

TRENTHAM & DISTRICTS

Tradie BBQ & Young Trades Awards



CCCE Director
Simon Kriss & Helen van der Werff
Men's Shed Presentation

Young Trades Awards 2021 Winners Presentation at Trentham Men's Shed.

Wednesday 21st of April 2021 in Trentham dawned beautifully clear and very cold! It was only 2 degrees at 7am, which challenges anyone including tradies. A FREE Breakfast, hosted by Trentham & Districts Community Bank, at our very own Trentham Men's Shed, made the icy morning more bearable. Thankfully, we had the BBQ sizzling, tea & coffee steaming and a well-equipped & warm venue available.

As local tradies gathered, and nominees for the Young Trades awards arrived, the presentation got started. Sean Leech (Bendigo Bank Regional Manager) and Board Members Stan Falloon & Charl Parris opened proceedings, thanking all those involved in getting the Young Trades Awards off the ground and making it such a huge success in its first year. The efforts of all the businesses that participated are much appreciated.

The Young Trades Awards 2021 was a pilot program invented, developed and driven by Cool Country Community Enterprises and Trentham & Districts Community Bank. "Supporting local and keeping it local" is at the very core of the community banking model, which this program fits perfectly.

The focus of this initiative was on the young people & businesses within our towns & communities. It showcased the opportunities for working and learning a skill-set right here in our own backyard. We felt it was important to create visibility by acknowledging and rewarding these young people within our region, especially those actively engaged in their community.

As a community-based program, we were mindful not to cross boundaries and to focus things within our specific area. We're already using what we've learned to tweak things - making changes to improve for next year. We can see endless opportunities in the future to collaborate with and involve other local groups.

The response to the Young Trades Award program was very strong and we were overwhelmed by the volume of nominees. We had a total of 48 entrants, scaled down to 21, with a final shortlist of 9 who were all interviewed by a panel. This is an incredible result and congratulations to all of you who were nominated.

For our first category, it was extremely hard to separate two finalists - like splitting hairs. A unanimous decision was made to award both of them. The 'Apprentice or Trainee - Employed' Award goes to two local Trenthamites - Sibusiso Maphosa and Dolf Reid.



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Sibusiso (Sib) Maphosa has beautiful energy that just lights up a room. She works with Central Highlands Rural Health and lives in Trentham, raising a young family. She is currently training as a nurse with an aim to move into clinical and mental health work. Her empathy for managing patients and families in palliative care highlights her passion for helping people and why she loves working in this field. Sib has completed her Cert 3 in Aged Care and has worked in several different aged care centres. She is involved in supporting Trentham's local playgroup and is part of the CERT group (Ambulance service) in Trentham.



Dolf Reid, Stan Falloon, Charl Parris, Sib Maphosa

Dolf Reid is currently in his final year of a plumbing apprenticeship with David Wheelon Plumbing. He has completed his Cert 3 in plumbing with certificates in gas fitting, sanitary & water connection and is currently studying his Certificate 4 licences in roofing, septic tank installation & stormwater. Dolf's enthusiastic attitude is infectious and one of these days he plans start his own business. Actively engaged in the Trentham Cricket and Football Club community for 10 years, he has been committees in both, captained the club for three years and is currently coaching the Under 11's and Reserves Football teams. Dolf also has a young family and juggles his time between work, family and community sport.



Charl Parris, Rupert Miranda, Stan Falloon

The winner of the 'Qualified and Employed' Award is Rupert Miranda who comes from Woodend and works with MC Construction. Rupert immediately impressed all

the judges as an outstanding character with a passionate drive to learn, grow and make a difference. Rupert has completed his Cert 3 in Housing Construction and Cert 4 in Building Construction at night school. He has worked for several building companies to gain experience in different fields. He is actively involved with the Woodend Football & Netball club as Captain of the Reserves, is on the committee and manages club events. He has been awarded a Youth Award for his work associated with mental health in young men, a project he is very passionate about.

Last but not least is the 'Entrepreneur' Award which goes Mitchell (Mitch) Rogers, owner of the Trentham General, who is no stranger to the hospitality industry, starting his training 11 years ago. Mitch has worked his way through the ranks with 5 years as a restaurant manager & part owner of a local hotel then 2 years as a restaurant manager. He has exciting plans to open another restaurant, focusing on using local produce and craft supplies. He has played with the Trentham Football club and currently plays table tennis. A community minded person who loves to engage with customers and staff, Mitch's natural ability to provide excellent service through knowing his customers has been tuned to a high level by years of experience within the industry.



Charl Parris, Mitch Rogers, Jane Williams

A big thank you also to the runners up - you made it a very difficult choice for us! We learned a lot from our conversations and we wish every success to Joshua Bull, Mikaela Fleming, Kara Rowe, Mynette Sundblom and Ernie Bruton. We'd also like to acknowledge the other finalists - Dylan Appleby, Robbie Byrne, Samuel Evans, Zane French, Cade Griffiths, Stirling Keane, Ebony Riordan-Martin, Tyson Ryrie, Jake Vernal and Dion Whitehouse. A special mention goes to 2 nominees living as far away as Bendigo and Romsey who travel into our region for work. Both these women are incredibly talented hairdressers, from Bella Cut & Colour Salon, who also involve themselves in the Woodend community. This proves that the Young Trades Awards program has real promise as a regional and even national program that Bendigo Bank could use in other branches and local communities.

Life and business is a journey. Where we start - our beginnings, who we work with, who we look after - creates the foundation of who we become in the world at large. **The kind of care and connection demonstrated by all the businesses involved with Young Trades is very much what living in a regional community is all about.**



Stan Falloon, Paul Podbury, Ernie Bruto, Joshua Bull, Kara Rowe, Mikaela Fleming, Corina Sabo, Charl Parris

So, that's a wrap-up for the Young Trades Awards 2021. We are really proud of this initiative and would like to thank those who shared their stories on our videos and social posts. Ken, Robbie & Lucas Byrne, Tahlia Bickerdyke, Jake Vernal, Steven & Yuliya Wojcicki, Daniel Richards, Annie Smithers, Simon O'Loughlin & Stirling Keane, Sibusiso Maphosa, Rupert Miranda and Taylor Young.

A big thanks to local businesses for providing the produce that we all enjoyed on the day. Trentham IGA for the bacon, sausages & veggie burgers, Happy Hens for local eggs, Ruby Goose for the delicious mushrooms & onions and Country Cob Bakery for the freshly-baked bread rolls.

Charl Parris
CCCE Director



Regional Manager Sean Leech



WOODEND HESKET & TRENTHAM FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB

Annual Leith Dicker Cup

A fantastic day was had at Trentham for the annual Leith Dicker Cup. A fantastic day was had at Trentham for the annual Leith Dicker Cup played between Woodend Hesket and Trentham Football & Netball Clubs on Saturday April 10.

This year, the Cup was hosted at the Trentham Sports Grounds. The game is a tradition that kicks off the season every year and the rivalry sets up a great day for all involved - both teams come out as winners.

The Hawks Reserve Footballers won and their Netball Team also delivered the goods in A, B & C Grades, whilst the Trentham Saints came out on top in the Seniors game.

Jason Shaw, Trentham's newly appointed Club President, thanked everyone for their involvement and support.

Paul Podbury, President of the Hawks and a Director of CCCE, commented on the rain coming in sideways on the far end of the netball court, whilst a goal was being scored at the dry end of the field - only in Trentham! All in all, it was a great day.

Trentham & Districts Community Bank were proud sponsors of the day and will continue its involvement and support of both clubs throughout 2021, as an integral part of its commitment to the community.

Here's to a great season in 2021.

NETBALL

The three netball games were all contested in great spirit. An improved Woodend Hesket took out all three games showing the rewards of a strong pre-season. The younger Trentham teams battled hard throughout the day, showing improvement in all games and should be looking forward to a very successful season.

FOOTBALL

The reserves was a tight encounter for the first half before the younger running side of the Hawkes got on top late to run out victors. The opposite was the case in the seniors. The Saints held the lead early and, apart from a few brief periods, controlled the game and ran out convincing winners.

Overall a great day was had by the two clubs, for players, families and community. Both clubs would like to thank major sponsor, Trentham & Districts Community Bank, for its ongoing support.

Paul Podbury & Charl Parris
CCCE Director



Trentham Saints Football ground @ Leith Dicker Cup



CCCE Directors & Jason Shaw (middle)



Leith Dicker Cup Family - Paul Podbury Hawks



CCCE Directors & Footy & Netball Major Raffle



CCCE Directors & Jason Shaw (3rd left)

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