLLECTION

### DELWP Forests open for firewood collection

The 2022 autumn firewood collection season is open until Thursday 30 June. Please view DELWP'S Regional State Forest maps to identify firewood collection areas in your region and information that may be specific to your region. Some firewood collection areas may close at short notice due to a planned burning activity. New firewood collection areas may also open throughout the season. Please respect the rules and avoid risking a fine.

Making sure everyone follows firewood collection rules is important because illegal collection can negatively affect forest health, wildlife habitat and public safety. Uncontrolled firewood collection can lead to the loss of important habitat such as hollow logs and dead trees and this can have a serious impact on iconic native species that rely on our forests to survive, such as the Powerful Owl, South-eastern red-tailed black cockatoo, Greater Glider, Pygmy-possum and many others. It can also make firewood resources unsustainable, impacting regional communities who rely on firewood for energy during the colder months. Read about firewood regulations and penalties at [ffm.vic.gov.au/media-releases/autumn-firewood](https://ffm.vic.gov.au/media-releases/autumn-firewood)

The map below shows our local firewood collection areas in red.



## SMALL BUSINESS MENTORING

Small Business Mentoring Service offers a range of programs for businesses that want to improve and grow. The programs are flexible, bespoke and suitable for both established businesses and start-ups.

More information is available from their website at [sbms.org.au](https://sbms.org.au)



BUSINESS SUPPORT PROGRAM



MENTORING  
WORKSHOPS  
SUPPORT  
TRAINING

### Business Mentoring Voucher

To book your session simply scan the QR code below.  
For more information go to [www.sbms.org.au](https://www.sbms.org.au).

Your Mentor will contact you to arrange your session at a mutually convenient time and place.

This mentoring session has been funded and provided by the Hepburn Shire Council



Scan QR code to register  
Voucher Code:  
**HEP1**



## ▶ CHAINSAW SAFETY

### Chainsaw safety tips for winter

- CHOOSE THE CHAINSAW THAT'S RIGHT FOR YOU

Select the right chainsaw for the job.

- PROTECT YOURSELF

Wear the right safety gear to protect your head, ears, eyes, hands and legs, ideally use safety glasses, earmuffs (if using a petrol chainsaw), along with protective chaps or trousers and safety boots with plenty of grip. A safety helmet is advised if there is a risk of falling objects like branches.

- CHECK YOUR SAW

Always remember to check your chain tension and sharpness and ensure the chain brake is operational before you start your chainsaw. It is recommended that a minimum of one service each year is completed.

- ORGANISE YOUR WORKSPACE

Before you start cutting, clear the area of any trip hazards. When cutting firewood use a sawhorse; this also saves bending down and reduces the risk of running the saw chain in the dirt, which will blunt and shorten the chain life.

- HANDLE WITH CARE

Maintain a firm grip on the saw by holding the handles with both thumbs gripped on the opposite side from your fingers. Never ever use a chainsaw with only one hand.

- POWER STANCE

Never stand directly behind the chainsaw. Keep a solid stance with the chainsaw slightly to the side so that you can clearly see the guide bar. This may seem unnatural, but if the saw kicks back it stays clear of your body.

- FIRING UP

The safest way to start your chainsaw is on the ground. Never drop start a chainsaw as this is extremely unsafe and could lead to injury. Check the chain brake is engaged, adjust starting controls and pull the start cord.

- FULL THROTTLE

Always make contact with the wood when the chain is at full speed. If the chain speed is too slow it may pull you in towards the wood and put you off balance.

- NO KICKBACKS

The most dangerous part of the bar is the tip. If the tip of the bar comes into contact with the wood it may cause the bar to 'kick back' which will shoot the bar up towards you. The safest part of the bar for cutting is the area closest to the engine. Let the chainsaw pull you slightly towards the wood and apply slight downwards pressure.



Source : [blog.stihl.com.au](http://blog.stihl.com.au)

## DOMINO TRAIL REOPENS

We are very pleased to advise that the Domino Trail, which begins at the Trentham Railway Station has now reopened to the public. Storm-thrown trees, which blocked the track for many months, have now been cleared and the track is fully functional again.

It is one of the beautiful parts of the district and the seven kilometre walk passes through bushland that is habitat to the Powerful Owl. We encourage you to stretch your legs and enjoy the couple of hours walk from Trentham to Lyonville.



## MEET YOU AT THE MARKET, 18 JUNE

As a chance to gather and share in some food and companionship with other locals, you are invited to join us for a morning at the **Trentham Farmers Market**. In stepping towards recovery from the June 2021 storm event, Cr Brian Hood and Lions Club President Tim Walsh will speak of the community and what we have achieved and how we are tracking. Representatives from the Storm Recovery Team, the Trentham Lions Club, the Bendigo Bank and Department of Environment Land Water and Planning (DELWP) will be in attendance to chat with residents and to answer any questions. Funds raised by the Lions Club on the day will be donated to the local Storm Recovery efforts. Ingredients for the BBQ will be sponsored by Council to aid in the fundraising.

Please come along and make yourself known, share your stories and seek answers to your questions. We look forward to meeting you at the market.

## meet + greet

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### TRENTHAM FARMERS MARKET

*Trentham Town Square, High Street, Trentham 9am-1pm*

In stepping towards recovery from the June 2021 storm event

## Cr Brian Hood

+

## Lions Club President Mr Tim Walsh

will speak of the heart of the community and look at what has been achieved and how we are tracking. Members of the Storm Recovery Team, Trentham Lions Club and Bendigo Bank will be on hand to chat with residents and answer questions.

