



A NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR YACK HEALTH

An old face in a new position, sees John Parkes take up the reins as the new CEO for Yackandandah Health. He may be better known to many as the retired Bishop of Wangaratta, and doubtless the congregation of the beautiful little Anglican Church, Holy Trinity, will be pleased to see more of him in Yackandandah.

Last year, John put himself at risk of being defrocked as Bishop for leading the way for blessings of same-sex marriages in the Anglican church, but had no regrets in his stance. The Wangaratta Diocese voted in favour of blessing same-sex marriages at the end of August 2019.

John has a love of poetry, a magnificent bass voice and is a very keen fly fisherman.

With the many changes that have happened at Yackandandah Health over the past year or so, it will be good to have a sound hand at the tiller, and Yackity Yak wishes John Parkes a long, happy, stable and productive time at Yack Health.

For more details on Yackandandah Health, please see page 3.



Two of the younger team pose with the fruits of the rubbish collectors' collective labour.

MORE OF THE BEST OF A COMMUNITY

Driving into Yack from the Indigo Valley on a Saturday morning along the Yack-Beechworth Road, the editor saw the interesting sight of a group of people, young and younger, with wheelbarrows laden with rubbish heading towards Yackandandah, having clearly had a lot of fun - they were chatting away and the children obviously enjoying each other's company.

On stopping to see what was happening as the jolly bunch were heading into Yack with the rubbish to dispose of it as efficiently as they could, it appeared that the catalyst for the rubbish collection was the regular drive from Yack to Wooragee Primary School by Matt Gallagher and his daughter, Scout.

Matt said that he "was struggling with the amount of rubbish I was seeing for a while, and then I just thought 'I should just pick it up'. Then I

thought that it would be a good community building and social activity, so I invited a few friends and we went and picked up rubbish. It was great - we probably only cleared a quarter of the road from town out to the roundabout but we will be reconvening to finish the job."

Good on you, folks and thank you all. It is pretty soul destroying to see the amount of litter that gets onto the roadside reserves whether by accident or deliberately, but there's no doubt that people will think twice about littering a clean roadside. Perhaps the next rubbish collection could be advertised on the Yack Community Facebook page and the rest done in one hit?



WHAT COULD IT BE POEM

I see frustrated people stuck at home having meetings online
I hear the community rushing to the supermarket panic buying
I smell clean fresh air because people weren't using their cars
I feel sad because I cannot see my friends at school
I taste fear that I am going to get the coronavirus

What could it be?
It is lockdown due to COVID-19

Holly Lerch
8 years old

Holly's poem was sent to the Historical Society to be part of their 2020 COVID-19 collection for posterity.



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A RAMBLE WITH THE EDITOR

And just when we thought we could probably see the wood for the trees... Clearly, this COVID-19 virus is a tricky little number, and it looks as though the only way to control it will be a vaccine, which may still be months away, and then Australia will need to get hold of several million doses, so we may be in for a few months more of social distancing and the like.

However, we must look on the bright side - after all, we could be in lockdown in Melbourne, only able to come out for the 4 main reasons and compulsorily wearing masks in public. We have space around us, beautiful views to enjoy and at the moment, the chance to enjoy people’s company - socially distancing, of course. The benches and gutters outside the coffee shops are in great use, and it’s lovely to be able to exchange more than a shouted greeting across the street. But we are to be on full alert. Colac has just had a large dose of the virus, and we all know that it has a very nasty way of spreading incredibly quickly and before people may realise that they are themselves infected.

Life does go on. It’s great to see our businesses open and well supported by locals and visitors. Only by keeping our patronage of our businesses going will see them flourish after this pesky virus is tamed, so **BUY LOCAL** are the two watch words. **USE IT OR LOSE IT** are a few more.

The weather has helped people’s spirits lift, and we have had some incredible winter weather. We are getting through our log pile rather faster than we would have liked, but it’s lovely getting up to the Esse woodburning cooker in the morning and toasting one’s behind... The sheep are just finishing their lambing - only 2 ewes to go, and we have managed to do this without any rain. It happened beforehand, and so the lambs have got off to a flying start. A real harbinger of Spring to come. We love watching the growing lambs playing and frolicking about in the paddocks. We leave a few fallen trees for shelter and as a playground and they thoroughly enjoy jumping on and off them playing “Tag”. The two Burmese cats, Buster and Vashti, enjoy playing shepcats and accompany us on our several daily rounds of checking the sheep.

Well, a huge thanks to all our contributors and advertisers to Yackity Yak. We have been very lucky to have such supportive advertisers, and we thank them very much. We couldn’t run the paper without you as we run only via our advertising revenue, and we are lucky to have the same companies happy to support us year after year, so please support them where you can. Our stalwart contributors keep copy coming in, and we hope that you will enjoy their stories and endeavours in this edition.

We are very aware that many events and sporting fixtures have had to be cancelled or postponed this year, and that groups will be doing it tough. But the Golf Club and Community Bowls Club are up and at it, and we hear that Netball and hopefully Footie will soon fire up at Butsons Park. Yack Primary School is back and it’s lovely to hear the children at playtime and for them to give some sense of normality back to our great Yack community.

Again - perhaps it’s time to count our blessings and keep positive. Things could be a whole lot worse and we do live in a most glorious part of Australia. So keep well, everyone. Be supportive and kind to one another, and if you feel unwell, follow the guidelines and get tested. This virus is one thing we would like to keep out of Yack...

All the best for the rest of winter. Keep warm. Support your local businesses, and Spring will be here ere too long.



particularly at a time of such rapid and diverse growth and change. John looks forward to getting out and about in the Yack community when restrictions allow.

UPDATE FROM THE CEO - Yack Health continues to adopt a cautious approach with COVID-19 pandemic. We are following Government guidelines and directives. Considering the rapidly changing environment and particularly the potential impact on aged care homes, it may be necessary for us to make changes to visits without a lot of notice. We apologise for this in advance but know you will understand our situation here.

Restrictions are increasing and at the writing of this article we are now only able to accept 1 visitor at a time for 15 minutes. Sadly, no children under the age of 18 years are permitted to visit. There will be special consideration for Palliation residents. Please do not hesitate to call us if you have any questions regarding these arrangements.

We understand how difficult these restrictions are and that you will be missing spending time with your loved ones. We will continue to keep our families informed via regular email updates.

We are happy to discuss any ideas or resources you may have that can assist our residents during this challenging time.

Keeping in Touch - from a Distance

Our residents and families continue to work through the challenges of the restrictions, making the most of visits and in-house activities. Our wonderful Activities staff - made up of Jenny, Tracey and Belinda - have been hooking up many of our families via Skype, Facetime or Zoom.

Pictured is one of our cherished residents, Hazel Fox, who joined us in 2006. Hazel fills in some of her spare time working on a jigsaw puzzles on the computer, as well as pottering in her garden. As the cooler weather has brought Hazel in from her much loved garden, Hazel, at 105 years, also uses the computer to play Solitaire, recording her score daily to try to better her PB ! Go Hazel!



Hazel Fox taking on her own personal best!

A "Christmas in July" celebration was enjoyed by our residents on the 21st July, with many dressing up for the Christmas theme. A warm and hearty winter meal of ham, turkey, chicken and all the trimmings were on the menu (thank you to our wonderful catering staff), including Christmas pudding with brandy sauce and a festive apple and ginger spiced punch. Our residents are happy to share their recipe as follows:



Apple and Ginger Spiced Punch

1 bottle of apple juice (1 litre)

2 cans of ginger beer

1 cup of black tea infused with star anise, cinnamon sticks and cloves

Strain the cooled tea and combine all ingredients. Add sliced orange to the punch bowl. Enjoy!

MANAGEMENT UPDATE - Board Chair, Tricia Glass, would like to advise the Yackandandah Community of the appointment of John Parkes as CEO. John has had extensive experience in aged care coupled with a background in law, commerce and pastoral care. John brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to our organisation

Our resident walking group regularly catch up - either walking inside during the inclement winter weather doing laps of the hallways and surrounds, or taking advantage of the many lovely sunny days of late. Pictured is resident, Flo Thompson, who can be seen regularly enjoying a walk outside and around the facility. Flo joined us from Mitta Mitta last year and tells us she "enjoys her exercise and keeping busy".

Please call us on 02 6028 0100 if you would like to arrange a catch up with your loved one.

MEDICAL CENTRE BOOSTS ITS STAFF

We are pleased to advise we have secured the services of another doctor to support our existing GPs. Dr Emma Polkinghorne joins us at the end of July and will be working Tuesday afternoons and all day on Fridays.

We also welcome Practice Manager Emma Akin to the group. Emma is an experienced medical practice manager, working in the local area for over 20 years. Please contact Emma if you have any questions or concerns regarding the practice.

Staff are following the strict guidelines regarding COVID-19 and appointments. **If you are experiencing cold or flu symptoms, please phone us - do not come into the Clinic.** Appointments are available by phoning 02 6028 0130 or online at [hotdoc.com.au](https://www.yackandandahhealth.com.au/hotdoc.com.au). See website for details at <https://www.yackandandahhealth.com.au/medical-centre-surgery-yackandandah.html>

CARE Update - Unfortunately, due to the current visiting restrictions, we have had to put on hold any plans regarding the opening up of the CARE Animal Sanctuary to residents and the community. Our residents have had the pleasure of interacting with a few very cute guinea pigs recently though and they, along with the children at Little Yacks, certainly look forward to being a part of this wonderful initiative as plans progress.

Stage One of our landscaping is coming together at the rear of the facility, under the expert guidance of Paul Scannell, with major infrastructure now complete. Natural rock creek beds have been installed for water drainage, and a combination of native and exotic plant selection confirmed. We envisage this space to be a haven for insects and birds and a lovely spot to watch the world go by.

Special thanks to Paul for his dedication and enthusiasm for this part of the project - we really do appreciate his expertise and commitment. Thanks also to resident Eileen Collins, who has helped us with plant selection and passed on some of her great knowledge of indigenous plants.

Little Yacks Learning Years (LYLY)

LYLY continues to be receptive to the needs of our community. It has been identified that there is a real need for care for children between the ages of 6 weeks and 2 years. Significant upgrades are being made to sleeping spaces to accommodate this need. This area will provide a quiet, comfortable & easily supervised space for infants and small children to rest & sleep.

We are excited to share the news that LYLY is now providing nutritious meals for the children, prepared in the Yack Health commercial kitchen. This service has been put in place as a result of parent feedback and consultation. Children have been sharing these meals with their educators, exploring different tastes and textures. This fosters a sense of autonomy, allowing them to develop independence by participating in cleaning up, collecting dishes and becoming active members of the LYLY community. Meal menus will change with the seasons.

We are currently at capacity three days per week with some availability on the other two days. Director Sarah is happy to show families around our service and to answer any questions. Sarah is available on 02 6028 0188. For further information please refer to our website, www.yackandandahhealth.com.au. Simply select the LYLY tab at the top of the page.



Flo Thompson enjoying the lovely gardens of Yackandandah Health (and hopefully not "half-inching" the produce!)



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Yackandandah Community Centre

The past few months have certainly put challenges in front of us all we have not met before.

For YCC it meant complying with Victorian Government COVID-19 guidelines and closing the Centre and Op Shop temporarily for several weeks.

But that doesn't mean we haven't been working behind the scenes. As well as instigating the Yackandandah Community Initiative, producing a hard-copy business listing, which was delivered to 1100 mail boxes around Yack, starting daily talk-back radio, Yack Chat, with the help of Indigo FM, we have also worked with the Yack Lions Club to provide low cost hand sanitiser for the community.



Will Enright & Jasper Thorpe swabbing down the floors in the YCC office

And that's not all folks! Yes, just like the advertisements for steak knives, just when you think there is no more to the offer, this crazy year just keeps giving.

In early May, just as we were hoping to reopen the Op Shop and Centre, the water heater in the kitchen burst,

flooding most of the building for several days.

Most of the carpets were swamped, you needed gumboots to navigate the inside of the building. With the help of YCC committee members, Indigo Shire and Sommers Flooring Xtra staff and Indigo FM members, we removed most of the carpet and furniture out to allow the place to dry. It took a while. There was a fair bit of damage to walls, the kitchen and doors. It took a while to get dry and sorted. Finally, we were able to have carpet installed and begin moving furniture back in to create some

semblance of order again.

But that's not all folks!

Then the second wave of COVID-19 hit which meant we had to hold off opening for a while, giving us a window of opportunity to carry out some refurbishing which would spruce the Op Shop up nicely for when we do reopen. So, all the Op Shop stock, and there is a lot, was moved out along with the shelving. Back to the place looking like a bomb had hit it!



Bill Dee, YCC Chair and Kim McConchie, YCC Secretary's husband (!) removing Op Shop infrastructure prior to re-painting

The Op Shop is now looking great with a fresh coat of paint and new carpet in the next week or two should have it coming up a treat. Now all we have to do is

move all the Op Shop furniture and stock back in.

There are a couple other improvements we have planned for the building.



Jasper, Duane Washington from Sommers Flooring Xtra and Will removing carpet and underlay from the Board Room

With luck, YCC will be looking great and be ready to serve the community better than ever when we reopen.

*David Thorpe
YCC Manager*



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From the Captain, Yves Quaglio



Captain Yves Quaglio

"Hello Yackandandah, You may have been wondering how the COVID-19 Pandemic has affected your Fire Brigade. CFA is continuing to deliver on its mission of protecting lives and property and there is no change to the Yackandandah Fire Brigade's operational response.

However, some additional directions and precautions have been put in place to help keep us safe and healthy. Packing up after an incident has become much more involved due to thorough cleaning requirements etc. The fire station is only used for operational and

the Buffalo Valley near Myrtleford. One of the assets they were able to protect was the water company's shed at Nug Nug. "The donation was a 'thank you' for our efforts to stop the fire reaching their shed," says Yves.

Another donation was \$33 from Scoop 21's "tip jar". "Keegan, who is one of Scoop's employees, decided to collect money for the fire brigade which was a lovely gesture," says Yves.



Firefighters Nik Hazeleger and Chris Cheater checking the chain saw on the ultralight

maintenance purposes at the moment. All this in order to reduce the spread of the virus. The safety of our volunteers remains paramount now, more than ever.

Before we know it, the fire season will be upon us again. If it turns out to be like last year, this does not give us much time to prepare our properties. Please do not hesitate to call us when you think it is necessary, but can I remind you to register your burns to avoid unnecessary Brigade turnouts. If your registered burn becomes or looks like it will become out of your control, you should call 000 for us to respond.

Challenging times indeed. Still, all of us in the Yackandandah Fire Brigade are committed to continuing to deliver the best fire service to our community.

Thank you all for your support.

Do the right thing, please adhere to restriction guidelines, stay well and healthy.

YVES"



Chris Mahoney from Black Mount Spring Water hands Yves Quaglio a donation from the company

Is your chimney & flue fit for the colder weather?

Heaters are the major cause of fires, especially during the winter months.

- Ensure all home heating, including flues and chimneys, are regularly cleaned and serviced by a certified technician.
- Turn off all heating and extinguish open fires before leaving home or going to sleep.

For further information www.cfa.vic.gov.au

WOOD FIRE SAFETY

Many of us use wood fires to heat up our homes during winter... but the last thing you (and we) want is a house fire caused by a blocked or poorly maintained chimney, or a bin fire against the house or a ducted vacuum system fire caused by hot ashes. So, remember to be vigilant around wood

fires and:

- Clean chimneys and flues annually
- Empty ashes into a metal container, and wait until completely COLD to dispose of...
- Don't put ashes straight into your compost bin or on the ground near the house
- If you vacuum your fire box, wait until it is completely cold, and then immediately empty the dust collector on the vacuum into a metal container
- Use a fire screen for open wood fires



Firefighter Ruth Yule checking the breathing apparatus sets on the pumper tanker

A GENEROUS COMMUNITY

The Yackandandah Fire Brigade continues to be the recipient of the community's generosity with the latest donations from Black Mount Spring Water and Scoop 21. Their donations are included in the \$12,300 the brigade has received in donations over the last financial year. In June, Captain Yves Quaglio was given a cheque for \$2,000 by Chris Mahoney, one of the Brigade's new members who also happens to be a tanker driver for the spring water company. During the fires last summer, Chris was Yackandandah crew member for one of the strike teams sent to



Keegan from Scoop 21



Firefighter Martin Los doing a radio check on the pumper tanker

- Keep flammable items one metre from the heater
- Don't overload fireplaces and wood heaters
- Extinguish open fires before leaving home or going to sleep.

IN A COVID-19 WORLD

The CFA has determined what a brigade can and can't do in our current COVID-19 world which, while it hasn't really impacted on our responses to incidents, it has made a difference to how we use our station so as to limit the risk of spreading the virus. However, it is essential to maintain our equipment and check our radio communications so every Saturday morning you will find members of the brigade doing the weekly radio schedule and "ticking off" against our maintenance checklist.



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YACK GARDEN CLUB

WINTER

In a year that will be remembered for many reasons, some things remain relatively constant – winter is one of them. And while much of the garden is asleep, it is a time to recover from the heat and fires of summer, the need for shade and water. After the autumn colour and leaf fall we can now be grateful for the rain and the cold. Frosty mornings give rise to crystal days. Some varieties of camellia are in flower; jonquils, daffodils and tulips are beginning to push through in readiness for the delights of new life in spring. Birds are hungry, with flocks of galahs browsing the grasses and magpies, currawongs and bower birds looking for food. Evening mists descend to shroud and embrace the landscape, shrinking the world to the heart of our homes. After dusk, as stars begin to peep, frogs trill their bliss from the ponds and waterways under the night sky.

I know it's not always as simple and idyllic for many of us, locked down, fearful, missing family and friends. But when we can't change the situation, the only thing left to change is the way we look at it. And one of the best ways is to let the garden – be it our own or the world's garden – speak to us. Even better, we can get out into it, to walk or to work. There's plenty to do.

COMPOST

Now is an ideal time to prepare for the growing season ahead and ensure the rich fertility of soil. Compost provides nutrients, ensures friability in the soil by keeping it open, loose and moist. It adds depth for strong root growth, be it for borders or vegetable beds. And it's free. Households and the neighbourhood have an abundance of organic material that can be composted: leaves, grass clippings, plant trimmings, coffee grounds and vegetable scraps.



Whether you have a compost bin, a barrel or a bay made from old pallets and palings, it's important to create a balanced mixture of materials. Green waste provides the nitrogen, brown waste provides the carbon, and manure from poultry, sheep, cow or horse adds potency to the mix. Keeping it moist and well aerated by forking it over, will assist the microbes in breaking it down.

As days become longer and as long as the soil is not too wet, it's a good time to fork in the last of the previous season's mulch, add compost (with a little fertiliser such as Dynamic Lifter to help break it down without dragging nutrients from the soil) and let it sit for a week or two before planting out.

ROSE PRUNING

The "J" months (June/July) are for pruning and roses are ready. Given that it's such a prickly task, some engineers have actually created a robot that is capable of pruning a rose. Since neither you nor I have such a device, it's on with the gloves and the knowledge that roses are hardy plants – after all, they're related to blackberries and we know how hard they are to kill.



The objective is twofold: to stimulate strong new growth and flowers; and to remove woody, spindly, weak or diseased growth. Many gardeners have their own very clear views on what needs to be done, but the one constant is where to cut – just above an outward forming bud at a 45-degree angle. Think of Red Riding Hood – not too high; not too low, but just right.

Bush roses – open up the centre for air flow and cut back by about 1/3rd.

Standards – cut back by about ¼ and removed any growth on the stems.

Climbers – take out about ¼ of the old canes and reduce side shoots to two buds. Providing horizontal supports will encourage blooms.

Ground covers – can be slashed by 2/3rds.

Single flowers – prune immediately after flowering to encourage new blooms.

To learn from some experienced gardeners, you can assist the rose pruning at the Yackandandah Cemetery on Saturday, 8th August, 2020 from 9.00 am.

THE TALE OF THE RESCUE TOMATO

Last September, about the time I normally plant my tomato seeds, we were travelling home via the Hume Highway and stopped at the Mokoan rest stop for a break. Underneath a picnic table were two tiny tomato plants growing in a crack in the concrete. Being a keen tomato aficionado, I decided to find out how these little plants would turn out, so I pulled them out and took them home and potted them up. One died, but the other kept growing and was eventually planted out in my garden with my other tomato plants. This plant grew well and soon started producing lots of medium sized fruit. The tomatoes were not a brilliant taste and resembled the usual commercial tomatoes, remaining very firm even when overripe, but making up for lack of flavour with abundance. They certainly out-stripped my other plants in production of fruit.

They continued this high rate of production all summer and at the end of May, it was time to pull out all the tomatoes even though there were still a few green ones on the bushes. I took them all down to a 'burn-off' pile to await their cremation. My neighbour often cuts through my property on her constitutional walks and she kept retrieving more green tomatoes out of the pile as she passed every few days.

Finally, I had the planned burn off and even then, though the tomato plants were completely rotten, a few more tomatoes rolled out of the pile and we had fried green tomatoes for breakfast next morning. So, my rescue tomato repaid me many, many times over for giving it a home. Whoever dropped a piece of tomato out of their sandwich at the Mokoan rest stop could never have imagined how much pleasure would result from one tiny seed in that tomato germinating in a crack in the concrete!

Jill Whitford

SOIL IMPROVEMENT

Probably the most important factor in growing plants is the soil. For soils that contain a lot of rock or river tailings -these soils have great drainage. Difficult to grow plants such as boronias love the drainage. To improve water retention, add a layer of good quality soil or mix in up to 50% organic matter. For natives, make sure that the organic matter is low in phosphorus by avoiding animal manures unless they are well rotted down. Composted pine bark or leaves work well.

For heavy clay soils, again adding organic matter works well. Raising the planting bed will assist drainage. Just make sure that the run off can be collected and made available to plants. Don't add sand – the clay particles fill in all the space between the sand particles.

For a steep slope, organic matter mixed with the soil will improve water retention as well as improve drainage. Creating mounds improves drainage and the formation of channels to capture the water enables water to be returned to plants.

Finally, match the choice of plants to your soil. Callistemon and many Melaleucas love wet soil while Grevilleas and Banksias generally thrive in dry, well drained conditions. Tough plants can thrive in a wide range of conditions.

YACK GARDEN CLUB EVENT CALENDAR

4/8/2020 – Streetscape working bee (9am)

8/8/2020 – Cemetery Rose pruning (9am)

8/8/2020 - Jan & Merv Cupper: rose pruning and tool sharpening. (For those who don't know, Merv had a fall, but is now recovering quite well. Nevertheless, a helping hand has been offered to manage the roses.)

15/8/2020 - AGM @ Wellsford House (All members welcome).

1/9/2020 – Streetscape working bee (9am).



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Yackandandah Cemetery Trust

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Funerals and Burials During the Pandemic:

On the 9th July, the Department of Health and Human Services released a newsletter titled "Impacts of coronavirus (COVID-19) on cemetery trusts and funerals". This discusses the frequently asked questions regarding funerals, particularly in relation to family or friends who may be attending a funeral outside of the Melbourne and Mitchell Shire shut down. It is very important that people make themselves familiar with this document. It can be found on the DHHS website at www2.health.vic.gov.au and under the tab Public Health/Cemetery

We ask that people respect the functions of the Cemetery Trust and its members. It is unprecedented times for the Trust and as the delegated authority for the Department, we must adhere to the Act and ask that the community also respect the exercise of power that we are entrusted to uphold.

If you have a complaint regarding anything to do with the Cemetery, please email Yackandandah Cemetery at cemetery.secretary@yackandandah.com, access our website at cemetery.yackandandah.com or call Anna on 0438 196 937. The DHHS website also provides information if you feel that your complaint has not been resolved.

Plantings in the Cemetery:

In accordance with the Act, it is an "offence to dig or plant" in the cemetery without the "prior written approval of the Trust". We are a pretty approachable bunch and would encourage people to contact us if you would like to make a special tribute to your loved one. Given the considerable amount of time the Trust members volunteer to care for the cemetery, it does make our job much harder to have to prune unwieldy plants which get out of control. We take special care to try and plant indigenous plants to the area and plants which are not invasive.

New Road:

Thanks to the Department, we received a grant to complete the sealing of the road from the top entrance so that both entrances are now connected and allow vehicles to keep off the sensitive grass areas. We welcome any ideas the community has to further enhance the beauty or function of the Yackandandah Cemetery as Ian Jenkins, our super-duper grant writer, is very successful at putting forward our needs.

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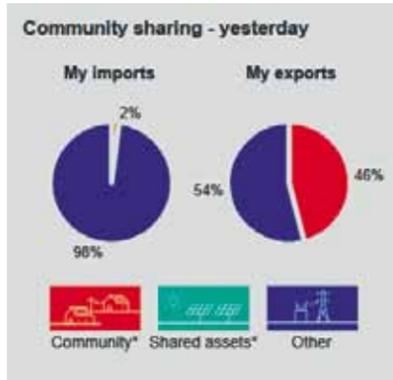
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Energy Share Information Goes Live with Indigo Power

The Yackandandah Community

Energy Hub has taken another step forward with the launch of community energy sharing information. The report, visible in the Mondo Portal, gives a daily summary of the breakdown for Indigo Power's customers with a Mondo Ubi.

Customers can now tell how power is being provided by within The Hub, whether households generation, or assets, like Battery.



Mondo Portal energy saving information

Thanks to Mondo, for you who are customers have a Mondo Ubi, we're exploring other options for displaying this information.

Together, with Totally Renewable Yackandandah, we're learning a great deal about how the Yackandandah Hub is performing. What's clear is that we are now producing more energy locally during the day than we are using, even in the middle of winter. This means we've got daytime clean energy to spare!

So the great news, even if you don't have solar panels, you can sign up to Indigo Power and use locally generated electricity.

With some more exciting news, funding for the Yack solar and battery installation, YACK01, has now been finalised. Keep your eye out along Back Creek Rd as the first panels to go up. Thanks to the host of YACK01, Ben Gilbert at the Agency of Sculpture.

Indigo Power, your local community energy company can be contacted via email: connect@indigopower.com.au or by phone on 1800 491 739. Their website is: indigopower.com.au

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our partners helping us information those of Indigo Power but don't yet displaying this information.



Totally Renewable Yackandandah

Community-scale pumped hydro and battery storage

TRY was over the moon in early June to hear that our application for just under \$350,000 to complete the plans for community-scale energy generation and storage was successful. This funding is crucial in the sprint toward 100% clean local power. Our project will be investigating the feasibility and best mix of 1-2 MWh of pumped hydro and 3-4 MWh of community-scale battery storage, which will work alongside some community-scale solar generation, and complement the town's existing generation and storage capacity.

We are so pleased to be doing this with the massive support of Dr. Helen Haines, the Independent Member for Indi. As part of the project we will be working with folks across Yackandandah and Mach 2 Consulting, as well as Mondo and Tamar Hydro Pty Ltd. We will identify the best mix of technologies and ways of operating them that will serve Yackandandah's needs.

The contracts have now been signed and a TRY 'project control group' has already started work. The initial project stages will identify the expected energy requirements for Yackandandah and then work with Tamar Hydro and Mondo to see what their technologies can provide in a local context.

The project is expected to take 15 months and will deliver the most practical pathway to reach our goal of 100% renewable energy, with a view to ensuring reliability of energy supply in times of crisis such as bushfires or heat waves. This phase is a critical step in our 5-stage roadmap to reach 100% and one we are very excited to be embarking on. Importantly the study will consider how Yackandandah could 'island' from the main grid in the event of an emergency or grid outage. This has obvious value, particularly in the face of a fire or major heat event.

Our project has been made possible through the federal government's Regional and Remote Communities Reliability Fund through the Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources. The fund supports studies that look at microgrid technologies to assist grid-challenged communities in regional and remote areas. The ultimate goal is to supply more reliable and cost effective energy solutions for regional communities that take account of their needs.

Onwards to 2022!



Helen Haines MP joined TRY members, Matt Charles-Jones, Kim McConchie and Donna Jones, to congratulate them on successfully obtaining funding for a feasibility study into energy storage. Photo Credit: TRY

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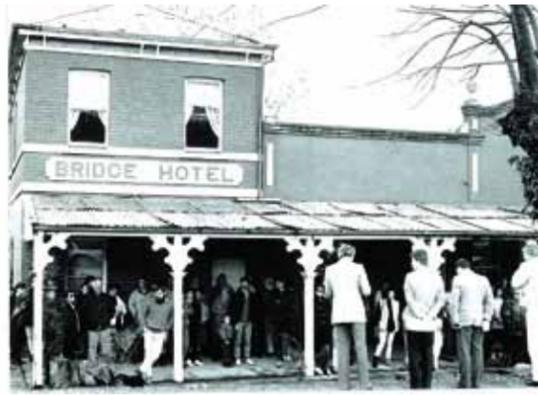


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Bridge Hotel - Auction Day

Country towns and country pubs – in most cases where you find one, you'll find the other. This was never more true than during our colonial days, through the gold rush era and on into the early 20th Century. While some of the smaller towns around Yackandandah no longer have

their 'local', Yackandandah has the 'Top' and the 'Bottom' pubs remaining - a century ago you could take a walk down the High Street from Wellsford to Williams and you'd see five of the town's six pubs – one block over and you'd find the 6th.

Hotels were more than just a watering hole – they were a home for permanent boarders, a layover for travellers (with stables provided for horses), a venue for local groups to hold meetings and their cellars proved to be a perfect place for the coroner to store a corpse or two until an inquest could be conducted.

As you walk through this exhibition you'll learn about three of Yackandandah's hotels, the men and women who ran them, those who frequented them and the events that took place in them. You'll also read about the constabulary's run-ins with the drunk and disorderly, the local temperance movement and the events leading to the closure of all but three of the local pubs.

Our team is still actively collecting your *Yackandandah in Lockdown* COVID stories, poems, artwork, photographs, anything of this nature that tells your story. Please send them to the Museum email or deliver by hand – then you can visit the exhibition at the same time!



Yack identity Bill Newton, caricature drawn at the Bottom Pub by well known artist, Frank Le Comte

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All visitors are welcome. The Museum has in place strict social distancing & sanitary practices to make your visit safe.

A snippet from Yackandandah Times newspaper, 16 Nov 1911:

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Social distancing will not be forgotten in the short term. But let's hope it will soon become a thing of the past to be remembered only in our Historical Society's archives!

We trust we can be of equal 'cheerful disposition and optimistic tomorrows' as we move forward in our own uncertain times.

Look who Phil and Sue ran into on the street, what a fun show of support for Yackandandah. Organised by Rod Millichamp, from Indigo Shire Tourist Information.



The Historical Society's Phil Buerckner and Sue Bell look on in disbelief at the visitors from Indigo Shire!

CURRENT OPENING HOURS: FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY – 10:30am-3pm
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

Please note that the AGM for the Public Halls S86 Committee of Management will be held on **Friday, 7th August, 2020 at 5.30 pm in the Gallery at the Public Hall.**

Members of the public are welcome to attend.

We are seeking to replace our Booking Secretary who resigns after several years in office. This is a paid position.

A position description is available. Please email to: publichall@yackandandah.com

Please note that the AGM for Yackatooon Retirement Village will be held on

Monday, 3rd August, 2020 at 7.00 pm in the Hall at Yackatooon Retirement Village, 3 Butson Street, Yackandandah.

Members of the public are welcome to attend.

We would welcome prospective Board Members who have building experience, as we are replacing a member of our Building Committee who is sadly resigning after many years of service to the Board.

Why Does a Hen Cackle After Laying an Egg?

An animal's early instinct, particularly in the wild, to preserve its life and that of its offspring, becomes so deeply ingrained that it is never lost. It survives even in the tamed and sheltered domestic livestock and pets.

Concern for their personal safety applies to fowl and accounts for precautionary measures on their part. It is the reason why no amount of crossbreeding has ever stopped the domestic chicken from cackling after having laid an egg, a practice which has been traced to its forebears, wild jungle fowl from India and Malaysia. It was their habit to live in groups, each made up of a cockerel and six to eight hens. When one of the hens was ready to lay an egg, she would leave the others to find a secluded spot, sheltered and secure from any interference. Once she had laid the egg, she was ready to rejoin the group. As this meanwhile had moved on, she had to cackle to locate their new whereabouts. The cockerel, on hearing her call, duly answered, letting her know where she could find them. This was the initial reason for hens to cackle. It is believed that the hen's cackling on the occasion of laying an egg had an additional purpose. Proud of her achievement, the bird wanted to broadcast it as far as the sound could carry. It is not only humans who are apt to boast. The term "cackle" is onomatopoeic in origin, trying to reproduce the sound made by the hen.

Taken from "The Book of Beginnings" by Dr. R & L Brasch.

Sandy and Athol were out shooting quail when Sandy fell to the ground. He didn't seem to be breathing. In a panic, Athol took out his mobile phone and called 000. He whimpered to the operator, "My friend is dead! What can I do?" The operator in a calm soothing voice said, "Just take it easy. I can help. First, let's make he's dead." There was a silence for a few moments and then the operator heard a shattering shot. Athol picked up the phone and said, "Okay, now what?"

Hmm - thanks Reg of the Rain Report...

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Hello Ali

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I recently come across your marvellous newspaper with the gem of name in part from my chit-chatting with Beverley (Lello). I must say how impressed I was with the quality and content of the newspaper. As I have a real soft spot for Yackandandah could I be put on the mailing list please.

Best wishes
Patricia

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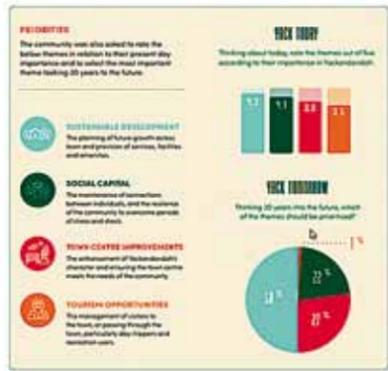
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Dear Ali

PLACE PLAN VS TOURISM STRATEGY

Firstly – Yack Place Plan CLEARLY states Yackandandah residents are NOT interested in tourism, in fact only 1% of the Yack population are.



Yet the push to increase tourism in Yackandandah, based on a single focused cycling hub forms a HUGE part of the "Indigo Destination Game Changer 2023 Tourism Strategy"

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An extract from Border Mail article dated 2nd June, 2018 read:

"A new 'game changer' to win 1.1 million extra tourists for Indigo Shire

Plans for the vastly different Indigo Shire towns were split into four areas: a focus on heritage for Beechworth, cycling for Yackandandah, making Rutherglen the Muscat wine capital

and promoting Chiltern as an ideal stop along the Hume Freeway.

Cr. Larry Goldsworthy asked the public to submit their feedback on the plan and did not expect it all to be positive.

"It may not please everybody, the strategy that we've got, but we're looking to get best bang for our buck," he said."

Sure I love cycling as much as the next person BUT.....

One would have to question if Indigo Council is truly representing the shire's residents in Yackandandah and surrounds? Residents live in Yack because they like the quiet and peaceful surroundings that Yackandandah and its forest offered. They chose to commute to larger centres for work so they can relax on returning home or work individually from home in support of their quieter, slower paced lifestyle choice. This IS why tourism only rated at 1% in the Yack Place plan. HOWEVER, Indigo Shire Council is forcing tourism on the town of Yackandandah at a pace the town is not ready for and at the expense of current and long standing Yackandandah residents. Thus, removing the reason many come to call Yackandandah home in the first place.

Sure, increase tourism in the towns that have grown and exist because of it, i.e. Beechworth (history) and Rutherglen (food and wine). But to create a new tourist hub in a sleepy little town with minimal infrastructure, little accommodation and limited ability for sustainable growth, all at the expense of its locals who clearly don't want an exponential

increase in tourists and who have kept the town alive for nearly two centuries as a tight knot community, is incompetent.

Why is the world driven by greed of the almighty dollar? Why do people who have little to no connection to a town preach what should be done there? Why do people rely on algorithms in removed settings to decide what locals want? Why do people move to these beautiful quiet areas and then want to change them to replicate the areas they have come from?

Yack as it has been known, is to be destroyed by Council and by single focused individuals who think they are saving the community when, in fact, they are pulling up its roots and killing our community slowly from the ground up.

Take your PROGRESS where it is wanted and won't destroy the peace, tranquility and beauty we call home.

Maybe Council carried out their Tourism Strategy and Place Plan a*se-about, maybe the Place Plan should have come before the Strategy? Maybe Council realise they are about to kill the strong, resilient community of Yackandandah and called for a Place Plan in an attempt to try to find a way to fix it, but still are not listening to what the community are telling them? By Council focusing on the wants of 1% of Yack's population, they are actually undermining the other 99% of Yack residents.

Is Council truly representing your Yackandandah community? Are you a Yack local? What are your thoughts on what Yack is to become/becoming?

If you feel the same, let Council and councillors know in writing and send a copy to the Editor of Yackity Yak.

Yours truly
Concerned Yack resident



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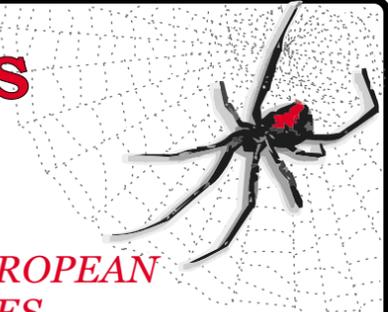
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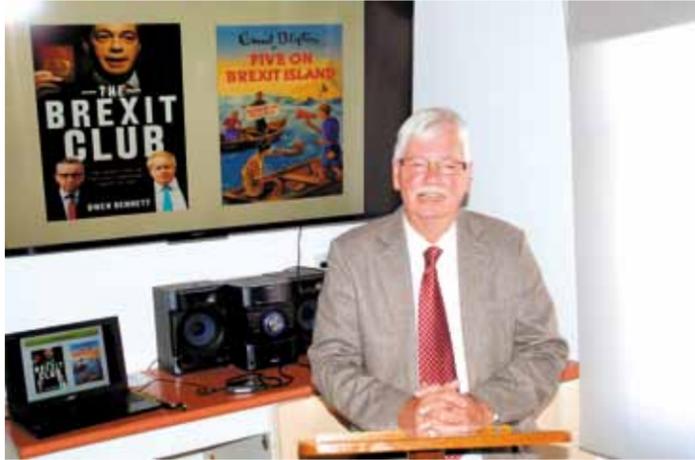
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We had hoped that we could return to our home at the Old Beechworth Railway Station to kick off Semester 2 at the end of July, but alas we cannot, at least not in the short term. COVID-19 has refused to retreat.

When lockdown was imposed in March, we introduced Zoom to our members, and thanks to the willingness of our tutors and presenters to step into the unknown, we were able to continue with most of our program. In all, seven of our regular courses (International Relations; Art and Architecture; Explorers of Australia; Conversations; Scribblers; Men's Book Group, and Friday Poets), and 3 one-off sessions (The Greatest Secret Agent; Wild Pollinators; and Healthy Eating) were on Zoom between late March to the end of June. This has given both audience and presenters plenty of opportunity to hone their Zoom skills, with great results.



Gerry Engwerda presenting to Indigo U3A members

This from Gerry Engwerda, presenter of the regular 'International Relations' sessions...

'Zoom has been a godsend for me as a

presenter. I use a PowerPoint presentation to illustrate my weekly lectures and have found that those presentations, in the past, have been of limited usefulness mainly because in a large group the people at the back had trouble seeing what was on the screen even if it was a fairly large one.

Now with Zoom everyone sees what I see (my screen is duplicated on theirs) and of course there is no limit on class sizes. Interaction with the group is different naturally and if we had our druthers, we would rather meet in the one place as we have in the past, but Zoom is a very good alternative if there is no other option.

Even in a remote session I can still see everyone (at least those who want to be seen) and with a tiled screen can readily



Indigo U3A President, Rosemary Ryan

Victorian local government elections to proceed

The Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) has noted a recent announcement from the Victorian Government that the local government elections for 2020 will proceed as planned in October this year.

The Minister for Local Government has confirmed that all local government elections in 2020 will be conducted by post.

Electoral Commissioner, Warwick Gately AM acknowledged the announcement. "The upcoming local government elections in Victoria will support continuity of democratic representation for Victorian communities," Mr Gately said.

"The VEC will continue to monitor and implement advice issued by the Chief Health Officer of Victoria to ensure the elections are conducted with minimal risk to the health and safety of Victorians."

Ballot packs will be mailed to voters and will include voting instructions, candidate information, a ballot paper, and a reply-paid envelope. Postal voting is completely secret. "We will continue to liaise with Australia Post, given their critical role in the elections".

Voters must confirm they are enrolled on either the State electoral roll or their council roll before 4.00 pm on Friday, 28 August, 2020

identify those who want to comment or ask a question. If I miss something, the host for the session picks up on it and lets me know.

I hope that we can get back together sometime in the future but in the meantime, I am more than happy with Zoom. It saves me travel time, setting up and it can all be done from my own living room. Saves on petrol as well. What's not to like?'

Gerry's sessions resume in Semester 2 under a different title, 'Our World – Background Briefings'. Details on Indigo U3A's program for Semester 2 can be found on the website at www.indigou3a.net.



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Memorial Tree Planting

Yackandandah Creek Landcare Group is coordinating an extensive tree planting project on the Yackandandah to Osbornes Flat Cycle Trail, as a memorial to Richard Horton. This will be held on National Tree Planting Day, Sunday 2 August 2020, from 9.00 am to 1.00 pm, and managed under COVID safe conditions.

People interested in helping with this project by purchasing and/or planting trees should contact the President, Jo Millar on 0405 040 639, or Chris Horton at the Post Office.

Apologies from the Editor .

The following article for Yack Landcare was to have been in the June/July edition of Yackity Yak but was unfortunately missed off.

It's never my intention to bump articles either by intention due to so much copy received, or by excitement that we HAVE received so much copy.

Very sorry Yack Landcare, you do such magnificent work and it's very much appreciated by your community. Ed.

As you walk along the path up to the Historic Gorge, have you ever stopped to wonder what is over the other side of the creek? Or ventured over there? The Yackandandah Landcare Group has been working on this "wild west side" of the creek since 2017. Grants from the North East Catchment Authority and Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning have enabled us to tackle the dense blackberry, privet, gorse and pine infestations.

The plan is to keep this area natural and rely on bush regeneration as much as possible. The path will remain narrow and winding, so it feels more like a bushwalk than an urban walkway. The starting point is the carpark at the Bells Flat Road wetland. Hop over the bollard chain and follow the track by the creek. If you look up, you may see some nest boxes of different shapes and sizes. Recent inspection has revealed sugar glider nesting material in a couple of the boxes in readiness for winter breeding.

You will notice a fenced area where volunteers have planted a range of local eucalypts, wattles, tea tree, bursaria and grasses. Guards are in



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Yack Landcare members – young and younger!
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place to prevent damage from hares and wallabies.

Further up towards the gorge the path divides. You can keep following the creek or turn right around a small hill and enter a hidden valley. This special spot has tall blue gums, blackwoods and tree ferns!

Indigo Shire have also been supportive with a grant to build stairs down to the carpark from Bells Flat Road, trees to plant on the bank above the wetland and more signage. There is still lots more to do along Yackandandah Creek so if you are interested in

lending a hand, contact Jo Millar (0405 040 639) or Mish Croker (0477 417 445).

You can also follow us on the Yackandandah Creek Landcare Facebook Page for information about wildlife, events and projects.

Richard Alastair Horton, 19 March 1975 – 3 June 2020

Richard Horton was born in Hamilton, New Zealand, and came to Australia with his parents Chris and Helen, and his younger sister Katherine, in 1979. The family moved to Wodonga in 1981, where Chris taught at Clyde Cameron College, and Helen was a Community Development Officer with the Victorian Department of Community Services. Richard and Katherine attended St Monica's Primary School, and later Catholic College in Wodonga.



Environmental Policy. A short time later he was appointed as the initial Policy and Research Officer with the Northern Territory Environment Protection Authority.

A period of extensive work in the Northern Territory gave Richard great professional satisfaction, and exposure to many leaders in this field. It was also

his springboard to further studies, including a Masters Degree in Planning (UTS), and to a position as Climate Change Policy Officer, and subsequently as Assistant Director, Strategic Planning and Policy, in the ACT Government's Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate.

In these roles, he worked on several greenfield planning and policy projects including the introduction of e-bikes as an alternative to cars for use by the ACT Public Service, and on aspects of development initiatives including the light rail and various carbon emission reduction initiatives. In the 2018 ACT Planning Strategy he researched and wrote the section *Sustainable and Resilient Territory* as part of the Strategic Directions.

Richard took over the preparation of a plan for the small rural village of Tharwa, located a few kilometres to the south of the ACT's southern suburbs. The plan is the only one of its kind and is especially tailored to the history and character of the village. Richard undertook all aspects of researching and writing the plan, as well as meeting with the local residents to explain the plan and how they could have their say about what it would include.

Locally, Richard continued to take a great interest in his father's move to Yackandandah, and over a period of more than ten years, worked with Chris on the development of his unique low energy home, with a Trust for Nature Covenant, and a planting and revegetation program of more than 3,000 trees. This is a substantial legacy, and Richard is sadly missed by his family, especially Chris, Katherine, brother-in-law Nathan, and his nieces Pania and Clover, and by his friends and colleagues.

Richard was farewelled at a very moving ceremony held in the Yackandandah Public Hall on Monday 15 June 2020. He is buried at Yackandandah Cemetery in a casket of native *Rimu* timber from his homeland of New Zealand, in the foothills of the Baranduda Range that he loved.

Haere rā

Richard and Katherine both enjoyed the outdoors, and spent much time with family friends, Liz and Laurie Rivers, and their girls Zoe and Cherry, on the Rivers' Haring Lane block, and down around the Yackandandah Creek. Family trips to Mount Buffalo, and walking their beloved dog Pippa along the tracks on the Baranduda Range, gave Richard a lifelong interest and engagement with the bush, and with the plants and animals that lived there.

In 1987 Helen, at that stage Regional Manager of Community Services for the Upper Murray Region of Victoria, died suddenly of a brain haemorrhage, when Richard was 12 and Katherine 10. The impact of this on the family was incalculable, but the decision was made to stay in this familiar area among the children's friends. During his senior schooling Richard undertook a placement in Canberra with Senator Peter Cook, then Minister for Industrial Relations.

Following a year of Landscape Architecture studies at RMIT, Richard headed overseas with friends, working in England and Scotland for almost two years, and travelled widely in Europe. He returned to complete a BA Honours degree at La Trobe University, where his majors were International Politics and Spanish, in the course of which he spent two semesters at the University of Barcelona.

During this period Richard became an active and competitive road cyclist with the Brunswick Cycle Club in Melbourne, with considerable success until a bad crash in a race from Melbourne to Ballarat left him with permanent hip damage which could not be successfully repaired. Despite losing the sport which was his passion, Richard continued to be active and fit through swimming and walking.

Richard's enthusiasm for the natural world, and his commitment to ecology and sustainable development, drew him to the University of Melbourne, where he completed a Masters in

Kathleen Bragge 18th June 1943 - 20th July 2020

It is with great regret that we announce the passing of Kathleen Bragge.

Kath died on Monday, 20th July early in the morning, at Yackatoo where she had been in residence for just two weeks.



Kath was born Kathleen Nell Dempster in Melbourne on 18th June, 1943. She grew up in Alphington, completed her secondary education at University High and was a very young 16 when she began a degree at Melbourne University. Kath finished her teaching degree at La Trobe University and went on to teach at Reservoir High and then out to the Mallee for a stint at Murrayville where she taught English and English Literature. That love of literature stayed with her all her life as visitors to her book-filled home can attest.

Later in her career she was appointed Deputy Principal at what was then Wodonga High School. From there she was appointed principal of Wodonga West Secondary College, a position she held from 1991 to 1998.

After retirement she led a quiet but active life in Yackandandah with her partner John McIntyre in Twist Creek Road. She was often to be seen walking the hills behind and above the town with the dogs she adored or spending time with her neighbours.

In retirement she also took up an honorary position with the Office of Public Advocate responsible for the North East region as well as a position on the Forensic Leave Panel which attended to psychiatric patients and their welfare both in and out of jail. Kath was still the Hume Coordinator for the Disability Community Visitor Program and a very active member of the local Landcare group that became such a large part of her life here.

She is survived by her dear friend John McIntyre (now resident in Yamaroo), her children Lily, Marianne and Conor and grandchildren Rudi, Maya, Miki, Koa. Special thanks must go to her daughter Marianne who put her own life on hold for months to look after her mother.

Kath will be sorely missed by her many friends, former colleagues and neighbours.

Funeral arrangements are in the hands of Lester and Son. Kath will be buried at the Yackandandah Cemetery on Thursday, 30th July at 2pm. Numbers limited to 50 only. Please phone Marianne on 0433 123 649 if you can attend.

Please - no flowers by request. If anyone wishes to make a donation in her memory those donations may be made to Landcare Yackandandah.

ROBERT JOHN KELLEY

Helen and family are overwhelmed by the generosity of the Yackandandah and District community.



"Bob had a good life" – his very words. It began on Dederang Road, then Back Creek Road, Wyndham Lane then to Yackandandah Health.

We would like to thank Yackandandah Health for all their loving care, friends and family who dropped off food and flowers for the people who called and sent cards. The priest, parishioners and church cleaners who worked so hard to have the Church ready. The Community Bowling Club for catering and care given on the occasion of Bob's wake, and members of the Golf Club for their support and care.

Thank you seems such a little word, but it has such a big meaning. Thank you one and all. Helen and family

Real Life by George Monbiot

This coronavirus is the wake-up call for a complacent civilisation. We have been living in a bubble: a bubble of false comfort and denial. In the rich nations, we have begun to believe we have transcended the material world. The wealth we've accumulated – often at the expense of others – has shielded us from reality. Living behind screens, passing between capsules – our houses, cars, offices and shopping malls – we persuaded ourselves that contingency had retreated, that we had reached the point all civilisations seek: insulation from natural hazard.

Now the membrane has ruptured, and we find ourselves naked and outraged, as the biology we appeared to have banished storms through our lives. The temptation, when this pandemic has passed, will be to find another bubble. We cannot afford to succumb to it. From now on, we should expose our minds to the painful realities we have denied for too long.

The planet has multiple morbidities, some of which will make this coronavirus look, by comparison, easy to treat. One above all others has come to obsess me in recent years: how will we feed ourselves? Fights over toilet paper are ugly enough: I hope we never have to witness fights over food. But it's becoming difficult to see how we will avoid them.

A large body of evidence is beginning to accumulate, showing how climate breakdown is likely to affect our food supply. Already, farming in some parts of the world is being hammered by drought, floods, fire and locusts (whose resurgence in the past few weeks appears to be the result of anomalous tropical cyclones). When we call such hazards "biblical", we mean that they are the kind of things that happened long ago, to people whose lives we can scarcely imagine. Now, with increasing frequency, they are happening to us.

In his forthcoming book, *Our Final Warning*, Mark Lynas explains what is likely to happen to our food supply with every extra degree of global heating. He finds that extreme danger kicks in somewhere between 3 and 4° above pre-industrial levels. At this point, a series of interlocking impacts threaten to send food production into a death spiral. Outdoor temperatures become too high for humans to tolerate, making subsistence farming impossible across Africa and South Asia. Livestock die from heat stress. Temperatures start to exceed the lethal thresholds for crop plants across much of the world, and major food producing regions turn into dust bowls. Simultaneous global harvest failure – something that has never happened in the modern world – becomes highly likely.

In combination with a rising human population, the loss of irrigation water, soil and pollinators, this could push the world into structural famine. Even today, when the world has a total food surplus, hundreds of millions are malnourished as a result of the unequal distribution of wealth and power. Under food deficit, billions could starve. Hoarding will happen, as it always has, at the global level, as powerful people snatch food from the mouths of the poor. Yet, even if every nation keeps its promises under the Paris Agreement, which currently seems unlikely, global heating will amount to between 3 and 4°.



Thanks to our illusion of security, we are doing almost nothing to anticipate this catastrophe, let alone prevent it. This existential issue scarcely seems to impinge on our consciousness. Every food producing sector claims that its own current practices are sustainable, and don't need to change. When I challenge them, I'm met with a barrage of anger, abuse and threats of the kind I haven't experienced since I opposed the Iraq War. Sacred cows and holy lambs are everywhere, and the thinking required to develop the new food systems we need is scarcely anywhere.

But this is just one of our impending crises. Antibiotic resistance is, potentially, as deadly as any new disease. One of the causes is the astonishingly profligate way in which these precious medicines are used on some livestock farms. Where vast numbers of farm animals are packed together, antibiotics are deployed prophylactically, to prevent otherwise inevitable outbreaks of disease. In some parts of the world, they are used not only to prevent disease, but also as growth promoters. Low doses are routinely

added to feed: a strategy which could scarcely be better designed to deliver bacterial resistance.

In the US, where 27 million people have no medical cover, some people are now treating themselves with veterinary antibiotics, including those sold, without prescription, to medicate pet fish. Pharmaceutical companies are failing to invest sufficiently in the search for new drugs. If antibiotics cease to be effective, surgery becomes almost impossible. Childbirth becomes a mortal hazard once more. Chemotherapy can no longer be safely practised. Infectious diseases we have comfortably forgotten become deadly threats. We should discuss this issue as often as we talk about football. But again, it scarcely registers.

Our multiple crises, of which these are just two, have a common root. The problem is exemplified by the response of the organisers of the Bath Half Marathon, a massive event that took place on March 15, to the many people begging them to cancel. "It is now too late for us to cancel or postpone the event. The venue is built, the infrastructure is in place, the site and our contractors are ready." In other words, the sunk costs of the event were judged to outweigh any future impacts – the potential transmission of disease, and possible deaths – it might cause. The amount of time it took the International Olympic Committee to postpone the Games could reflect similar judgements – but at least they got there in the end. Sunk costs within the fossil fuel industry, farming, banking, private healthcare and other sectors prevent the rapid transformations we need. Money becomes more important than life.

There are two ways this could go. We could, as some people have done, double down on denial. Some of those who have dismissed other threats, such as climate breakdown, also seek to downplay the threat of COVID-19. Witness the Brazilian president, Jair Bolsonaro, who claims that the coronavirus is nothing more than "a little flu". The media and opposition politicians who have called for lockdown are, apparently, part of a conspiracy against him.

Or this could be the moment when we begin to see ourselves, once more, as governed by biology and physics, and dependent on a habitable planet. Never again should we listen to the liars and the deniers. Never again should we allow a comforting falsehood to trounce a painful truth. No longer can we afford to be dominated by those who put money ahead of life. This coronavirus reminds us that we belong to the material world.

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Part of my keeping sane during COVID-19 has been to take a two year lease on a mule.

So, what is a mule? Here are 13 things you may not have known and I certainly didn't. As a new temporary mule owner, I was a bit intrigued to find out what makes a mule tick, and to learn something about its history.

1. Mules are one of the most commonly used working animals in the world, highly prized for their hardiness and docile nature. In countries from North Africa to South East Asia, mules pull carts to market, carry people across rough terrain, and help their owners to till the soil.

2. Mules are the offspring of a male donkey and female horse. Mules combine characteristics of both horse and donkey parents to create a tougher, more resilient working animal. A hinny, the offspring of a male horse and female donkey is much rarer and more closely resembles its mother with the long ears of a donkey. Mules are 99.9% sterile - this is due to an uneven chromosome count. A female mule that has oestrus cycles and thus, in theory, could carry



The Mule and the Cat - now good friends

term for a gelded mule.

3. Mules are hardier, eat less, and live longer than horses of an equivalent size. The mule is valued because, while it has the size and ground-covering ability of its dam, it is stronger than a horse of similar size and inherits

the endurance and disposition of the donkey sire, tending to require less food than a horse of similar size. Mules also tend to be more independent than most domesticated equines other than its parental species, the donkey.

4. Mules are less stubborn and more intelligent than donkeys.

Don't let the old saying "as stubborn as a mule" fool you: mules are thought to be more docile than their donkey fathers. But a mule's intelligence also means that they are more cautious and aware of danger, making them safer to ride when crossing dangerous terrain.

5. Mules generally weigh between 360 and 450 kg but "mini mules" can weigh under 23 kgs. Mules can inherit a range of features from their parents and there's no promise of what a mule foal might grow in to. Over the centuries, owners have experimented with crossbreeding different sizes and breeds of

horses - from miniature horses to draft horses - to create different sizes and strengths of mule. Characteristics - with its short thick head, long ears, thin limbs, small narrow hooves, and a short mane, the mule shares characteristics of a donkey. In height and body, shape of neck and rump,

uniformity of coat, and teeth, it appears horse-like. The mule comes in all sizes, shapes and conformations. There are mules that resemble huge draft horses, sturdy quarter horses, fine-boned racing horses, shaggy ponies and more.

6. The mule inherits from its sire the traits of intelligence, sure-footedness, toughness, endurance, disposition, and natural cautiousness. From its dam it inherits speed, conformation, and agility. Mules are reputed to exhibit a higher cognitive intelligence than their parent species, however, there is a lack of robust scientific evidence to back up these claims. Mules are generally taller at the shoulder than donkeys and have better endurance than horses, although a lower top speed.

7. The skin of a mule is less sensitive than that of a horse and more resistant to sun and rain. This makes mules a dependable option for owners who work outside in harsh weather and strong sunlight.

8. Mules can live up to 50 years. Although the average lifespan for mules is between 35 and 40 years, some mules have been known to live until 50, especially if well looked after.

9. Mules have harder hooves than horses which makes them great for rocky terrain. Mules' hooves are less likely to split or crack and can withstand mountainous trails and rocky farm soil. For many owners around the world who may not be able to regularly replace horseshoes, this means that mules are cheaper to keep. Handlers of working animals generally find mules preferable to horses, mules showing more patience under the pressure of heavy weights. Many North American farmers with clay soil found mules superior as plough animals.

10. In addition to whinnying like a horse and braying like a donkey, mules make sounds that combine both calls and have even been known to whimper when excited or worried.

11. Militaries have depended on mules for millennia - my father worked with them in the Middle East in WW2. Mules have been used throughout history as reliable pack animals in combat, able to take on the tough terrain that other forms of transport can't reach. For example, in the 1980s the US military used more than 10,000 mules to

carry weapons and supplies through Afghanistan's rugged hills to mujahedeen camps. In general, a mule can be packed with dead weight of up to 20% of its body weight, or approximately 90 kg. Although it depends on the individual animal, it has been reported that mules trained by the Army of Pakistan can carry up to 72 kilograms and walk 26 kilometres without resting. The average equine in general can carry up to approximately 30% of its body weight in live weight, such as a rider.

12. China breeds the largest numbers of mules in the world, followed by Mexico - China breeds more than seven million mules each year where they are commonly used on small farms and for transport.

13. Mules can kick sideways. Although mules are usually docile, an angry mule can kick



Out on the ride - those ears! They can semaphore like mad...

both backwards and to the side. Avoid a mule's hind legs as these animals can pack quite a punch!

The mule is a fine example of hybrid vigour. Charles Darwin wrote: "The mule always appears to me a most surprising animal. That a hybrid should possess more reason, memory, obstinacy, social affection, powers of muscular endurance, and length of life, than either of its parents, seems to indicate that art has here outdone nature."

Approximately 3.5 million donkeys and mules are slaughtered each year for meat worldwide.

I am certainly enjoying the challenge working with Spinifex who joined us from Maldon, Victoria. She's only 4 years old, but is great fun to ride and has a definite sense of humour. She seems pretty happy with whatever we do, and I've enjoyed some lovely riding with friends and lots more to come over the next 2 years. Sadly, I'm not able to join the Yack Riding Club as their parent organisation the HRCVA won't allow mules to join in the fun...

Ali Pockley



Louise and Fair Isle (New Forest x Arab) and Ali on Spinifex on their first NE Vic ride together

a foetus, is called a "molly" or "Molly mule", though the term is sometimes used to refer to female mules in general. Pregnancy is rare, but can occasionally occur naturally as well as through embryo transfer. A male mule is properly called a horse mule, though often called a john mule, which is the correct



Helen Haines MP

INDEPENDENT FEDERAL MEMBER FOR INDI



The recent community spread of COVID-19 has shown that our collective public health response to this virus is indeed a long haul. The lockdown in Melbourne and the NSW/Victoria border closure are having a direct impact on our Indi tourism and small business sector, on working patterns and on a host of everyday activities. I hope that you, your family and friends remain safe and well. Let's all work together to get through this.

The NSW Government's decision to close its border with Victoria from July 8 has caused a lot of confusion and frustration in our communities. These have included Victorian residents cancelling vital cancer treatment at Albury Cancer Centre, and people in border communities like Beechworth, Wooragee and Yackandandah unable to apply for a cross-border permit to travel in neighbouring NSW communities for their usual work or services. After writing to the NSW Premier where I set out these concerns, I convened a meeting of Indigo, Towong, Wangaratta, Wodonga and Albury mayors and chief executives with the NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet, the NSW Cross Border Commissioner and the NSW Deputy Police Commissioner. I'm pleased NSW has responded to some of our concerns. It removed the requirement for people from Victoria working in agriculture, mining, construction, energy and health sectors in NSW to self-isolate. It also removed some hard-closure barriers on bridges in smaller border communities that would delay emergency services. I am continuing to advocate for more communities to be eligible for the cross-border permit so the people living in them can go about their daily work.

It is taking too long to get some of these basic issues sorted but I encourage everyone to be patient. **Need help getting a border permit?** Call in at my Wodonga office, 79 High Street, 9:00am-5:00pm weekdays and my staff will apply for and print your permit. Please bring identification with you.

Update - Real energy for a national plan



On July 3, my community energy co-design process closed for submissions. Over eight weeks, we held 14 workshops in Indi and elsewhere across the country and received 98 submissions. We had submissions from Yackandandah, Wagga, Dubbo, Tamworth, Noosa, Geraldton, Margaret River, Launceston, Adelaide, Geelong, Bendigo, Hobart, and Shepparton. And 52 per cent of submissions came from Indi!

Our next step is to build those submissions into a compelling plan to take the Energy Minister in September. The plan will help unlock the benefits of

community energy for every regional Australian. Watch this space.

\$10,000 small business bushfire support grant – If you operate a small business in Alpine, Indigo, Mansfield, Towong or Wangaratta local government areas and you lost revenue as a result of the 2020 summer bushfire emergency, you could be eligible for a \$10,000 small business bushfire support grant.

Check your eligibility and [apply online](#) at Rural Finance (Victoria). Applications close December 31, 2020.

As always, I welcome your enquiries, ideas and feedback.

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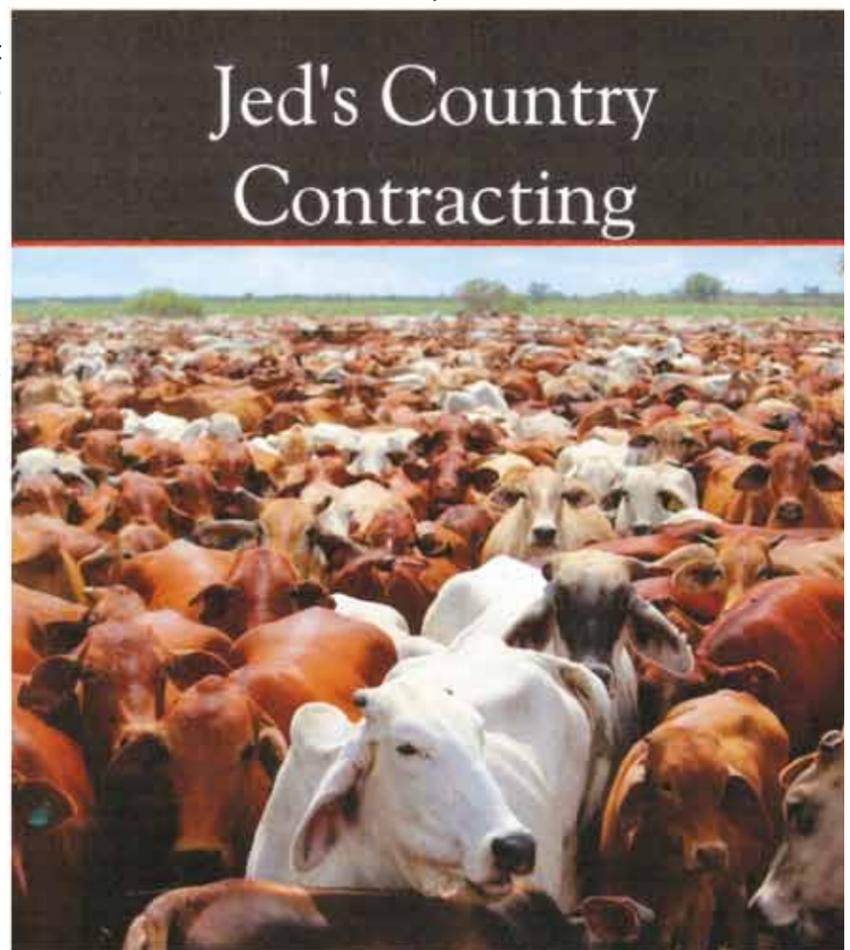
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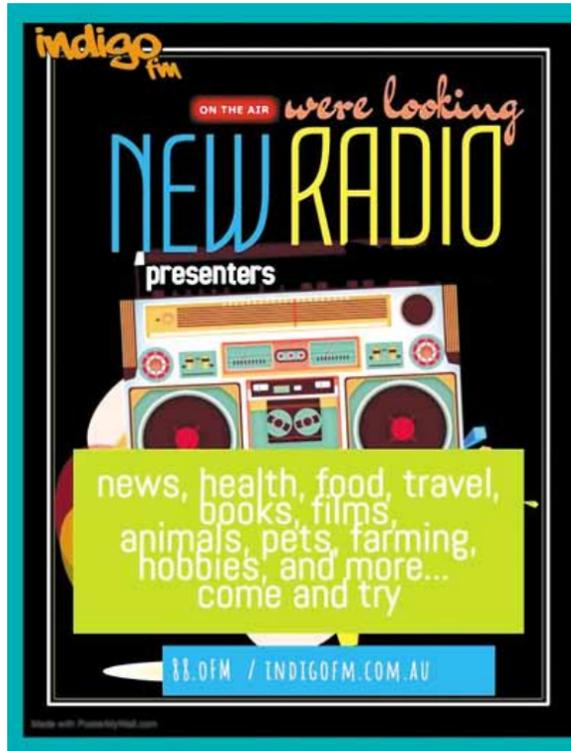
across our first decade. There are some definite treasures including shows, themed specials and Yack Folk Festival live in studio performances so feel free to check them out. Every couple of weeks we add some to our Podcast site too at www.indigofmradio.podomatic.com - see you can head there to find them as well as other recent shows you may have missed.

the unfortunate 2 month disruption caused by the major water leak at Yackandandah Community Centre.

The Community Centre looks freshened up with new carpet and at Indigo FM we are taking the glass half-full view that opportunities await.

As eager as we are, we're also very mindful that community safety as well as that of our volunteer presenters, is a priority. We're working closely with YCC to ensure that the appropriate safety protocols are in place so that we can get on with the business of providing a regular schedule of enjoyable radio shows as we support the community to recover in the back end of 2020.

Our 10 Year Birthday Celebrations continue throughout August and September. Each Saturday from 2pm onwards, we switch to 24 hours of our 10 Year Birthday Archive - a bunch of past shows that demonstrate the inventive nature of Indigo FM and its various presenters

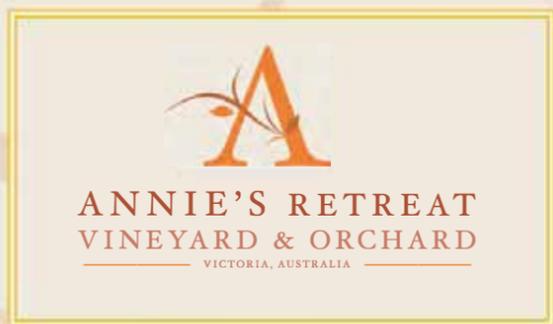


From mid-August onwards we are inviting you to cast votes for your favourite Australian songs of the past decade. Keep an eye out for the online form to fill out. We will be conducting a countdown during our October Radiothon month - full details of our Radiothon will appear in the October edition of Yackity Yak.

If you would like to join Indigo FM as a presenter, we are always looking for new presenters and themed shows with a difference. Your show could be about sustainability, technology, book reviews, life skills honed through the challenges of 2020 and, of course, music. Several people have shared with us their lockdown coping strategies and we're hoping some of these transition to a regular radio

show as a creative outlet. Just drop us a line at indigofmradioyack@gmail.com or send us a message via our website www.indigofmradio.com/contact/

That's all for now. Remember to keep tuning in on 88.0 Indigo FM and above all stay safe and look out for each other.

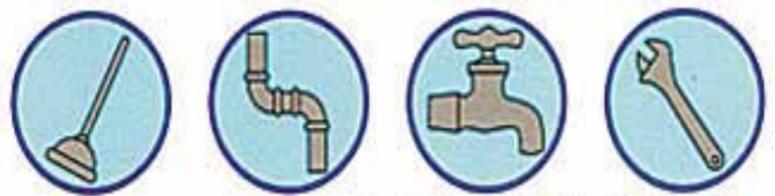


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THE ARTS IN YACKANDANDAH

Six enthusiastic film makers spent a weekend at the Yackandandah Court House with Alison Plasto learning the craft of film making. Arts Yackandandah has a project running to provide some creative activity based on filming local stories.

A bit about Alison: Alison Plasto



Alison Plasto with tools of the trade

Alison Plasto is that rare mix of city and country. A regionally based shooting director, Alison works across NSW and Victoria under Out of Line and as a shooter producer with city-based productions on location. This last year, Alison helped cast, shoot and produce for Struggle Street in the NSW Riverina and shadow directed on Wentworth and Seachange.

A multi-skilled digital producer, Alison shot and produced breaking news, feature stories and managed the websites and social media for Fairfax Digital from 2017-19. In 2014-15, she hit the road, helping rural and regional Australians in the Western Plains of NSW share their stories with ABC Open. Alison treasures her time out west as an ABC Open Producer and returned in late 2017 to film Pride Out West, a Screen NSW/ABC documentary and Alison's fifth

broadcast film for the ABC.

Out of Line thrives on creating content based on genuine insight to bring about social change. Their philosophy is simple. When they're telling stories, especially those set outside big cities, let's leave people better than we found them.

One of the really distinctive aspects of life in Yackandandah is the way that people with ideas and energy feel encouraged and emboldened to try them out! Why don't we take over the servo and keep it going when the previous operator was going to give it away? Why don't we try a music festival and have some fun? Why don't we take care of our own electricity energy requirements? Why don't we set up a cinema for family entertainment?

That was the idea of Russell Munro and Graeme Hutchings back late last century. Why not indeed?

So, with the help of Ron Hanel, then operating the Bandiana Cinema, Graeme and Russell set about getting some gear together, hiring some programs and Yackandandah Cinema took off on Friday nights at the old Public Hall.

From the outset, Friday Night Pictures at the Hall were a genuine Yackandandah community project.

Graeme applied a keen but discerning eye to movie selection aiming to appeal to all ages without challenging the taste and sensibilities too much. Access to the distributor's film library required Graeme to lodge a security of some \$4,000 as an advance of hiring fees. The 16mm projectors cranked away



Dan Carberry attacks the projection slots, ending an era for Cinema Yackandandah

small amount and a drink for their efforts. It was a real community event, that was safe and convenient particularly for kids and families looking to get out and

CINEMA YACKANDANDAH

Stand Aside Bruce Beresford!

Now about us:

Frances Higgins, Margie Gleeson, Lou Scheidl, Robert Hill, Georgie Arthur and Richard Nunn spent two days

experimenting, discussing, and problem solving issues of digital storytelling. What began as a desire to edit and display took on a whole new outlook.

We were all excited by the prospect of Georgie's drone camera and are trying to work out how we can include such a great asset.

So, look out for us!

We have a couple of stories in the pipeline but are looking for more. We have a range of skills and now newfound confidence and risk taking attitude!

Who knows... is this the beginning of a great Festival of Small Films? Or Small Festival of Grand Films!



From left to right at Yack's iconic Court House: Margie Gleeson, Richard Nunn, Robert Hill, Louise Scheidl (at back,) Georgie Arthur and Frances Higgins. Alison Plasto in middle

Contact: arts.yackandandah@gmail.com if you have a story.

about on Friday night. In time, the film distributors moved from

16mm prints exclusively into 35mm requiring matching equipment. Ever enterprising, Russell managed a grant from somewhere enabling the project to re-equip in the larger format.

Graeme tells of salvaging second hand 35mm projectors and equipment from somewhere over in the Wimmera, carting it back to Yackandandah and setting it up in the projection box in the newly revamped and largely rebuilt Public Hall. Recently released films were available at a hire of around \$300 for a single screening from 20th Century Fox and Roadshow. Insurance costs of around \$500 pa and Hall hire all had to be met from the box office with little or no external financial support.

The transition to digital film distribution ultimately brought an end to the enterprise with the last screening in 2015.

This chapter in the social and cultural life of Yackandandah was finally closed last week when the old projection room at the Public Hall was converted into a technical room with the opening up of the room for setting and controlling sound and lights. The Hall continues to evolve to suit the changing needs of the community, but it is important to reflect on the heritage of what has gone before.

Thank you, Graeme and Russell.



The new you beaut Technical Room at Yack's Public Hall, for light and sound

Doug Westland

THE ARTS IN YACKANDANDAH

In June, several members of the Yackandandah Writers entered a competition run by the Australian Writers' Centre (a monthly event). Authors were required to include the following in a 500 word story: first & last words had to begin with 'J', they needed to include the phrase 'missed the boat' and a game. The result was a diverse and entertaining selection of stories two of which appear below. None of our members were short listed for the competition but we had fun trying.

Yackandandah Writers meet in the Yackandandah Court House on the first Wednesday of the month at 2.30pm.
If you are interested in joining the group contact **Bev Lello: beverley.lello@gmail.com**

WE LIKE THE CUT OF YOUR JIB by Vanessa Welsh

"Jolly good show," exclaimed the Commodore. We glanced at each other, suppressing a chortle of mirth at the Englishness of this exchange.

Here we were, half way round the world, playing games in boats. Well, that was how we approached the whole craziness of racing. Graciously sailing over the finish line second last was an enormous achievement.

Spending a number of years in Blighty near a quaint seaside town, it seemed quite the thing to partake of the nautical life and all it had to offer. I was a complete novice and my sailor husband had never given racing 'round the cans' a go.

We achieved mascot status, two Aussies invited aboard beautifully ancient wooden boats for nibbles and champers. It was fabulous fun. But oh how things could change. Those delightful exchanges in the yacht club were a different kettle of fish once everyone started the race.

"Water!"

What? What's your problem mate, there's plenty of water. Upon brushing up on the rules of racing, we soon understood why we were being shouted at. The expletives were astounding. We were probably expecting, "I say, do you mind awfully if we sail past you?" Nope, bearing down on us at a great rate of knots, fellow racers missed the boat by inches.

It was terrifying, but strangely exhilarating and we learnt fast. Most of the time we'd languish behind the fleet, battling the tides, trying desperately to

round the next buoy and the next and the next. Heading downwind we flew the spinnaker majestically. Learning the ropes, literally, as we reached and ran. At first the lingo confused me no end.

"Pull that sheet!" Sheet? What about pillowslips?

The camaraderie back at the yacht club was a mixture of tall tales, poking fun and general boaty banter. One particular daytime race during a week of frivolity we were advised to take a picnic. So with a lavish spread of pate, cheese, a crusty baguette and lashings of ginger beer, we fronted up for the sailing briefing.

Well, I was teased unmercifully by our fellow racers whose idea of a picnic was a soggy egg and cress sanga to be grabbed during the competition. I was obviously hoping for a demure sail, perhaps trailing my hand in the water and providing a sumptuous lunch for the crew. Not so, I broke the offending bread product in two and learnt the definition of picnics in the sailing context.

Eventually we left our wonderful sailing buddies behind and moved back at our land-locked home. We sometimes crave the thrill of skimming across the waves, tacking back and forth to reach a distant mark, the vessel heeled over at a jaunty angle, scooping salty water along the gunwales. Wind whipping up white horses, spray covering our oilies in a fine mist. With so many happy experiences to remember our favourite is to sail downwind with the main sail eased and a full jib.

JUSTICE by Chris Zerbst

"Justine Justice," I answered. Silence, the look on his face unamused.

I shifted the lean on my hips, raised a questioning eyebrow. Nothing.

"Lady, if you're waiting for a reaction, I don't give a snake's hiss what name your parents gave you. What I do care to know is, why you are holding a gun hot enough to fry an egg on, while standing over a corpse looking like the pair of you are joined by an umbilical cord?"

I put my gun down on the piece of furniture closest to me, within easy reach. Tension in the room accelerated. The policeman took his weapon from the holster slung over his shoulder, hidden till now by his overcoat. I slowly peeled back the lapels of my jacket and reached into the inside pocket, withdrawing a thin wallet. Opening it, I introduced myself.

"Detective Inspector, Justice Department." That put life into his poker face.

"That still doesn't answer my question, Mam. What is your business here? Do you know who it is lying at your feet?"

I knew, but how much did Sergeant Plodd here know?

Slinky Jackson was a significant figure, not in stature but on the street. Skinny enough to fit through a rat hole, the nickname had stuck. If you wanted it, he could oblige, at a price. Young men and women who should have been going home to their loved ones after an honest day's work; instead were given a guard of honour at the

Emergency Department door by doctors fighting to save their lives—overdosed on the white powder Slinky supplied. Prostitutes who trolled the street day and night, eager to please their boss, were caught in his trap. If they didn't make enough, a black eye, a cut lip, a broken bone, he was big. He was mine.

"You can put that gun back where it belongs. Your ID?"

I knew then I outranked him; he gave way without a fight, although reluctantly. Why did I feel threatened by one of our own? Call it instinct, trust no one.

"Detective no less. What brings you to this house of pleasure? Have you called for back-up?"

A blank stare. The deck was dealt, who would be first to fold? The piece of dirt lying at our feet no longer mattered, the jackpot lay hidden inside Slinky's mansion; it was all or nothing. We had both bought-in, but for opposite reasons.

I was hot, could double-down, but I gave nothing away. I needed Mr Big to show his hand before making my move. Would he play an even-money bet, or did he hold rubbish? My instinct told me the latter.

"Inspector, you can take half of what I know Slinky has stowed away here, sail off into the sunset and live happily ever after, or you can miss the boat and wind up a statistic, your call."

A door opened, and an arresting officer emerged. Game over. I held a royal flush. Justice.

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Unfortunately, we are having to take an extended break from our Monday night sessions while the COVID-19 virus is causing concern. We will reconvene later on in the year when we are able to.

**For further details, contact Frances on
0417 292 917**



What's New?

- We have refreshed our objectives document- see this on our website.
- From June 1st we will be rolling out formal memberships to SRR, you can also choose to join our friends list.
- New mammal monitoring- with the purchase of some new motion cameras and spotlights.

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The number of bird survey sites currently monitored by volunteers. We are currently analysing this data to provide some feedback to our network and volunteers soon. Data from some sites will be used for NECMA's Bush for Birds project.



UPCOMING PROJECTS

September 4th - Our NEEAR (North East Environment Action Roundtable) forum, bringing together a diverse network to encourage communication and collaboration to improve outcomes for our natural environment.

September 13th - Our "Intro to Birding" workshop jointly hosted with Wooragee landcare. A gentle introduction into how to identify birds common to the North-East region for those new to bird watching or hoping to learn more.

Oct/Nov 2020 - Community engagement bird watching day in Warby Ranges + update on our joint bird survey project with Parks Vic.

2021 - Navigating Climate change in North-East Landscapes forum a joint project with NRCL (Natural resources conservation league of Victoria).

Coming soon - Our Nestbox guide for the North-East. This will be available in hard copy and online.

Reg's Rain Report



2020	Millimetres	Days of Rain
January	31.4	7
February	28.8	5
March	155.0	6
April	173.0	15
May	53.0	10
June	86.2	12
July to 16th	50.4	8
TOTAL	577.8	63
To 16/7/18	299.2	48
To 16/7/19	424.2	54

Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds that you plant.

POLITICAL CORRECTNESS

The little girl lay quietly snuggled warmly in her bed.
 The father sat in silence, and gently stroked her head.
 The ailing child spoke softly, fair words he heard her say,
 "Daddy, oh please Daddy, put my little doll away."

Days and nights he kept a vigil, oft times dozing in between.
 Small pallid face so daunting for no rosy cheeks were seen.
 Weakened, anguished voice kept whispering in a most despairing way,
 "Daddy, oh please Daddy, don't let them take my doll away."

A plaintive cry near midnight woke the father at her side,
 Concerned now, for sweated brow, flooding tears so hard to hide.
 Faint, feeble voice he bent to hear of what the child did say,
 "Daddy, oh please Daddy, put my golliwog away."

The small casket seemed so lonely as it rested on its bier.
 Mourners stood with solemn faces not ashamed for flooding tears.
 The father stood by open casket, gently placed a token wet with tears.
 He heard those last and final words still ringing in his ears.

"Why do they want to take my doll even if it's green or black?
 Please don't give it to them Daddy, else I'll never get it back.
 And when I get to heaven I know God will let me play,
 So Daddy, oh please Daddy, put my golliwog away."

Bill Whitham, Tallangatta

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- Children are connected with and contribute to their world.
- Children have a strong sense of wellbeing.
- Children are confident and involved learners.
- Children are effective communicators.

YACKANDANDAH LIBRARY

At present Yackandandah Library is open from 9.00am - 4.30 pm Monday to Friday. Pop in and select a book, magazine or DVD for yourself. We have the photocopier/printer available and the computers can be used for limited sessions.

Do you know about **The Book Valet** service? Any Indigo Shire resident can have library items delivered to their home by library staff. You can request your own items on our online catalogue or the library staff can select for you. Please contact us at the Yack Library on 02 6028 1180 for more information or to join this service.

What's available online?

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are available on our digital collection.

- Storybox Library is the place for kids to view celebrated stories read by your favourite storytellers. Access this on our website with your membership number
- Ancestry Library Edition is now available to use at home with your library membership

For more information about any of these services, please contact Yackandandah Library on 02 6028 1180 or email us at yackandandahlibrary@indigoshire.vic.gov.au

Ecosystem engineers or just a pain in the?

To celebrate National Science Week this August, Indigo Shire Libraries are on a mission to dish the dirt on insects.

We have all admired ladybirds and tried to avoid mosquitoes and flies, but did you know that insects play a vital role in all ecosystems? Insects are important for plant pollination, providing essential food sources for many animals, waste disposal and controlling pests.

This year, our Science Week program will be delivered online and you are invited to join us in learning more about how valuable insects are in our world. Join Professor Saul Cunningham, Director, Fenner School of Environment & Society at ANU as he explores topics including pollination, biodiversity and wild insects.

Dr Cunningham's talk and Q&A session will be available to watch during National Science Week, 15-23 August.

Indigo Shire Libraries' National Science Week 2020 program is delivered in partnership with Museums Victoria, The Royal Society and Public Libraries Victoria.

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COVID Support

We've purchased a stencil that can be used with chalk or spray paint to support our local businesses in helping customers to practice social distancing.

A member of our staff has been travelling around the shire to paint the stencil in high traffic areas or to mark 1.5M lines in front of shops.

If you feel your business would benefit from this email tourism@indigoshire.vic.gov.au

Border Closures

With further border restrictions imposed, we understand that there is a lot of anxiety in the community regarding what we can and can't do.

We have been advocating for affected residents and are doing our best to keep you as informed and up-to-date as possible.

For all COVID-19 updates, head to our website indigoshire.vic.gov.au/Emergencies/COVID-19-Information

Tourism support

Business Victoria wants local accommodation operators that are hurting as a result of cancellations to register for a new financial assistance package.

The Regional Tourism Accommodation Program is a \$40M fund for regional tourism businesses to cover the costs of refunds, as well as marketing campaigns to boost visitation once the restrictions can be eased.

Register your interest: indigoshire.vic.gov.au/Business-in-Indigo/Support-for-Business-COVID-19

BOOKING THE PUBLIC HALL OR COURT HOUSE?

Yack has some amazing venues for concerts - the Public Hall and the Court House are the standouts. They are tried and tested venues, and to make booking easier, these Yack venues have their own website at:

publichall.yackandandah.com

Information about both the Public Hall and the Court House can be found here. Each venue has a calendar showing details of existing tentative and confirmed bookings and allows you to make your own booking on-line.

The hire rates are extremely reasonable and haven't been increased for a number of years. If you are looking at putting on a concert, theatre production or wedding, you won't go far wrong by booking the Public Hall. The Court House is a smaller, more intimate venue.

Ali Pockley, the Booking Officer can be contacted by email at:

publichall@yackandandah.com or by mobile on 0448 803 411

Chris Lello, Treasurer, Yackandandah Public Halls Committee of Management

YACK LIONS CLUB MARKETS

The Yack Lions Club's famous weekend markets will hopefully be held from 9 am - 1 pm on the following Sundays in 2020.
16th August

20th September

18th October

15th November

20th December

The Lions Club happily donate a free site to a Yack community group at each market. So if you're a community group wanting to do a fundraiser - this is a great way to do it.

Please check what's happening via their Web page:

yackandandah.vic.lions.org.au

VOLUNTEERS OFFER PPE

When COVID-19 hit, medical staff around the world were faced with fears of insufficient personal protective equipment (PPE) and some wonderful people in Victoria rolled up their sleeves and got cracking. They call themselves "The Bellarine and Beyond Personal Protective Equipment Sewing Society".

Through Geelong Theatre sister, Jenny Graham, they sourced the sterile KIMGUARD fabric used to cover instrument trays and made a design for gowns. In a clean new garage on clean table tennis tables, the fabric was joined and cut ready to make PPE gowns. The bags of cut fabric were then ready for sewing.

Fifty machinists from the Bellarine worked during lockdown in their own homes. On their daily walks they collected bags of fabric and returned completed gowns to the garage. Rosalind Jamieson, a key organiser said, "A chat and a sense of achievement creating a useful gown was a good activity during this period of isolation, it seemed beneficial to many of us."

The project has gone so well that more fabric was needed so Edwina Smith volunteered to collect the surgical implement wrapping from St Vincent's Hospital in Melbourne. Other non-sewing volunteers worked as drivers collecting and delivering fabric to the garage sewing centre for packaging and distribution.



Yack Health staff member, Maddie Hansford, with the PPE donations. Photo credit: Rhonda Lockhart

The gowns have been provided free of charge to many medical centres: from Barwon Health and Lara Health centres, to Walwa Hospital and to our very own Yackandandah Health. Facilities Manager, Mary O'Neill said "This is a fantastic idea, we are grateful for help from the Bellarine. Having gowns that can be washed is also a plus."

Some PPE is going further afield travelling by truck and barge all the way to Timor-Este.

The sewing work continues with less people and less urgency as Australia comes to grips with the pandemic and the group is ready to meet needs when they can.

CLARE CUNNINGTON

Yackandandah Creek State Forest

Draft Master Plan - request for comment

The Victorian's Great Outdoors program is a \$105.6 million investment by the Victorian Government into forests, parks, campgrounds, caravan parks, tracks and outdoor facilities. A key objective of the Great Outdoors package is to have more Victorians get out and explore the great outdoors and feel the health benefits of spending time in nature.

Forest Fire Management Victoria (FFMVic) has identified the State Forest around Yackandandah Creek as an area where the Great Outdoors funding will 1) improve the current facilities 2) redesign infrastructure to support the needs of diverse user-groups and 3) better manage the increasing number of visitors to the forest.

FFMVic has contracted Green & Dale Associates, Landscape Architects, to develop a master plan for the area including access to the campgrounds and the trail bike, mountain bike and horse riding facilities.

Due to COVID constraints, physical viewing of the draft master plan cannot occur. The Yackandandah Community Development Company has offered to host the electronic files. The draft master plan can be viewed at <https://ycdco.com.au/yackity-yak/> and scroll down to the bottom of that page where the links can be found.

Interested people, groups and businesses are invited to make comment on the draft master plan which has not been finalised or approved at this stage. Indigo Shire, Australian Defence Force, Tourism North East and other organisations have also been asked for their comments.

Please do not limit your comments to the content of the draft. We would also like to hear about how you value and use the area with suggestions to support your enjoyment of the space.

The Department will consider all feedback in finalising the master plan, which will inform future investment in the Yackandandah Creek area of State Forest.

Please send your comments to Stuart Green, Green & Dale Associates, (sgreen@greenanddale.com.au) by 9.00 am, Monday, 17th August, 2020.

For further information on the Victorian Great Outdoors program go to www.vic.gov.au/victoria-great-outdoors

FROM THE LIONS' DEN

Commonsense has prevailed and the Lions Club Monthly Markets will resume in Wellsford Street possibly in August. Well done, Jane Moore.

Indigo Shire had informed the Lions Club that there would be a requirement that VicRoads approved and qualified traffic wardens would be required to man roadblocks at each end of the market. Of course the cost of this would be prohibitive and the Lions Club would be running each market at a loss.

If the Club had had to find two qualified wardens with its attendant costs, it might have lost the markets all together, with the resultant loss of trade for Yack business owners already reeling from the effects of COVID-19, together with the regular stallholders who support this market month and month about. This requirement might also have affected the future of the Lions Club as the markets are a major source of income.

However, Jane has ascertained that VicRoads DOES NOT need traffic wardens to patrol - so as you were! Keep your eye on the Yack Community Facebook page to see when the next market will take place.



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OSBORNES FLAT PRIMARY SCHOOL

It has been so lovely to have all students back and the classrooms and schoolyard abuzz with learning and play again. Our parents were wonderful over the remote learning period and we were so impressed with the resilience of our students and staff during this unprecedented time. We are now so happy to get back into a normal school routine and interact face to face again. This time has made us all realise we can't underestimate the power of face to face interaction between teachers, students and families.

Although we haven't been able to get out and about, lots of great work has been happening at school.



Music making with the ukes. Some new recruits for Uke-N-Dandah perhaps?

To increase student engagement in the Arts, we applied for and were successful in obtaining a state government grant to run a Music in Schools program. After running weekly online classes with students when they were remote learning, we had a visit to school from the Teaching Artist/Musician who, with class teachers, ran a series of music workshops over two days. The students and teachers loved his enthusiasm and musical skills. As part of the program

the school also received \$6,500 to spend on musical equipment. Staff decided to use this money to purchase two large marimbas (like a xylophone), a class set of ukuleles, a class set of glockenspiels and teacher resource books. We are looking forward to all of this arriving, so we can continue develop our musical skills over the remainder of the school year.

Following on with our musical theme, students continue to have their private violin, guitar and ukulele lessons at school via video link with their teacher which seems to be working well for everyone. It is amazing how we can adjust to our new circumstances and make just about anything we need to happen, happen!!

Recently our students sent letters and drawings to the residents at Yackandandah Health Aged Care as part of our Intergenerational Program, to brighten their day while they were unable to have visitors.

Osbornes Flat Primary School was a finalist in the Interrelate Anti-Bullying poster competition. Our school was one of only thirteen schools across Australia who had a 100% participation rate. Students watched the awards ceremony online and although we did not win, our students did a fantastic job capturing this year's theme 'Celebrate our differences for a colourful world'.

At the end of last term our students got back into the kitchen with the seniors making some very delicious sushi. Everyone at least tried this and some went back for seconds. The junior students also made spaghetti bolognese. We have seen a measurable improvement in, not only students trying food they may not have had before, but also their overall culinary skills with use of utensils, following recipes and most importantly, cleaning up!!!

We have been lucky with some sunny days at the start of Term 3 with students being able to get out and enjoy our beautiful grounds. Some of our boys got very busy and built their own Mount Fuji in the sandpit!! Great job boys!

We are planning on commencing our Step up to School Program as soon as possible (once restrictions on visitors to school are lifted).

These will be hour and a half, fortnightly sessions open to any 3-5 year olds and will help each child to practice the skills required for school including literacy, numeracy, oral language and fine motor skills. If you would be interested in having your child attend once the program commences, or for any enrolment enquiries, please contact our Principal, Sarah Kohne on 02 6027 1415.



Mount Fuji and its creators

THE YACK SHACK - YACK'S MEN'S SHED

The Men's Sheddars are now back working every Tuesday and practicing social distancing while we catch up on projects that have been on hold during the shutdown.

We have just finished building an outdoor extension to increase our workspace, the seats at the Golf Club have been renovated and there has been a big demand for our bags of kindling that have been made from pallets and are



being sold at the Servo.

We are helping with projects at the CARE Sanctuary making furniture for the Little Yacks and we will be making a new flag pole at Ardsville. We have also started fitting new bases to the cinema seats in the Public Hall.

A rocking snail for a lucky child is also on its way.

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In the past few years, Food Swaps in Tallangatta and Tangambalanga have been a great way of sharing garden produce and making friends. Tamara Barton began the Food Swap in Tallangatta and Samantha Kurtz spearheaded the one in Tangam. Once a month, community members would gather to share garden produce, baked goods, magazines and food related items such as egg cartons and glass jars.

When the Coronavirus hit, the availability of staple goods was severely curtailed. Items such as toilet paper, plain flour and soap were in short supply. Social distancing meant Food Swaps were no longer appropriate. And yet, there was an even bigger need for a regular Food Swap.



Andrea Palmer left, and Sherill Cooke show off their produce

Within a few days of the nationwide lockdown, former Federal MP Cathy McGowan, AO, sent out an email encouraging people to share, to be kind and, most importantly, to lead. It was just the boost Kiewa Valley resident, Andrea Palmer needed, and the idea of the Share Table was born.

Similar to the Food Swap concept, the Share Table provides a space to "Share what you can. Take what you need." Locals contribute fruit and vegetables, canned goods and other essentials. Books and magazines are also welcome.

Thanks to the generosity of Tangambalanga Top Shop owners, Peter and Sherill Cooke, the Tangam Share Table

Share and Share Alike

generosity and diversity of goods on the table has been overwhelming.

"Sometimes we just need a little push to make a start," Andrea Palmer said. "As a new resident in the Kiewa Valley, I had no real network to call upon. So I just crossed my fingers and hoped the Share Table idea would work. It's been thrilling to see how generous and thoughtful everyone has been."

Tallangatta residents have also embraced the concept, and thanks go to the owner of the Tallangatta Bakery, Amanda Crispin, who initially said yes to placing the table at the front of the premises. Bad weather and a multitude of goods has seen the table migrate next door to the front of the library. It is more protected there and has bench space for extra donations.



The Share Table is mainly for food related items as previously mentioned. A few unusual items such as children's back packs and bright yellow gum boots have found their way onto the table.

Local op shops have now been closed for many weeks. This has put pressure on residents who have used isolation time to clean out cupboards and sheds. Share Table contributors are asked to refrain from leaving unwanted household goods. There are many online marketplaces and op shops will open eventually.

The op shop motto of only donating items that you would give to your friends applies. **Share what you can. Take what you need.**

News from the Sports Park

During our imposed restrictions, the Park has become a popular exercise destination and dog walking mecca. Visitors may have noticed the bright new grass surface of the oval. The Committee have used the shutdown period to upgrade the oval grass aerating, top dressing, over-seeding and fertilizing. This has been totally funded by the Indigo Shire for which all future users will be grateful.

Recently Brett Direen, Indigo Shire Operations Manager and Paul McLachlan, Engineer met with Richard Stamp, Committee President and Kevin Poyner, Vice President, to discuss the works required at the western end of the park. This fenced land is owned by the Shire and requires earthworks to prepare it for general vehicle parking. This will assist the Yack Riding Club for larger events and possibly accommodate parking for future Folk Festivals, mountain bike trail users and Epic Trail riders. As we all know, parking is becoming a premium in Yack. The Shire have undertaken to clean up and grade the site and we are again grateful for this in-kind assistance.

We are looking for the assistance of a younger demographic in the marketing of the facilities on social media and upgrading our website. The current Committee freely admit to our lack of skills in this valuable area and hope a local with career aspirations in this field would like to take us on as a community support project. Interested parties should call Kevin on 0439 849 785.

We have just held our AGM and the elected executive are Richard Stamp - President, Kevin Poyner - Vice President, Geoff Manton - Treasurer all re-elected, and Tracee Martin welcomed back to the Committee in the capacity of Secretary.

At the entry to the park we have a wonderful natural wetlands area which is maintained by the Yack Landcare Group with assistance from the Shire.

The next year program includes revising our masterplan to add the following facilities:

- A new undercover BBQ area,
- Playground,
- Exercise areas,
- Moving the cricket nets so they open onto the oval and redirecting the access road behind them,
- Seating to tennis area, and
- A bicycle pump track.

Currently the following groups are located at the Sports Park - Cricket, Tennis, Scouts, Horse Riding, Table Tennis, Soccer, Badminton, Fitness and Exercise groups. The Stadium is very under-utilised, and we welcome more to join us. Some are managing to get back to using the facility with their COVID-19 plans in place to allow this to happen, as per current restrictions.

Kevin Poyner
kevinjohnpoyner@gmail.com



So - just what was the answer? Poker machines? Nah. They are banned in Indigo Shire anyway. Kiewa iced coffee on tap? Again no. Drive through coffee machine. No, Postie Norman - not that either.

It is three new bowers. BUT, and you all know what's coming next... the installers are based in NSW, and guess what? Yep - they are finding it difficult to skip over the border into Victoria without being thrust into purdah for 2 weeks on completion of the job.

We are trying to get exemption for the work on the basis that yFuel provides an essential service, but not sure just how far this will cut it with



This photo on the Yack Community Facebook page brought forth quite a few comments on what could possibly be on the back of this truck that was dropping off its load at the Servo

Gladys, so we may have to wait a wee while before you can reap the benefit of the bowers. But we are delighted to say that each of the front forecourt bowers will have diesel, unleaded and premium unleaded fuel at each bowser which will eliminate the wait at the Servo to a large degree.

We are pleased to say that we have received

quite a number of contacts from our shareholders giving their banking details so we can pay the next shareholder dividend by direct debit. If you haven't done this or have changed your address from a RMB number, then please let us know so we can keep our records up to date.

COMMUNITY COMMITMENT

Part of YCDCo's commitment to the Yack and District community is to provide funding for community projects. We realise that there has been a hiatus with many groups lately because of COVID-19 but it's also a great time to do some planning and identify the next project.

You can apply for funding from YCDCo at any time during the year, so hop on to our website, download the application form and get planning with your committee. YCDCo's Board meets monthly, so we can give you an answer pretty quickly.

<https://ycdco.com.au/community/community-commitment/>

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I am a shareholder with Yackandandah Community Development Company and wish to have my dividends paid by direct debit.

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Account Name

Account Number

Signature

Please use capital letters / print details. Drop this off at the servo.

YACK GOLF CLUB



Winner of the "Dorothy Martin Matchplay Championship", Robyn Davies (right) with runner up, Ros Revell

The ladies inaugural "Dorothy Martin Matchplay Championship" has been played over three rounds, with Robyn Davies holding out against an in-form Ros Revell. Dorothy Martin was Lady Captain from 2001-2006, made a life member in 2007 and was a stalwart supporter of the club. She is well remembered for the way she helped players understand the complicated rules of golf. Dot's family were very pleased to donate the trophy named in her honour.

Winner: Robyn Davies. Runner up: Ros Revell.



Social Saturday winners - Libby McCrystal, Pam Crosthwaite & Margaret Moore

The Men's Club Championship has been concluded, congratulations to the grade winners:-

Club Champion and winner of the 'Oak Trophy' – Mick Cheshire. B Grade champion – Kelvin Schultz. C Grade champion – Don Crosthwaite

The Club is very happy to announce that a new mixed competition has started – SOCIAL SATURDAY. Members and visitors are welcome. See flyer for all details. Winners of the inaugural SOCIAL SATURDAY: Libby McCrystal, Pam Crosthwaite, Margaret Moore 33.75. Runners up: Ros Revell & Chris Zerbst 35.5. Welcome to Libby who has recently joined the Club.

The following poem was penned by a member of the club who is well known for her quirky verses.

Corona, you have changed our lives, is that what you intended?
You took away our pastimes, when we thought they'd be extended.
You turned the whole world upside down, from friend to friend you'd creep.
And many went to heaven, the graves were dug so deep.
No longer could we hug and kiss, in case you jumped across.
We had to keep our distance, and listen to the boss.

But worst of all for us in Yack, our golf was banned a while.
The memory was all we had, of how we hit in style.
Now we are back enjoying sport, sticking to the rules.
No chance for you Corona, we are armed with all our tools.
You must stay in Melbourne, and starve until you die.
For Yack will not be conquered, no matter how hard you try.

Marian Barnard

For more information visit YGC web page:
<https://golfclub.yackandandah.com>

Email: yackgolfclub@gmail.com

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Yackandandah Golf Club



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MIXED COMP—FAMILIES WELCOME
ALL LEVELS
LAST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL TO BE ALLOCATED TEE-OFF TIME
1ST tee-off 10:30am. Arrive 10 mins before your game.
SOCIAL DISTANCING PRACTICES IN PLACE
\$12 per player (incl sausage sizzle)

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL — phone either
ANGELA BISHOP — 0416 171 488
PAM CROSTHWAITE — 0417 035 514
LEO GLASS — 0417 985 241

RECIPE OF THE SEASON - PARSNIPS AU GRATIN

- 6 medium parsnips
- 1/2kg sausages
- Pepper, thyme
- 1/2 litre of mornay (cheese) sauce
- 3 tablespoons each grated Parmesan and breadcrumbs
- 2 tablespoons of butter



Boil, peel and slice the parsnips until they are just tender. Place half of them in a buttered dish in as even a layer as possible. Remove the skins from the sausages and crumble into a basin adding plenty of pepper and a little thyme if they are short on flavour. Dot this meat over the parsnips and place the remaining parsnips on top. Heat the cheese sauce to something under boiling point and pour over the dish. Mix cheese and breadcrumbs and scatter them over the top; dot on the butter. Bake at 180--190 degrees C for 45-60 minutes, or at a lower or higher temperature if more convenient. Complete the browning under the grill if necessary. Serve bubbling hot.

You can also add potato to this dish as well as the parsnips. I don't even peel the spuds; just slice thinly and cook with the parsnips. This is a great winter dish - full of flavour particularly if you get good sausages. Don't stint on the cheese in the sauce either - too much is never enough!

Taken from Jane Grigson's "Vegetable Book", a wonderful book for the home veggie grower and cooking enthusiast. Mine is now falling to bits it's been used so much.

YACK COMMUNITY BOWLING CLUB

Whilst the pandemic forced members of Yackandandah Community Bowling Club off the green for some time, inside the clubhouse our workers have continued renovations. The areas once occupied by toilets are being rehabilitated as storerooms with the first one almost complete. Maintenance on our green and the grounds in general has continued as well. Thanks to all concerned.

Recently, an esteemed life member and past president of our club, Bob Kelley, passed away. Fittingly members formed a guard of honour outside our clubhouse in Railway Avenue to farewell Bob and say thank you for his passion and hard work. Vale Bob.

On a lighter note Yackandandah Community Bowling Club extend an invitation to members of the community to join us in social bowls.

This will be a great opportunity to 'have a go' as all you will only need flat shoes and \$5 to play. There are plenty of club bowls in various sizes available. **Social Distancing Rules Will Apply.** Please come and join us on Thursdays at 12.30 pm for a 1.00 pm start and/or Saturday at 12.30 pm for a 1 pm start.

For further information please contact Wayne on 0417 685 688 or Mary on 0410 102 421

Anne Corcoran, Secretary

LOOKING FOR A VENUE??



The Yack Sports Park is a great venue for weddings, 21st parties, engagements parties, reunions, trivia nights, club presentations, deb balls, music events, funerals, meetings and sporting events. With its beautiful views, heating and cooling, it makes the perfect place for just about anything.

So, the next time you are looking for a venue to hire, consider the Yackandandah Sports Park. More information can be found on our **website**: <https://sportspark.yackandandah.com/>
email: sportspark@yackandandah.com

Contact the Booking Manager on 0439 849 785 to arrange a time to inspect this great venue in fantastic surroundings, and find out about their very reasonable prices!

Winter Opening Hours
 Mon-Friday: 7 am to 6 pm
 Saturday: 8 am to 5 pm
 Sunday: 8.30 am to 5 pm

**Winter means that Alpine Diesel is now available.
 Keep your stock well-fed and those woodburners going..**

We have all you need to keep those chooks, sheep, cattle, horses, ponies, dogs and cats fed. If we haven't got it, we can get it in so phone us now to place your order.

Get your winter heating supplies here at YCDCo including axes, log splitters, firelighters, chimney cleaners and everything to keep you and yours toasty warm over the Winter!



TIME TO RENEW SOME FENCING?

For all your fencing needs, drop into YCDCo and have a chat with us. We can supply everything you need.

Don't waste time chasing into town. Give us a buzz and we can get everything you want to complete that job, from fencing tools, spinners, strainers, star pickets, staples, wire - plain and barbed, to gates and gateposts.

Chook chook chook!

We are supplying wonderful chooks for those great backyard eggs. Don't put up with second best... grow your own!

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