

Tuesday, 11th August 2026. Today we went to have lunch at the Pig & Whistle, Trentham. The places visited, thanks to the careful selections by our Probus Outings Activities and Tours Officer, have excellent food, great hosts and premises full of character. I've started to take an interest in the areas we visit too. I've never been to Trentham before so a little research about it's past has been enlightening and as enjoyable as the meal at the Pig & Whistle. Oh, and incidentally



the name is believed to originate from "Peg" (historical peg tankards used to measure ale portions) and "wassail" (a traditional salutation and spiced holiday drink), slowly morphing into "pig and whistle" over generations! The pub was originally "Clare Morris Hotel" (1887), named after a town in County Mayo, West Ireland (Claremorris). The first publican (Maurice O'Connell). Rustic beginnings, in the heart of the Macedon Ranges. Originally pastoral runs were taken up as early as 1838, Trentham was first settled by gold prospectors in the 1850s. In 1880 the Carlsruhe-to-Daylesford railway line (35km) arrived with a station at Trentham. At its peak, it carried 21,000 tonnes (mostly timber) of freight annually as well as many passengers (50,000 in 1884 alone).

patronage, the station mainly intact yard with some good condition. Rest of track is still zoned for railway use regaining the stretch to Shire Council priorities. The from the surrounding



influx of settlers. A lot were Irish so "the pub in a paddock" fitted the area well. Renamed the Pig and Whistle in 1960, the pub has evolved but keeps the Irish traditions going especially on St. Patrick's Day, with Irish music and dance.



Draught Guinness is on tap. A large contingent of Irish descendants still lives in the area. The town of Trentham keenly celebrates St. Patrick's Day too. Trentham has rich volcanic soil

making it a top potato grower. They hold the Great Trentham Spudfest every year. Another attraction is the Trentham Falls. Victoria's highest single-drop waterfall (32mtr). Well worth a revisit to the area... enjoy another terrific meal at the Pig & Whistle and further explore the area.

