

YACK PEOPLE IN THE FIRING LINE, IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE!

Fitzy and Cameron McKern



Ian Fitzpatrick (Fitzy) with his award and certificate from Engineers Australia

We all know that Yack has some very special people in its midst, and so it's great to see them recognised as movers and shakers in their fields of expertise.

On the 9th November, Engineers Australia announced the winners of their most prestigious awards during the national Pinnacles Awards ceremony. Conducted on Zoom, Engineers Australia crossed live around the country to meet the finalists and winners as they learnt more about Australia's most inspiring engineering projects.

Winner of the Engineering Associate of the Year was Yack's very own Ian Fitzpatrick, AMIEAust.

Ian has had over thirty five years of experience in the energy industry specialising in power engineering risk, and he has been a passionate contributor to helping his industry address the risk posed by powerlines to ensure safer communities, something that has seen the start of many a catastrophic bushfire. 2019 and 2020 saw Ian stretched to the max with the horrendous fires that ravaged huge parts of NSW and Victoria.

Ian is also Chair of the YCDCo Board of Management and spends much time in guiding the future of your community development company.

Yackity Yak and the YCDCo Board congratulate both Fitzy and Cameron on their well-earned recognition in their fields.



Cameron McKern

Every incident teaches you something new

Cameron will be known to most of Yackandandah. As one of the original YCDCo Board members and founders of the company, he has also had a long and illustrious history with the Yack CFA in the past as Lieutenant and Captain. Cameron is currently the Bogong Deputy Group Officer.

In the Spring 2020 edition of "Brigade", the CFA's schmick quarterly newsletter, Cameron had a whole page dedicated to his work as a Level 3 Incident Controller during the December 2019 bushfires in NSW. The team of firefighters had just lost two of their number in a shocking accident only hours before Cameron took over, so he inherited a team that was shocked and distressed over the loss of their colleagues as well as fighting unprecedented levels of local bushfires.

It is a great recognition of Cameron's skills as a firefighter and organiser to be asked to step into a position such as this, particularly in a neighbouring state where things may be done slightly differently. Cameron commented on his position as Incident Controller:

"I do enjoy the role but I know every time I perform it there are devastating effects out on the fireground. It would be nice if we weren't needed at all. I do think that I am contributing something even if it's a small part. I'm helping my neighbours, community and state and that's a reward in itself."

A WARM WELCOME BACK TO PETER CROUCHER, INDIGO SHIRE'S NEW DEPUTY MAYOR



Mayor, Jenny O'Connor

Indigo Shire Council ratepayers have recently elected their new Council, all of whom have been on Council before, so they will be hitting the deck running, so to speak.

Congratulations to Peter Croucher who returns as Deputy Mayor after a few years with his feet up. Tangam and Yack will be pleased to see him back in the saddle.

Congratulations also to Di Shephard, Larry Goldsworthy, Sophie Price, Jenny O'Connor, Roberta Horne and Bernard Gaffney on their re-election.



Deputy Mayor, returning councillor Peter Croucher

THEY'VE BEEN A WHILE COMING - BUT HEY, THEY WILL BE WORTH WAITING FOR!



The three brand new bowsers that were delivered to site in July will finally be installed in the second week of December.

After much anxiety after a financial scam hit the supplying company, the bowsers finally made a appearance in Yack during the middle of the year, only to find themselves stranded behind the lucerne chaff, the potting mix and the chooks after arrival, due to the installers being stuck in NSW under the COVID-19 restrictions! However, the YCDCo Board and Management of Yfuel is delighted to report that work will commence shortly in the installation of the three bowsers.

Unfortunately, the servo will need to curtail access to parts of the site as work progresses and many fliers have been circulating Yack to inform residents of this and to remind them to keep their car and trucks' fuel tanks topped up just before work commences on Monday, 7th December. See page 6 of this edition for full details.

Inconvenience to locals and visitors alike will be kept to an absolute minimum and Yackity Yak feels sure that the new bowsers that will serve all fuels at the same pump, will be worth waiting for.

Details of YCDCo's AGM on Wednesday, 9th December are also on page 6 of this edition. Hope to see you there.

YACKITY YAK

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A RAMBLE WITH THE EDITOR

Oh, for a crystal ball - or perhaps not. An Upper Sandy Creek friend brought around last year's August 2019 edition of Yackity Yak earlier this year to remind me what I had put on the front page, and how clairvoyant I must have been... However, I don't think you need to have much in the way of forecasting skills to have predicted what Australia was then to be facing from October 2019 to March of this year.



Then COVID-19, like a magic silver bullet, stepped in to conveniently erase most memories of the fires from the Federal Government's and also our minds as we then had to come to terms with social distancing, mandatory wearing of masks, hand sanitising and enforced separation from friends, family and community.

What a year - although in truth, it hasn't been all bad - and hopefully some changes in our habits, daily necessities and lifestyles will be more than a passing gesture.

This year has certainly gingered up* our expectations of how we deal with this type of global catastrophe as our community and its many groups had enforced breaks, almost every social occasion was cancelled and we learnt to deal with separation from our family and friends, from birth to the grave.

It will be many months before life returns to what we remember as normal, and perhaps it never quite will. Long distance/overseas travel seems almost inconceivable at the moment, and the thought of even an inter-state trip is very alluring. Having only travelled as far as Maldon in the last ten months, just getting in a car and driving anywhere over the border seems the epitome of absolute luxury. We tend to forget that it is only a recent phenomenon that people have had the ultimate luxury of unlimited travel and at ridiculously cheap prices.

Some seventy years ago, most people would not have remotely expected to leave their state, never mind Australia. The extraordinary rise in global tourism and all the inherent problems that this entails would not have happened without the extensive use of fossil fuels. During the past year, it has been hugely encouraging to see that overall carbon emissions fell dramatically whilst the air industry has declined at the same time. See Bill Whitham's letter on page 10.

But then we in Yack have been so much luckier than our Melbourne bretheren. We have a wonderful part of the world to live in, and a generally cohesive society (despite what the local Facebook page might have you believe - pull your heads in, guys...) and have been able to get out and about and exercise which is more than our city friends have had the luxury of doing. And now, 28+ days of COVID-19 free-ness which should see further restrictions lifted - huzzah!

Let's hope for a fire-free season and a blessed Christmas to you all.



* **To ginger up** - an old horseman's trick to pep up a jaded or elderly horse was to insert a large piece of raw ginger into the rectum of the horse, with consequential raising of the knees and feet!

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Forthcoming deadline for submission of advertisements and articles for Yackity Yak are 5pm on the following days:

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95	April/May	Friday, 19 March, 2021	Tues, 25 March
96	June/July	Friday, 14 May, 2021	Tues, 25 May
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Mission to Walk:

Inspired by Maddy Rochow's mission to walk to raise \$3,000 for the Black Dog Institute 'One Foot Forward' project, a team of Yack Health residents set themselves a goal to provide support. Their challenge was to walk 120

kms and aim for \$250 sponsorship to contribute to Maddy's goal. Well, the Yackandandah Health team of 13 walkers beat both targets! They walked 147 kms in October and attracted \$1,000 in sponsorship, with Maddy's Mission total achieving \$3,714.20! Our team's ages range from 72 up to a sprightly 105 years old, comprising Judy Brindley, Faye Dawe, David Nelson, Flo Thompson,



Our team of residents putting their best foot forward for charity

Eileen Collins, Norma Bagley, Gwen Breedon, Gladys Baumgartem, Edie Dryden, Pepita Hodgetts, Helen Irwin, Len Thomas and Louise Griffiths.

Given the passion for exercise, we are launching a pathways project. The goal of this exciting initiative is to extend the distance of safe walking tracks and provide a variety of physical activities for all residents and children at Yackandandah Health. If you are

excited at the prospect of this development, we would be pleased to receive donations to help it on its way.

Celebrating Milestones: COVID-19 has put a dampener on us all, and the restrictions have had a particular impact on our residents. Nevertheless, we have found ways to celebrate significant events.

Our much-loved Edie Dryden recently celebrated a milestone birthday of 105. Edie uses her iPad daily to stay connected with family and friends. Edie's advice is "Always look on the bright side of life and be happy". Congratulations Edie!



Edie pictured on her big day with family present to celebrate this milestone

Another big event on the calendar saw Ben/Jack residents, Lloyd and June Coombs, celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary on 21st October. They shared the morning with their family then attended an afternoon tea in their honour, where residents shared photos and stories of their own weddings. A glass of bubbly and a slice of the ginger fluff sponge - a special request of the happy couple - finished off a great day.



Lloyd and June with John Parkes, accepting flowers from their Yack Health family

Remembrance Day: The 11th day of November marked the 102nd anniversary of the end of the 1st World War. We at Yack Health have a long-established relationship with the RSL and have had the privilege of caring for many returned service members over the years. A most moving service was held culminating in a minute's silence at 11 am. The service was led by resident Max Norris and readings and prayers were contributed by other residents. We will remember them. Lest we forget.

Market Success: Janne Oborn inspired us to have a stall at the Lions Club Market in November. The craft items our residents have been working on over the last several weeks was for sale including berets and booties, rugs and Christmas decorations and strawberry jam. Even the CEO made a couple of batches of chilli jam which proved to be extremely popular. It was a lovely morning and great to be back out in the community in what has been a difficult year.



Yack Health's wonderful market stall at the November Lions Club Market

Our raffle winners were Raelene Young from Yack and Suzanne from Bayswater. Thank you to all who purchased tickets.

Love to Learn:



Our *Little Yacks* have been kept stimulated and busy, enjoying their natural



environment as they learn new things. NAIDOC week was recognised in November, with children playing matching and sorting games as part of the educational program.

Stepping out with friends in our Little Yacks t-shirts as we develop balance and coordination skills.

Finally, we at Yack Health want to thank the community for their continued support. We have had a great response to our call for new Board members.



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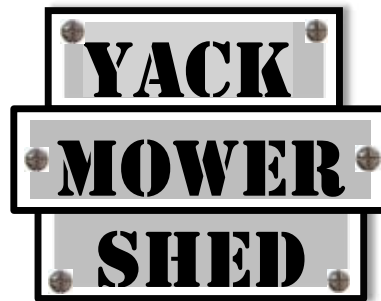
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A very different lunch experience this year - we will be practising social distancing and COVID-19 safe measurements while enjoying Christmas festivities.

There will be limited numbers allowed so please book early to avoid disappointment.

Date: Friday 25th December 2020
Time: 11:30am for a 12 noon sit down hot lunch
Venue: Football Function Room at Butson Park, Yackandandah
Cost: Gold coin donation

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The Yack Community Christmas Lunch is going ahead this year as the current restrictions were recently eased to allow the numbers. In the event of a forced cancellation later for whatever reason, those who have already registered will be contacted ASAP.

We will have limited spaces available and unfortunately will not be able to cater for walk-ins on the day unlike previous years. Numbers are already filling up quickly so please make contact as soon as you can to avoid disappointment. We will be following all COVID-19 guidelines in place on the day.

We look forward to having an enjoyable time, albeit very different from previous lunches.

Merry Christmas to all.
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Something we can do together

Firefighter Karen Mascas might have had “to miss some of the action” because of two separate knee replacements since joining the brigade 18 months ago... but that certainly hasn’t dampened her enthusiasm for and enjoyment in being a member of the Yackandandah Fire Brigade.

“The association is fantastic as are the relationships we’ve developed,” says Karen, 53, a teacher at Wangaratta High School. She and her husband Gavin, also 53, an electrician who installs solar panels, have



Karen and Gavin Mascas

lived on a 4ha property at Meehan Lane, Osbornes Flat since 2003. They joined the brigade “because we wanted to do something local with local people.”

Karen says “Because we don’t have children and didn’t have the usual contacts through school and sport, we didn’t really know many local people. So, we thought of joining one of the local service groups. I was keen on SES and Gavin was keen on



Getting ready for summer, members undertaking the annual burn over drill

the CFA, and the CFA won. We wanted something we could actually do together... where there’s no discrimination because of age, gender, fitness levels, because there’s a job for everyone and that’s what makes it really attractive.” While they did know a brigade member before joining, the visibility of the brigade, seeing the trucks out in High Street every Saturday also influenced their decision to join.

And now that they’re members? “We love it,” says Karen, “and look forward to catching up with people every Saturday at the shed. That was before the COVID-19 shutdown and it’s something we missed the most; the camaraderie and being around people.”

Something else they both enjoy about the brigade is the learning that goes with being a member.

“I’ve learnt heaps and heaps of skills and I’m so much more aware of our surroundings,” says Karen, also a member of the Brigade’s Fire Equipment & Maintenance team “which has been a lot of fun.” While Karen’s experience on the fireground so far has been limited because of her knees, she says she has found the opportunities she has had to respond to energising.

Both Karen and Gavin’s first fire season, last summer, was “just a horrible summer. I was just astounded at how savage those fires were,” says Karen. “Seeing it from a trained person’s perspective, I’m just in awe of any fire person, from whatever state they come from. The fact that they go out and tackle what they tackled last summer is just amazing. But, at the same time, I felt that if we got a fire really close to us, I could cope with that. I wasn’t as frightened for myself as I would have been previously. I was also really proud of our brigade and what it did – the number of people who turned out and for how long, who went up into NSW on strike teams.”

Gavin experienced his first real fire last summer- New Year’s Eve in Corryong. “There were certainly a few ‘interesting’ moments, but overall I felt very confident that the people around me were looking out for me; they knew it was my first fire,” says Gavin who then spent the following five nights on strike teams that went to Walwa, Myrtleford, Carboor and Bright.

“The hardest thing for me in Corryong was spending almost an hour putting a fire out around a house and then as we left seeing it eventually burn anyway. That was very disappointing.”

Community Engagement

Have you heard our “radio stars” yet? Our brigade members have been speaking every fortnight for the past couple of months on the Yack Chat radio program on our local community radio station, Yackandandah’s Indigo FM 88.0 FM every fortnight on Tuesdays from 10am to 11am. Topics covered include fire season preparation/burning off; firefighting equipment/property access and water points; securing your home, rural and town; Your bushfire safety plan and COVID-19/leaving early; and haystack fires and farm fire safety/livestock/horses (December 8). If you missed the sessions, they will be available as podcasts on the Yackandandah Community Centre’s web site. <https://www.ycc.org.au/>

7th Annual Melbourne Firefighter Stair Climb

Congratulations to Brin O’Brien who took part in the (virtual) 7th Annual Melbourne Firefighter Stair Climb this year for the “A million steps for mental health” campaign. Usually firefighters and other Emergency Personnel climb the 28 floors of Crown Metropol Hotel wearing 25kg of turnout gear and breathing apparatus but this year, as long as you had steps to climb, you could join. So, from September to October, Brin climbed the 11 steps up to the balcony at home again and again.... Brin climbed a total of 3,636 steps and raised \$250. Well done!



New members training

Will our truck fit?

Something to remember when you’re preparing your properties for the fire season is to ensure our trucks can gain access i.e. that they can fit up your driveway and that low overhanging tree branches are removed. The trucks need a minimum trafficable width of 3.5m and be substantially clear of encroachments for at least 0.5m on each side and at least 4m vertically.



Yack’s all female crew

It could well be one of the few, if not the first, time it’s happened for the Yackandandah Brigade....an all-female crew turning out to an incident. But that’s just what happened in October when April Padbury, Lauren Padbury, Ruth Yule and Kim O’Brien turned out Yackandandah Tanker 2, which is housed at Flaggy Creek. The turn-out also represented the diversity of ages in our members- from the 30s to the 70s.

Time to clean gutters

If you haven’t done so already, it’s time for us all (residents and traders in the main street) to clean gutters and remove leaf litter and other debris so there isn’t a fire hazard come the fire season.

New members training

The restrictions around COVID 19 made it difficult but 10 new volunteers have finally been able to complete the Minimum Skills Firefighting Training that began in April this year. So, a big welcome to Jess Barker, Simon Betts, Dan Fewster, Andrew James, Oscar Quealy, Terie Quealy, Jacqui Schmidt, Mark Schmidt, Lachlan Stone and Daniel Suffern.



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The front forecourt will be closed and there will be no unleaded petrol sales for most of the week.

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Christmas get-together postponed to January 2021

We have decided to hold off any get together until early in the New Year. We figure post-COVID-19 lockdown, everyone's diary will be full to bursting with catch-ups this year.

We will advertise a date in January 2021 via the Yack Community Facebook page and a letter-box drop. We look forward to welcoming all our new Osbornes Flat newcomers.

Save the date - the grand old lady turns 100 in May 2021!

To commemorate this special occasion, we are planning to hold an event that replicates the original "Grand Ball & Supper" of 100 years ago.

Further details to be shared in the next issue of Yackity Yak

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Seven Topical Quotes

What we want is a story that starts with an earthquake and works its way up to a climax.
Sam Goldwyn

I don't know what people have got against the government - they've done nothing. **Bob Hope**

Being in politics is like being a football coach; you have to be smart enough to understand the game, and dumb enough to think it's important. **Eugene McCarthy**

The music business is a cruel and shallow trench, a long plastic hallway where thieves and pimps run free, and good men die like lie like the dogs. There is also a negative side.
Hunter S Thompson

I don't measure a man's {or woman's} success by how high they climb but how high they bounce when they hit bottom. **George S Patton**

There will never be a nuclear war, there's too much real estate involved. **Frank Zappa**

When trouble arises and things look bad, there is always one individual who perceives a solution and is willing to take command. Very often, that individual is crazy. **Dave Barry**

Many thanks to Stephen Masters for some great quotes provided for this edition of YY.

Yackandandah Cemetery Trust

Updated Funerals and Burials during the Pandemic - "Impacts of Coronavirus (COVID-19) on Cemetery Trusts and Funerals" updated 16th November 2020 - DHHS

How many people can attend a funeral? Funerals are limited to 20 people (or 50 people if held outdoors) plus those required to conduct the funeral. Babies under 12 months of age are not included in the limit. A funeral held in a private residence will be limited to the members of the household and up to two visitors, plus the people required to conduct the ceremony. You should not attend a funeral if you are feeling unwell. You must wear a face mask unless you have a

lawful reason for not doing so. Even with a face mask, you should keep at least 1.5 metres distance between yourself and others.

Cemetery Working Bee: We are allowed to continue with the annual working bee on the first Saturday of December (5th December) starting at 8.00 am.

We will have masks available but if you are able to self distance more than 1.5 metres, then a mask will not be necessary. A Trust member will ask for your details to record as per requirements of a gathering. Sanitiser will be available in the toilet and the toilet will be sanitised after each use. Please bring your own PPE and equipment (where possible) and assist to make sure that our Cemetery is ready for the fire season and visitors over the holiday season.

Snakes: Please be aware of snakes if you are walking through the Cemetery. There are regulars who live in some of the grave spaces and we ask that you ensure that dogs are kept close to prevent a nasty bite.

A fitting tribute: To our friend and Trustee, John Paull. It was with much sadness that we said farewell to John this year. He has been a most valued member of the Trust for many years and you would have seen him every Tuesday on the mower, lovingly tending the Cemetery. He will be greatly missed and we keep his family in our thoughts around this festive season.


Trust positions: We currently have 9 members on our Trust: 5 women and 4 men. We would welcome any community members who have a keen interest in history and maintaining this beautiful space. Please contact Anna on 0438 196 937 or a.hession69@gmail.com if you would like more information.

New burial areas: The Trust is in the process of opening up new areas for burial. Thanks to Trustee David for his initial drawings and ideas. The area will be a "nature area" in the top right hand corner. Burials will not be formal plots like the current lawn and monumental sections and will be marked by a very small stone marker (and plaque) and indigenous plants such as grasses and meadow flowers grown on top of the grave area. Further details will be provided via the Yack Community Facebook page and we would welcome ideas and thoughts. We are very mindful that the Cemetery is a public space and we welcome input.






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.

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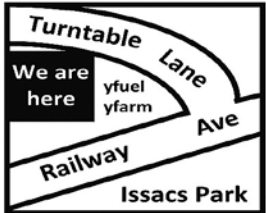


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**Totally Renewable Yackandandah
Community category finalist in Premier's
Sustainability Awards 2020**

Totally Renewable Yackandandah (TRY) from Yackandandah has been announced as a finalist in the Community category of the Premier's Sustainability Awards 2020 for their project, the Public Virtual Power Plant.

Totally Renewable Yackandandah's Virtual Power Plant is a network of publicly owned buildings across the locality that generate, store and share electricity to build toward a robust, localised, low-carbon and resilient electricity supply. The goal is for Yackandandah's energy supply to be 100% renewable by 2022.

The Virtual Power Plant project saw the installation of 74kW of solar across Totally Renewable Yackandandah's footprint which has a 14km effective radius generating an extra 104MWh of clean energy, reducing carbon emissions by an estimated 88 tonnes CO2 per year.

The Community category recognises leadership and excellence in the delivery of sustainable initiatives which have demonstrated widespread benefits for Victorian communities.

Sustainability Victoria CEO, Claire Ferres Miles, congratulated TRY on their achievement, and said the project demonstrates an innovative approach to driving a more sustainable future for the building and construction industry.

"The calibre of submissions in 2020, and this year's subsequent list of finalists, are a reflection of the broad-range of innovative programs and initiatives that are driving environmental change in Victoria," Ferres Miles said. "It's wonderful to be able to take this opportunity to celebrate the businesses, community organisations and government bodies that are contributing to a more sustainable Victoria."

Now in their 18th year, the Premier's Sustainability Awards are Victoria's most highly recognised annual sustainability awards program comprising of 10 categories. Winners will be announced at the Premier's Sustainability Award's online ceremony to be held on Wednesday 16 December.

Premier Daniel Andrews will personally select the winners of the overall awards, the Premier's Recognition Award and Premier's Regional Recognition Award, from this year's list of finalists. The Premier's Recognition Awards recognise submissions that showcase outstanding innovation in sustainability and demonstrate notable benefits for metropolitan and regional Victoria.



**A Spring conversation about renewables
& other stuff**

Spring might be almost over, but TRY is still in a very spring-like mood with several projects surging along at quite a rate. Our federally funded project looking at the feasibility of community-scale generation and storage has been making good progress since July when things kicked off. The pumped hydro and battery analyses are well underway, various generation and storage options have been identified, and Yack's seasonal electricity demand has been determined.



Jack Pockley and Denis Ginnivan at the Yack Public Hall last December talking about TRY's work.

Which means that we're ready to tell everyone what we've found so far (and really excited to do so).

In order to show you where things are at, we're proposing a town hall meeting and some drop-in sessions at Ardsville where the hardworking folk from Mach2, our project consultants, are based. **Come along to the Yack Public Hall on Thursday 3 December at 7 pm or drop in to Ardsville on the afternoon of the 7th and 8th December.** For further details and to register go to the *Events* page on our website:

<http://totallyrenewableyack.org.au/watts-happening/events/>

Due to COVID restrictions, RSVPs are required but it's very casual and we'd love to see everybody and get your feedback. There are some interesting things to show you – the masterplan to achieve 100% is gradually taking shape – and it's a truly exhilarating stage of the project where possibilities and opportunities are emerging.

As well as that, the 274 kWh community battery *Yack01*, that will be installed at the old sawmill place now owned by Ben Gilbert, is almost there. Works have been delayed in recent months because of the fantastic opportunity to supersize the battery with extra funding from the Victorian Government's New Energy Jobs Fund.

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The extra grant funding was announced at the start of October and the funding agreement has now been signed, so we're on the last stretch to finalise the planning, contracts and to place an order. All going well, Yackandandah's very own community battery will be in place by early next year and contributing locally-generated renewable power to our mini grid for use by Indigo Power customers.

Also, in October, TRY held its Annual General Meeting. Matt Charles-Jones stood down from the President role to concentrate more on TRY's Projects, but didn't go far by stepping into the Vice-President role. Denis Ginnivan stepped down as Vice-President but remains enthusiastically on the committee. Ben McGowan, Matt Grogan and Ali Pockley stepped down from the committee a couple of months ago due to their other community and work commitments but remain invested in TRY's goals. We will miss their presence at committee meetings enormously but know they are only a phone call away! And three new committee members have joined us. For a complete run down on the AGM, check out the news item on our website. And don't forget our super-efficient hot water offer that's open now (see our other article here).

It has been a truly memorable year, both for all the right and wrong reasons. The TRY committee and volunteers have all worked harder than they ever have, as I'm sure many of you have too. But we're hopeful that we'll work our way through this challenging time and we're looking forward to both the milestones and opportunities that are on the horizon next year in 2021... not that far from 2022!

Juliette Milbank



Totally Renewable Yackandandah

clear that our greatest time of electricity use is at 1:00am in the morning. The prime focus of this use is the generation of hot water, though slab heating will play a component in winter. In winter of 2019, this demand peaked at about 900kW per day on average.

With growing local experience, TRY has recognised how the job of supplying 100% renewable electricity gets much easier if we use less of it! And even better, we should work to find ways of using power when solar electricity is being generated.

Modern hot water heat pumps use CO2 as the heat exchange gas and provides a heating mechanism (same principle as a split system air conditioner) that is four times more efficient than a standard electric hot water service. Even better, because they are so efficient, they can be run during the day and use spare solar generation. This reduces the peak load of Yackandandah overnight, and soaks up excess solar power during the day. A win-win!



A heat pump just could be the answer to a maiden's dream

Making hot water at my house costs on average of \$0.26 per day (2 kWh of solar feed-in). That adds up to \$200 per year – not much more than the price of a single 45kg gas bottle! Obviously if you don't have solar photovoltaics the cost will be more.

To cap of this exciting possibility, TRY has offered two \$500 prizes for people who proceed with a hot water system purchase. One of the prizes has been drawn and went to Anna and Matt Weeks. Congratulations! A second \$500 will be drawn from the list of people who have signed contracts and announced will be announced in social media...

Big thanks to our project partners, Indigo Power and installers, Solar Integrity, using ReClaim Energy Heat Pumps. Dave Clarke at Yackandandah Clarke also is the local agent for the excellent, Sanden CO2 Heat Pump.

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Matthew Charles-Jones



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Dear Editor

I understand that you are a community paper and it is important to give a platform to all community members, however I think it is important to hold people to account and as such I kindly request that you publish the following :

Dear Mr McEwan

You state in your letter published in the October/ November 2020 edition of Yackity Yak at page 11 that, 'climate change has not happened anywhere near to the extent or speed predicted by climate activists.'

Are you able to direct readers to the basis of this claim please?

I hold a masters in Environmental Science and my understanding of the prevailing scientific consensus is that climate change is happening faster than scientists ever predicted. I am not sure where it is recorded what activists have predicted? Some clarity on this important issue is important, I think.

Please email me at frannyciantar@gmail.com if you would like to continue a respectful discussion.

Kind regards

Francesca Ciantar | Solicitor

Dear Ali ,

I disagree with Don McEwan who wrote to the last issue of Yackity Yak to reassure us that everything is OK with the world and to act to prevent climate change will cause trouble.

He makes many statements without evidence.

1. Climate change has happened remarkably fast in the Arctic regions such as Greenland and Alaska as predicted, some places have risen 3-4 degrees on average, due to decreased reflectivity as ice melts. Last June was on average 5 degrees warmer than any previous June - there is less and less ice.
2. Studies based on modelling and forecasting based on data are reliable and all we have. By the time it is really obvious to conservatives, it will be too late and there is the risk of runaway climate change partly because of permafrost thaw and rising carbon dioxide in the atmosphere.
3. Activist groups are not spawning divisions that will lead to violence. The average citizen knows what has to be done. Divisions in Australia are mainly being caused by Murdoch-owned media trying to protect vested interests.
4. Excess carbon dioxide emissions per head of population are mainly due to the way of life in rich countries particularly the Gulf states, US, Canada and Australia. Obviously China and India with the biggest populations are big emitters.

*Simon Davis
Yackandandah*

Dear Editor,

Congratulations on your excellent publication.

In response to the letter from Don McEwan in the October/November edition of Yackity Yak, I for one, welcome contributions from the likes of George Monbiot and the readers' letters which helps Yackity Yak stand head and shoulders above the usual banal community newsletter.

Mr McEwan is questioning the standing of those who feel the need to actively protest at the expense of the silent majority. Who are the silent majority? I suspect a catch phrase from a politician's marketing department.

The vast majority of Australians of every political persuasion would like to see more action against climate change with many frustrated by the mindless noisy minority in our Federal Parliament reducing government policy to one of spin, half-truths and inaction. No wonder everyday people feel compelled to protest.

I recall something similar happened with votes for women and the suffragettes.

*John Richard
Yackandandah*

Dear Editor Ali,

Just to add my sixpence worth to the debate, I do know that if Victoria was

covered with solar panels or there were windmills placed right around Australia's coast, it still would not suffice the population with enough power, or ever will.

During the pandemic of COVID-19 the carbon (foot) print was the lowest it had been for a century. Why? Because there were very few cars and also the aeroplanes were few and far between. So all these climate changing whingers have to get ready to do without the internal combustion engine and also the jet planes flying around. "Of course not". It's easier to blame a few chimneys of Hazelwood. Let's get real about this problem.

With this pandemic that has arrived in the world, we must face the truth there too. As the editor stated and I quote "this world ... is collapsing under the weight of humans and their wants and desires". We must ease up on the population of the world, or else a disease will do it for us.

*Bill Whitham
Tallangatta*

Dear Editor,

Don McEwan, in a letter to Yackity Yak makes three points in response to the printing of the article by George Monbiot (not Montbiot) 'Real Life' August 2020. The points are: climate change; studies; and, activism to which this responds.

Climate change is neither a theoretical concept nor a future possibility. It is real and it is here now and, indeed has

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been apparent for decades. If still in doubt, read the excellent *Revenge of Gaia* by James Lovelock who is a totally independent scientist with successful experiments sent to Mars by NASA. Studies are conclusive and in considerable abundance. To question them is to question the existence of gravity. Fossil fuel industries have lobbied and advocated heavily to question these studies casting the seeds of doubt for the purposes of self-interest namely, money. Money above clean air, pristine oceans, drinkable water and fertile soils.

Activism is an essential element of democracy which, in itself, is all about the competition of ideas for the purpose selecting and allocating priorities. Without any alternative voices nothing changes, and the comfortable, dull, narcotised status quo prevails for a while - sometimes a long while - and then atrophies. This creates the space essential for renewal.

Many great nations were born of activism. When lords and knights of the realm in England met with the King in those soft, soggy, dank water meadows at Runnymede, England (Heathrow is visible from that spot) and implored the King to agree (on the spot) to sign the Magna Carta eight centuries ago in 1215, the King was probably thinking: "these activists are nothing but terrorists, I signed because I had no choice, if I could it would be *off with their heads* but peace is better, besides there is roast suckling pig for tea, and the Queen calls me home." This was a peaceful negotiation and mutually accepted resolution. Imperfect yes, but a check upon absolute power. The Magna Carta was a turning point in human rights. It is essential not to morph the word activism into terrorism. They are totally different. One is peaceful negotiation the other forceful persuasion by violence. Even the mention of "the enemy within" strikes terror into my heart and we have heard this before, and it is a one-way highway to hell.

Don't be misled into thinking that rights and freedoms were instantly the law of the land. The purpose was to protect the knights and lords *themselves* first, so the king would have to account for acts of dispossession (by falling out of favour) and thus checked these powers to a negotiable albeit limited extent.

At this time the concept of 'trickle-down effect' was coined. Centuries later some benefits were seen by the peasants. Australia does not have a Bill of Rights because, it appears, we do not value our own rights. However, we are prepared to quickly engage in foreign wars to supposedly fight for the rights of others.

Mr. McEwan's comments are welcomed as part of a healthy exchange of ideas. Yackity Yak makes an invaluable contribution to the community by publishing the excellent, well-researched and sometimes provocative

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

articles by George Monbiot because they generate invaluable thought and discussion which are essential elements of an energized and positively engaged community called Yackandandah. It is individuals comprising a community with an active independent member of parliament that make change happen.

The thing about the 'silent majority' argument is that if they are silent, how do we know what they think? If they are silent, how do we know they are even thinking at all?

The work of George Monbiot is certainly not a "gospel" because the time for saviours and messiahs is finished and individuals can now and do think for themselves.

So, to summarise climate change is a proven scientific fact and activism is an essential and invaluable contribution to democracy, - without it little or nothing changes for the better.

Stephen Masters
Yackandandah

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Dear Editor,

This past week, in the middle of November 2020, there have been reminders everywhere that the fire season is upon us. There have been total fire bans across South Australia with 44 degree days and high winds, warnings of increased fire risk with lightning strikes predicted and hot weather on its way to us. There is an out of control fire in north west Victoria, with the sadly familiar sound on the ABC advising those in the path of the fire to heed the early warning and evacuate. But wait, haven't we just finished with the bushfires? In the fog of COVID-19 and all it has entailed, it seems we have not really made space to "recover" and make significant changes following on lessons that may have been taken from the worst fire season in Australia's history.

The data is in, here in South East Australia, one of the most fire prone places on the planet, we will be having longer hotter summers and more prolonged fire seasons. The science is in, the heating of the planet is the cause, and we need to take urgent action now to reduce the temperature of our collective home.

The very hot days cause prolonged heat stress on the young through to the old, and we will be seeing and feeling these days more often and more intensely in our area.

The bushfire smoke causes serious health problems with us all. The symptoms of exposure to this toxic substance (small particulate matter, carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide to name a few of the poisons we breath in) in the short term are of increased asthma along with more eye and nose irritations, with a known association of more Emergency

Department admissions. Bushfire experiences in many forms also brings significant mental health issues such as anxiety, depression, post traumatic stress syndrome, grief and sadly, the increased risk of suicide. Also seen is an increased rate of violence in the home and the serious impact this has on women and children, in particular. Bushfires are toxic to our communities, and not just because of the dangers in the air we breathe.

There is more known now about the seriousness of breathing in bushfire smoke, in particular for pregnant women who are known to take in deeper and faster breaths due to the effects of pregnancy on their body. The major study on this was the USA Colorado Study, 2013-19 examining the impact of inhaled wildfire smoke on 500,000 women in America. The results are extremely concerning for us all.

Inhaled bushfire smoke is linked to higher rates of diabetes and high blood pressure in pregnant women with a significant impact on the baby growing inside. The unborn baby is exposed to these toxins as these substances become lodged in the filtering system, the placenta, leading to increased rates of early birth and babies born smaller than expected. I have seen this impact on my patients and the babies born when having been exposed to the bushfire smoke in the past year and the alarming health problems caused by exposure to the smoke. These health issues are likely to have long lasting effects on babies born during bushfire times.

What does that mean regarding the advice we now give to pregnant women and indeed to all our patients? We can say "wear a mask, stay indoors, turn off the evaporative cooler, seal the doors and windows or evacuate", or even "don't be pregnant through an Australian summer". Given that some bushfire seasons are expected to last for 6 months now, from September through to March, is this really practical advice? We all appreciate now how difficult it is to wear a mask in the comfort of one's home, imagine doing this while heavily pregnant and caring for a toddler or two.

Clearly our efforts need to be more focused on preventing the smoke from being in our environment in the first

place. This means reducing the factors contributing to the intensely hot summers.

I urge EVERYONE to think globally, act locally. Support our local renewable energy company, recycle, grow more of your own food, reduce waste and ask every political candidate you vote for, even those you don't, in local, state, nationwide elections, what policies they will enact in order to reduce the heating of our planet. Your vote matters, your opinion matters - we can put pressure on our leaders to enact meaningful change. We can support our politicians such as Dr. Helen Haines and Zali Steggall when they bring climate change bills to Parliament.

As a doctor of over 30 years' experience, I have seen the increasingly serious effects of climate change impacting on so many of my patients over these past decades and I am extremely concerned. Along with many of my colleagues in all the major Australian medical colleges and organisations, doctors are calling on the government to enact far-reaching policies on climate change.

In particular, the pressure from the medical organisations is on the current Morrison government to take urgent action to reduce the impact that humans have on the heating of the planet. When some of the traditional right wing medical organisations such as the AMA, are lobbying the government to turn to renewables and reduce carbon emissions, something has changed.

It is us, the doctors. We have changed. We can no longer just advise "band aid" style medicine such as "stay indoors" or "avoid the hot days." We need to work on the source of this ill health - global warming. We in the medical profession will continue to work on what we are passionate about which is prevention of disease, doing everything we can to help people live longer, healthier lives. Only now the main focus of our medicine is on the number one global threat to humanity - the heating of the planet

Doctors are calling for widespread brave policies on climate change action as if our lives depend upon it, because all our lives do.

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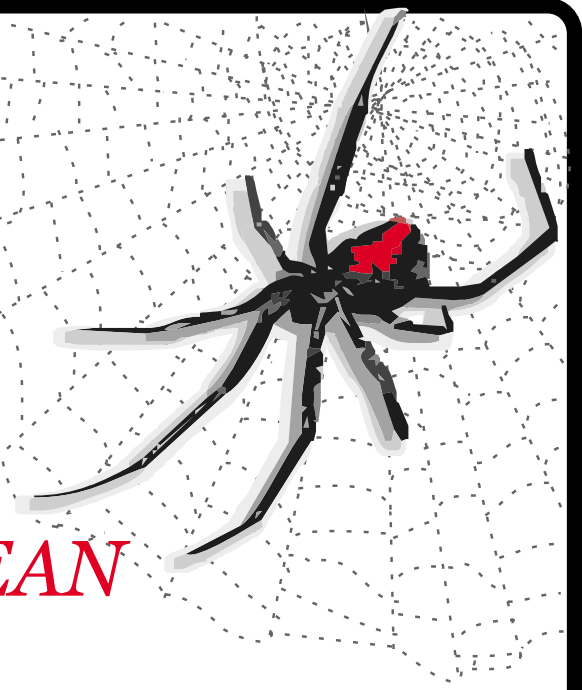
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Reflections on Yackandandah's Kath Bragge

When you live in a small country town you get used to seeing the same faces around town. It's easy to be familiar with people while knowing very little about their life, nodding a greeting to someone for years without ever learning their name.

Kath Bragge was a familiar face to many long-time residents of Yack, especially those along Bells Flat and Twist Creek road where she used to walk her dog every day; first Banjo, then Reg and more recently, Nellie the Great Dane. Sadly, recent ill-health restricted Kath's brisk walks to the meandering paths along the Yackandandah Creek which she loved. While Kath would often greet people with a nod of the head, her demeanour was private and if you didn't know her, you might assume she was stern, or even taciturn. When Kath died unexpectedly in July, her family received many condolences and acknowledgments of her achievements across a range of professional fields. Like many in Yack, Kath's professional focus was regional rather than local and because of her humility and pragmatic nature it would be easy to overlook the enormous contribution she made to our region.

In the early years Kath, a young single mother of three children, moved from a Melbourne teaching job and went to the Mallee and taught there for a few years and then applied for a teaching position at Wodonga High School. After twelve years, she became the Principal of Wodonga West High School until she retired. She was a pioneer for local women in educational leadership and a champion of government schooling. She had a fierce intellect combined with great humility and was widely recognised for the dignity and respect she afforded everyone she worked with.

A lesser-known part of Kath's professional life was her commitment to advocating for the rights and dignity of Victorians with a disability. As a Guardian and Regional Convener in the Community Visitors Program in the



Office of the Public Advocate (OPA), Kath worked tirelessly for well over fifteen years.

OPA's Community Visitors are volunteers empowered by law to visit Victorian disability accommodation services, supported residential services and mental health facilities as well as advocating at many levels for the rights of people with disabilities to have self-authority. Kath advocated with kindness, compassion and a steely will for those who lived with disability. She was particularly committed to transforming the lives of people who had previously lived in institutional care, in keeping with her long-held commitment to advocating for social justice, advocacy for the dispossessed, the marginalised and the voiceless.

The legacy Kath has left across the North East cannot be measured but is well recognised within her field; not only was she a gifted guardian but a skilled educator and mentor.

Locally, Kath was a formidable advocate for Landcare activities along the Yackandandah Creek and was one of the tireless members who pushed for greater protection for her beloved bushland. With an intellect developed by insatiable reading habits, Kath was also a kind and loyal friend, befriending and mentoring many young women, sometimes through difficult periods of their lives.

In her later years Kath lived with disability of her own, supported by her wonderful partner John McIntyre, who was also a huge contributor to community life. Sadly, Kath had just moved into Yackatoon with her beloved dog Nellie when she died, close to where John now lives.

Kath's memory is held close by those of us who were lucky enough to know her.

Michelle Croker and Marianne Bragge



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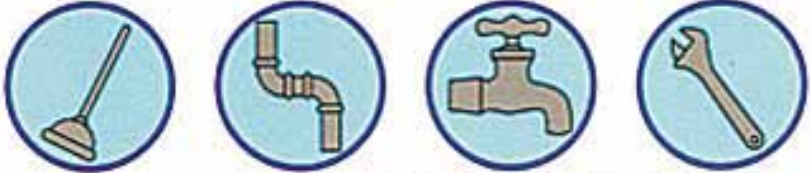
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The Boy from Allan's Flat

An Obituary

KEVIN MICHAEL CARNEY

1940-2020



Kevin Michael Carney was born at the Wangaratta Hospital on 2nd September, 1940. Kev finally left us on Tuesday, 4th February, 2020 at Simpkin House, Bendigo.

Most loved husband, best friend and soulmate of Willi. Beloved Dad of Michael, Jodeen, Matthew & Liam. Dearest Grandpa Kev of 8 grandchildren and 4 great grand children. A wonderful legacy.

His father James was a State school teacher at a little place called Murrungee when Kev was born. Not long afterwards they moved to Allan's Flat which is near Yackandandah. They lived there till Kev was 10 years old. Kev was taught by his father all his primary school years, something he appreciated and treasured his whole life. Bridget and Jack Elliott were Kev's mum's parents. They had orchards and vineyards along the Murray River at Bundalong. Grandpa Jack would deliver produce with his horse and cart taking little Kev with him at times, calling into all the well-known vineyards, Rutherglen way. Being taught by his father, his time with his maternal grandparents and his country upbringing had a permanent influence on him for the rest of his life. It formed him.

Whilst at Allan's Flat, rabbit plagues were ravaging the countryside. The boys had a daily routine of trapping, shooting, ferreting, hunting with dogs or digging them out. Monies contributed to the new house in Pascoe Vale – part of northern Melbourne - where they moved to in 1950.

In 1959-60, Kev was at Coburg Teachers College working part time at a rabbit factory nearby, also catching snakes in the Donnybrook area, selling them on the way home to the Commonwealth Serum laboratories in Broadmeadows. In 1960, his second year at Coburg Teachers College, he met Willi Bosch,

a Dutch migrant girl. They married in December 1962, 57 years ago.

Kev first taught at the Rural School of Toolleen, 40 kms east of Bendigo, and became Headmaster of Huntly, 1967-68, continuing on with his Certificate of Art. In 1971, Kev became an Education Officer at the Bendigo Prison, continuing on with night school. Kev loved the work at the Prison. He really felt he was assisting the prisoners with options for rehabilitation. Kev resigned from the Education Dept in 1979.

Kev was a fantastic craftsman. He could carve the most intricate bits that were missing or broken off furniture. You could not tell which was his restored bit from the original. Over the ensuing years he also became a restorer of works on paper, oil paintings and decorative frames.

2003 began 14 years of travel the length and breadth of Oz preferring outback towns, with a few overseas trips in between. Allan's Flat was frequented every few years, especially the former mining site which Jim Carney had been the instigator of turning it into the now much visited recreation area. Kev would fish. Frequently over the years, he would say "Allan's Flat formed me." In October 2013, an Honour board was placed at Allan's Flat by the community, in part acknowledging James Carney's contribution.

In early 2018, Kev was rediagnosed with Lewy Body Dementia and was cared for at home until he was placed at Simpkin House in late August of 2018.

Kevin Michael Carney was a man of great ability, a brilliant craftsman, committed Educator, hard worker, Mr. Fix It, he had a cheeky disposition and enjoyed cooking (in latter years).

He truly loved teaching children, loved his family, Australia, Allan's Flat, fishing, travelling and his friends, who were very important to him and, of course, a bloody good red.

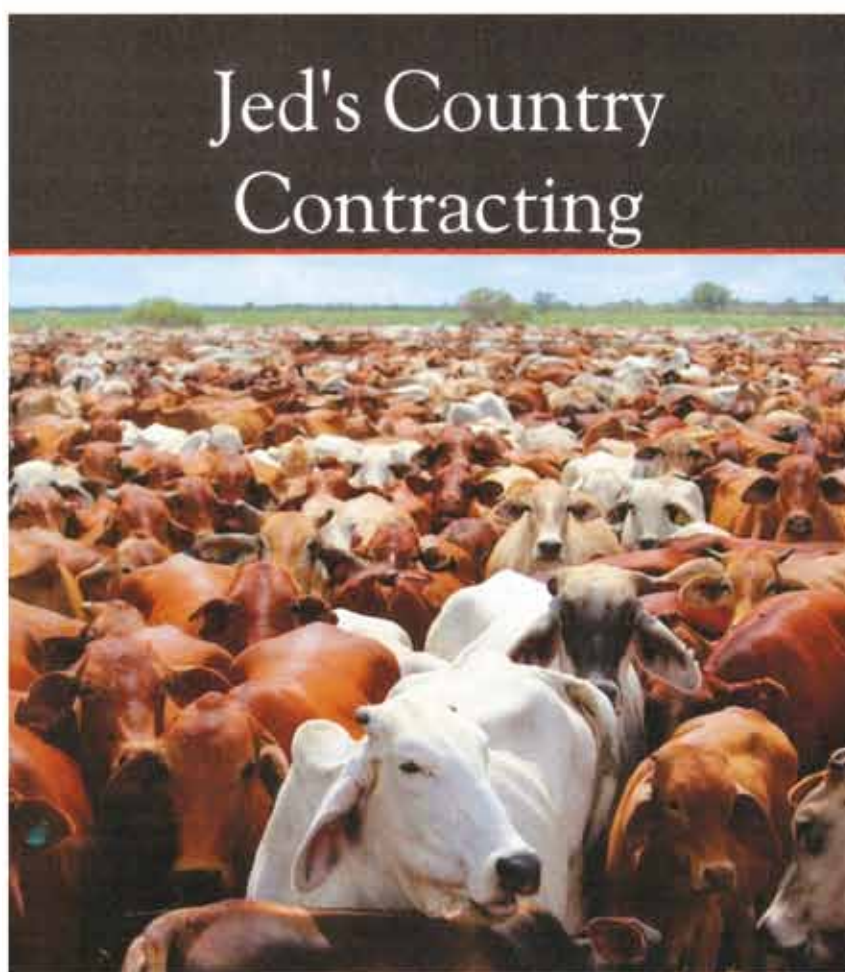
Late February 2020 saw a heartfelt farewell to him at Jasper Hill vineyard, Heathcote. Just in time before the first lockdown came in!!

Amongst the vines, in a typical Aussie landscape, surrounded by friends, musicians and dear ones, Kev would have loved it.

Willi Carney, October 2020.



John Carney left -- Kevin Carney right.



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Pared Sur – Northern Patagonian Icecap, Chile

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Later we lived in London for a year and during this time we attempted to get an account of our travels published but were not successful. Last summer's bushfire season kept us at home for an extended period and we embarked on a long delayed "retirement project" of revising the original manuscript, scanning our photos and producing a high quality, self-published photo book.

The book has over 150 photos with maps and an extensive text based on diary entries and letters home. It includes accounts of hikes we did in Ecuador, Peru, Argentina and Chile. The book's cover photo, shown above, is of a still unclimbed mountain, Pared Sur, that we attempted to climb on the edge of the Northern Patagonian Icecap.

An account of this 8 week trip is in the book. We did revisit Patagonia in 2009 and descriptions of walks from this trip, 34 years later, were added to our original manuscript.

If you would like a copy of the book it is available for sale for \$50 (our cost price) at *Yackandandah Books*.

Chris and Beverley Lello

WHAT ABOUT A WOMEN'S SHED?

Yackandandah has long been known as a community which revels in the Arts... be it music, writing, performance or the visual arts. Unfortunately, COVID-19 sent most groups underground or into a hiatus, but hopefully that will change soon.

My name is Lynne Davies, my husband Steve and I moved from Brisbane to Yackandandah late last year. I have been involved in many community groups over the years including clothdoll making, patchwork, ceramics and pastel painting and I have a studio jam-packed with UFO's (unfinished objects). I love to make stuff!! But I have found working alone all the time can be a bit quiet and sometimes lonely. Hence, my idea of setting up a Community Women's group along the same lines as the very successful Yackandandah Men's Shed.

What I'm proposing is setting aside one day a week for women to drop by with their craft projects... whether it be patchwork, felting, toy making, scrapbooking, macramé, etc. This would be in a local venue where we could socialise, learn new skills, make friends, bounce ideas around, play cards/boardgames... whatever your interests may be.

Here we could work on our own individual projects, join forces and make things to benefit the community, take a mini workshop, listen to a guest speaker or simply have a chat over a cuppa.

But, simply having the ideas to make this happen is not enough. We would need a small group of cheerful people willing to lend a hand to get this up and running. Then we need members! Since moving to this wonderful little town, I have met so many people with such a wealth of knowledge and skills. We need YOU! Don't ever think you have nothing to offer!

I have been researching how to set up a Women's Shed, spoken to many people and come to the conclusion that it would be a great addition to Yack. We can just start small and build. I see this as running alongside all the other craft groups around town...

If you think that you would like to be a part of this little venture, please take a few minutes to jot down what you would like to see happen... What could you help with? What would you like to learn? Could you share a skill? Nobody needs to be an expert in anything, you just need a willingness to join in and have some fun. Let's see where this could take us!

Please do drop me a quick email with any ideas at:
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Eclipses

An eclipse is an astronomical event that occurs when an astronomical object or spacecraft is temporarily obscured. For example, the International Space Station will transit the moon by passing into the shadow of another body or by having another body pass between it and the viewer. This alignment of three celestial objects is known as a syzygy (pronounced sissergee Ed.) Syzygy: a conjunction or opposition, especially of the moon with the sun.

Coming Eclipses

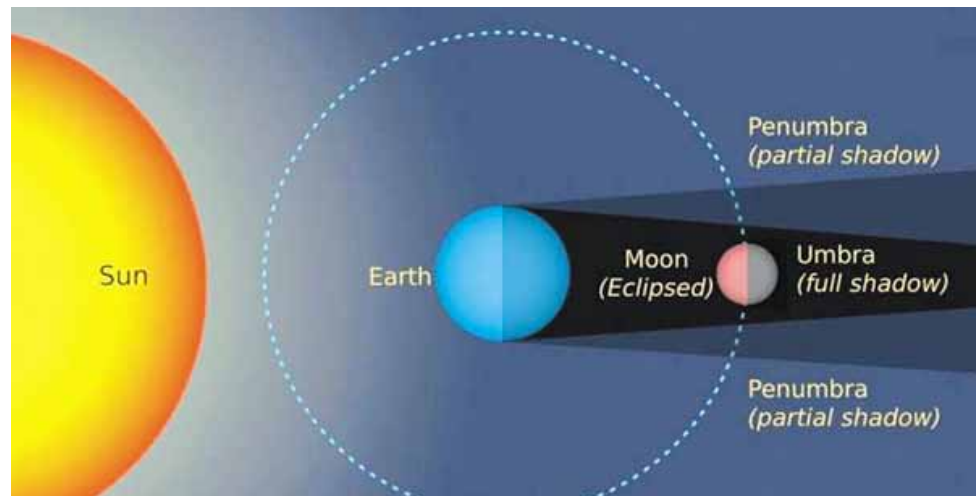
The next eclipse was in fact in November, and it was a penumbral lunar eclipse. When the moon enters the earth's 'penumbra' and creates a light shadow it is different from a lunar eclipse: because it is imperfectly aligned, and it is a much lighter eclipse. This event occurred on the 30th November at about 8:10 pm from Yackandandah viewpoints.

There are no lunar/penumbral/ solar eclipses in December/January, but the next one will happen in 2021. It will be a lunar eclipse on the 26th May 2021 at 9:18pm. It will be on a weekday so this will be highly invisible if you go to school, or work. However, that is at the maximum view. If you just want to see a bit over from the start of the eclipse, then it will be at around 8:00 pm. If you want to see all eclipses in the next decades or years, then you should check the website, *timeanddate.com* which allows you to see future eclipses in your own place, no matter where you live!

The pictures are examples of what lunar/penumbral/ solar eclipses look like. Also, the next solar eclipse will be on the 4 December, 2021 at 8:12 pm! This will be a very small eclipse as it will last for only 5 minutes after the maximum eclipse and it will be very, very small. This is still an event you will want to see before the bigger eclipse that will occur in 2023, and the almost full eclipse in 2028.

	November 2020	May 2021
Penumbral Lunar Eclipse	Time: 8:06pm-10:53pm Maximum eclipse: 8:42pm	N/A
Lunar Eclipse	N/A	Time: 6:47 pm-11:49 pm Maximum eclipse: 9:18 pm

Zac Davis (aged 10), Yack Primary School



Penumbral/Lunar Eclipse and Solar Eclipse Diagram



Solar eclipse



Lunar eclipse



Penumbral eclipse

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YACK GARDEN CLUB

SPRING / SUMMER

The generous rain over the last three months has encouraged growth beyond measure. In addition to the benefit for farmers, the landscape has had a chance to recover and gardens are looking lush. Cascades of flowers on azaleas, a full flush of roses and new leaves pushing out to provide shade and respite through the summer. Birds are singing. Whatever else the world thrusts at us, we can be grateful for the constancy of the seasons. We need also to be mindful that we have a responsibility to care for our environment, to minimize our footprint and tread gently on the earth. We humans create threats to our own survival far more dangerous than any pandemic; and it's a survival that depends on all the biodiversity that supports continued life on the one and only planet we share.

Lions Club Market Stall – Sunday 15th November

This event took place with the hope that the Club's 2021 calendars would be snapped up by those looking for a striking gift for family and friends. Likewise, plants potted up by members were on sale – a mark of the skill, enthusiasm and dedication of our members. A further stall is planned for December 19, 2020. Thanks to all those who contributed and participated.

Streetscape (from Jim)

Chris's picture of the driveway at Wellsford House (23/10/20) looking so good. "How, with a small



Wellsford House – raised garden bed.
Photo credit: Chris Zerbst

amount of effort, you can change a bed of weeds into a spring show".

Bottlebrush

Most bottlebrush flower this month. They handle wet and boggy ground in winter as well as dry conditions in summer. There are groundcovers like Rocky Rambler and Firebrand up to 10m shrubs or trees such as the Willow Leaf Bottlebrush and Viminalis. Some will have a weeping habit such as Hannah Ray and Dawson River Weeper. They also have a range of flower colours including white, green, pink, purple and yellow. Some such as Great Balls of Fire (pictured) hedge really well and they can all handle hard pruning.



"Great Balls of Fire" Bottlebrush

Preparing for Bushfires

Bushfire season is coming soon. A few things you can do are;

- Prune off any dead plant material especially material near ground level.
- Replace any plants that have a lot of dry or dead foliage – healthy plants burn more slowly.
- Select plants that burn more slowly.
- Keep mulch and other flammable material away from buildings – river pebbles don't burn.
- Remove excess twigs, leaves and bark.
- Slash long grass. Even dry grass that is slashed will burn more slowly than unslashed grass.

The CFA has a lot of very good information on this at <https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/fire-ready-kit>

Club Business

While the AGM was held at Wellsford House on 29/10/2020, it was proposed and carried that the AGM meeting would be carried over till June 2021 (in line with COVID-19-related extensions) with all members staying in their positions until then. A review of all positions will take place in June 2021.

Fees / subs have been deferred until June 2021 for the 2021/22 year.

Streetscape work is progressing well, replanting tubs and plans to include grassy plants. Mulch has been added to the garden opposite Yack Community Centre.

Calendar of Events

Saturday 5/12/20	Rose pruning at the Yack Cemetery and potential stall outside supermarket/newsagent
Thursday 10/12/20	Executive meeting at Wellsford House, 4.30pm
Sunday 20/12/20	Lions Club Market
February 2021	General meeting (date to be finalised).
Sunday 2/5/2021	Possible fundraiser at Osborne's Flat Hall.

Michael Metzger
(Communications & Media Secretary)

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YACK & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Museums are one of the last businesses under COVID-19 restrictions to be allowed to open and as we go to print, your Yackandandah Museum has just re-opened!

We are pleased to announce we opened our doors on Saturday, 21st November, welcoming visitors to our wonderful museum once again.

Our doors may have been closed in recent times, but we have been very busy behind the scenes, ensuring we have an engaging and informative offering for our visitors.

Our volunteers have been doing a great job, but we can never have too much help!

As Victoria opens up and Yackandandah continues to accommodate an ever-increasing patronage, the Museum is calling for our members to join us in delivering the best experience for our visitors.

If you can give up a few hours of your time to volunteer on site, we would be most appreciative. If you can spare a couple of hours here or there over weekends – even better!

If you can help - please get in contact with us and we'll let

you know where we can squeeze you in.

At this stage we are opening Friday, Saturday and Sundays only. When this changes we will notify you.

We are inviting you to walk through the doors to view our current exhibition, 'From Top to Bottom' (history of three iconic Yack hotels), also to step back in time and rediscover the past by taking a tour of the Bank Manager's Cottage.

Get ready for Christmas, we have a large selection of jams and chutneys perfect for that small gift or just pop in to say hello. Our team of volunteers are waiting to greet you.

We also have our Christmas Raffle on the go with three hampers to be won. Tickets will be on sale in High Street out the front of the Newsagency on Saturdays, 12th & 19th December or drop into the Museum (if our doors are open.) 1st prize includes a leg of ham - don't miss out. The Raffle will be drawn on the 19th December.



For all communication please email:

museum@yackandandah.com

YACKANDANDAH LIBRARY

As the countdown to the end of 2020 begins and we look forward to a New Year, we would like to wish all our borrowers a happy and healthy festive season.

In the Library, the summer holidays bring the opportunity for special programs for children. At present we are organising for the month of January, with:

Book Bingo for junior primary aged children. Call into the Library to collect a Bingo card and take up the challenges! You could build a book character out of Lego, read to a furry friend or visit the Library and play "I Spy!"

Pick up a Yackandandah treasure map. By using the map and finding Library posters in spots around town, you can answer clues that have a book focus. It will be fun and you can win prizes

for this and Book Bingo!

Our popular **Grab and Go Story and Craft bags** will still be available. Visit us at any time to find out what the latest highlighted story is and to have a craft ready for the young members of your family.

We reopen, after the Christmas break, in early January and we are very happy to help you! Need some suggestions for good summer reads, want to use a computer, need some printing done? We're here for you.

Please contact us by calling 02 6028 1180 or visit www.indigoshire.vic.gov.au/libraries for more information.

We hope to see you soon!



Lulu Fox-McPhee, a new resident of Yackandandah, working on her online university studies, in our Library

More Quotes:

"... real kindness is an exchange with essentially unpredictable consequences ... "
Adam Phillips & Barbara Taylor: 'On Kindness.'

"He who clings blindly to the past will be left behind; but he who abandons himself will be swept away like a dry leaf; all one can do is to travel even more consciously and less willingly."
Arthur Koestler

"The Aussies - they have terrible defects; they are cruel, censorious, incurious, flinty- hearted and vain as Lucifer at being all these things. But their virtues! Phenomenally brave, open-handed, shrewd, humorous, adventurous, fanatically independent and, most blessed of all, contemptuous of fuss."
Colin McInnes

"Education's purpose is to replace an empty mind with an open one."
Malcolm Forbes

"I see people in the world throw away their lives lusting after things, never able to satisfy their desires, falling into deep despair and torturing themselves. Even if they get what they want, how long will they be able to enjoy it? For one heavenly pleasure they suffer ten torments of hell, binding themselves more firmly to the grindstone. Such people are like monkeys frantically grasping for the moon in the water and then falling into a whirlpool. How endlessly those caught up in the floating world suffer."
Ryokan

"You wander from room to room hunting for the diamond necklace that is already around your neck."
Rumi

The Notice of the Annual General Meeting of THE YACKANDANDAH & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

will be held on **Friday the 11th day of December 2020** in the gardens of **Ashlar Stays, 8 High Street, Yackandandah.**

A copy of the Annual Financial Report for the year ending 30 April 2020 will be distributed at the Meeting.

Following the meeting, pizzas and soft drinks served, or BYO if preferred.

As the Museum has been closed for the much of the time since March 2020, the Society is asking for a contribution of \$15 per head; the remaining costs to be paid by the Society.

RSVP by Friday, 4th December to:
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Linton Lethlean, Secretary



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Visitor Information in Centre of Yack

The Yackandandah Visitor Information Centre re-opened on Saturday, 14 November in its new home at 15 High Street. The Centre is sharing these premises with Yackandandah Post Office.

Jennifer Allan, Coordinator of Visitor and Tourism Industry Services for Indigo Shire Council, has overseen the process of relocating the Centre to the historic building, and ensuring that the anticipated rush of summer visitors to Yack will have high quality information and advice.

"The Post Office has a number of advantages over our previous location," Jen said. "In particular, it has street-level access for people using wheelchairs, strollers and prams. It is also close to parking and to a number of key High Street



destinations. And it is, of course, one of Yack's most prized historical buildings, constructed as a general store in 1857."

Jen and Postmaster Chris Horton have coordinated a series of internal improvements, with careful planning of the space to maximise options for visitors and regular Post Office customers.

"The space is now set up for multiple services, with separate counters

and displays," Chris outlined. "We will share both access doors, and the area is COVID-19 compliant for 12 customers plus staff. The Post Office currently operates Monday- Saturday, and the Visitor Information Centre 7 days a week, so the overlapping and support we can give each other should work well."

"And we now have 21st Century solar power to help us both, as we add to the wonderful history of Yackandandah!"

HUMAN BEING

A four-legged animal
That can walk on two legs
To see over the horizon

An incredible ability to shape the future
Without the wisdom to do so wisely

With a superiority complex
That dreams of dominating the earth
And so destroys it

By trashing the planet
Destroys own home
But with ingenuity.

Stephen Masters

MOWER DREAMING

Most amongst us love the smell of freshly cut lawn and its anchor in memories past. Sun-filled endless summers with friends, family, backyard cricket, burnt sausages and sunburn.

To build new memories, last month I purchased a battery mower. As with any significant change in long-held practice, the purchase came with some ambivalence. Despite an awareness of the pollution associated with small motors, I have long relied on noisy, smelly, oily and heavy push mowers and brush-cutters to maintain our garden. After all, this is what I have known, and I love the pleasure of transforming spring unkempt grass into passable lawn.

The mower, Wodonga, is which I am in position of to charge power. This symmetry process grass, driven. It will need battery to lawn in one these can also other compatible chainsaws, brush-trimmers.



purchased in battery powered the fortunate being able with solar all adding to the of cutting itself solar seems I a second mow our session, but be used in appliances: cutters and hedge

So, there it is. A simple change in thinking (and saving of money to make a new purchase), has enabled another reduction in my day to day reliance on fossil fuels. I have replaced an ageing series of unreliable, clunky 'heritage' mowers with a smart device. It is made of metal, super quiet, near maintenance free and the fuel is the sun.

But more, it is these fossil fuels which are so intimately linked with the dramatic escalation of human caused climate change, the effects of which creep ever deeper into our experience, communities and political lives. While the complexity of a meaningful response to climate change is hard to fathom, the day-to-day acts are so very real. Each time you turn off a light, make a purchase, replace an appliance, drive rather than ride, choose an electricity retailer, select a bank, designate a superannuation provider or even make structural decisions about your garden, you are embedding another response to the wicked nature of climate change. Will the decisions you make aggregate to a robust and ethical response to a problem almost beyond comprehension?

My eight-year-old now tells me I will have to fight him to use the mower. Good. And we must all fight to make sure all eight-year-olds grow to a stable climate future.

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Yackandandah

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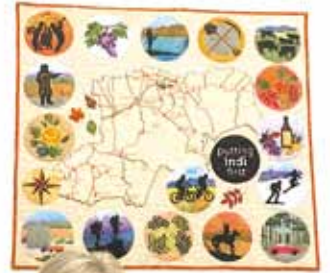
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Participating in the Australian Reading Hour on 12 November 2020 underneath a beautiful local quilt gifted to me by Frances Salathiel, which has had pride of place in the Indi parliamentary office since Cathy was the member

CLIMATE ACTION TO PROTECT THE PLACES WE LOVE

I was pleased to support Zali Steggall's Climate Change Bill 2020. This will lock in a target of net zero emissions by 2050 and set up a framework for long-term climate change mitigation.

For me, climate change isn't a political issue. It's about protecting the places we



Protect the places we love

love, and the people who rely on them that are most at risk from a changing climate.

The Climate Change Bill is now being considered by a Parliamentary Committee. This will be the first inquiry into why Australia should commit to net zero by 2050, and why the Bill will help each sector with the adaptation and resilience planning that is needed.

Integrity commission calls grow louder

The campaign to #BringOnDebate of my Australian Federal Integrity Commission bills continued

with momentum, including an endorsement from the Australian Federal Police Association. In parliament, I met with many MPs from across the aisles, including the Attorney-General, about the push for a robust federal integrity commission as soon as possible this parliament.

Honouring our Indi midwives and nurses

2020 has been the International Year of the Nurse and the Midwife. This year they've been the cornerstone of our pandemic response and the backbone of our healthcare system.

Our midwives have been there for those women feeling so alone in pregnancy, in childbirth, and in navigating their new family without the usual face-to-face love and support of grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends. In my

Parliamentary speech I named some of the hundreds of nurses and midwives from Indi who have made an enormous difference in the lives of people in my electorate and beyond.

\$465 million regional tourism support welcomed

The recent Victorian Tourism Recovery Package is fabulous support for our local tourism, hospitality and accommodation small businesses. Many projects announced by Premier Andrews were identified by the community in my Indi Federal Budget Submission consultation. They are precisely the priority projects the community called for. Both sleigh bells and cash registers will be ringing at Christmas with \$200 vouchers for each visitor encouraging them to spend that little bit more. This is the holiday gift that our businesses need.

Our wineries had a shocking year with the loss of summer trade and COVID-19. Over the last year I've worked with them to secure funding for smoke taint and wind back the harsher aspects of the border closure which evaporated their NSW trade. Each time we met, we talked about their hopes for the future. These announcements are about creating that future.

Hiking in our magnificent high country is a gift to the soul. The \$15 million for the Falls to Mr Hotham Alpine Crossing will add this walk to the list of must-do hikes that are iconic in the minds of nature enthusiasts. This is a great opportunity for the Federal Government to step up and co-fund the rest of this fantastic project.

There's so much potential in North East Victoria for growing our tourism. There are plenty of other projects the Federal Government could get behind, such as the Murray to Mountains Rail Trail, the Alexandra to Eildon Rail Trail, the Skyline Road Precinct at Lake Eildon. I encourage the Federal Government to support long-term local jobs and rebuild our local small business sector by funding these community priority projects.

Draft Ride It Walk It Plan

Submissions on this are closing on 23 December 2020, at 5:00 pm.

The aim of the Ride It, Walk It, Indigo Plan is to provide a strategic framework to guide Indigo Shire Council on cycling, walking and horse riding opportunities such as paths/trails, infrastructure, events, programs and services for the next 10 years.



Council requested this plan to improve use of existing cycling, walking and horse riding infrastructure within the municipality and to increase participation rates in each of these activities.

Improving infrastructure usage and participation rates can have a significant impact on the health and wellbeing of the community.

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FREE KINDERGARTEN FOR 2021

As we reach the end of 2020 and the good news about COVID-19 cases being zero for Victorians, parents of young children now have another reason to rejoice. The Victorian Government announced recently that it would cover the cost of funded kindergarten in 2021, making 3YO and 4YO funded kindergarten free.

The government's announcement would cover all our 3YO and 4YO groups as we roll out 15 hours a week of sessional kindergarten delivered by a Bachelor trained teacher across all our programs at Yackandandah Kindergarten in 2021. 100% of the parents' fee will now be fully subsidised by the Victorian Government, which means more children will have access to high quality early childhood education.

Early years of high quality early childhood education form the basis of intelligence, personality, resilience, social and emotional skills and best start to school as evidence has shown us. COVID-19 reiterated what the sector already knew, that early childhood education is essential and that the routine of attending kindergarten for many families and children was integral to their wellbeing throughout the pandemic.

"This will give parents greater flexibility when it comes to work, study, training or finding new opportunities." Education Minister, James Merlino, said. "The \$165.6 million scheme is released to help



and support women to get into the workforce, which is essential for our regional communities. We see this as a positive step forward for our state, our sector, our children and families and our future."

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Slow Fashion & Conscious Living





It would be easy to focus on the extraordinary disruption to life that was 2020. Empty venues, festivals and events cancelled - normal community life deemed too risky....

Indigo FM celebrated 10 years on air in 2020 and we had to get creative in working out how we could celebrate this achievement. Our station certainly reflects much of our collective community's hardship and achievements at any time and this was true in 2020. At our core we produce radio programs and, on that score, we are pretty confident that Indigo FM enters 2021 in reasonably healthy shape.

We took the lockdown opportunity to explore and develop the technology side of our organisation and in late October launched an internet radio station! You'll find the player at our website www.indigofmradio.com on the right hand panel. Having this option will enable those would-be keen listeners who live outside the current reception range to tune in via the internet. At this stage this is an internet radio station, as distinct from a live stream which we will be working on throughout Summer. You can head along to www.indigofmradio.com/listen/streaming/ to find out more including a program guide. Content on the stream includes recent and current shows, some archived shows, interviews and specials as well as our playlist for which you can read the currently playing song name and artist information. Big shout out to Michael Rosenbrock, our web designer and various Yackandandah locals (Luke, Kirsten, Phil, Bron, Angela, Denis, Karen, Nigel and Richard)

who helped guide us through the three months of testing.

We wish to congratulate the Yackandandah Community Centre Committee and their Manager David Thorpe for how wonderful the building is looking after some recent renovations. Our Yackandandah studio now has the capacity to put phone calls live to air thanks to the generous assistance of Ben Quick at ReConnect



Yackandandah's Julian James performs live in Indigo FM's studio in early November. Julian has been an active presence behind the scenes to get live music back into venues and the community

and this has been especially useful for the new weekday Yack Chat program which airs from 10.00 -11.00 am each day. You can call in to Yack Chat via the number, 0419 881 566.

Our Radiothon ran throughout October and

November in 2020 and we are grateful to the many existing members who renewed their Memberships for 2021.

We are always looking for new presenters and themed shows with a difference. Just drop us a line at indigofmradioyack@gmail.com with your program idea or send us a message via our website www.indigofmradio.com/contact/.

We were excited and relieved to welcome back regulars such as Harvey Ballantyne's excellent "Asleep At The Wheel" program. Chris McGorlick's new show, the funky and brassy "Horn Chowder" has added a fun start to Wednesdays. Spencer Washington has returned on Saturday afternoons with his "Musical Mash" and how good has it been to have our "UK import" Hannah Templeton and her "Radio Ladio!" shows focusing on contemporary female artists. Bron and Angela have also produced some excellent themed shows around love and break-up songs.

Yackandandah Primary School Year 6 students, Mary and Stella, have now presented several episodes of "The Mellow Show" and we also added a second weekly slot on Mondays with Year 5 students, Mia and Irena, taking to the airwaves very confidently which should see them hit 2021 running strongly.

Our Listeners' Poll of Favourite Australian Songs Since 2010 provoked plenty of discussion. Somewhat expectedly, the most popular song was Gotye's 2011 classic Somebody That I Used To Know (feat Kimbra). Artists such as Julia Jacklin, The Teskey Brothers, Gang of Youths, The Northern Folk and Nick Cave and The Bad Seeds all featured strongly.

Every year brings a degree of uncertainty. Who knows what 2021 has in store for us? We're feeling positive about that challenge and confident that the experience of 2020 will hold us in good stead.

We'd like to take this opportunity to wish Yackity Yak readers, editor Ali Pockley and YCDCo a safe and relaxing festive season and may we all perhaps thrive a little in 2021.



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THE ARTS IN YACKANDANDAH

DRESSING UP FOR AN AGM



Chrissie Zerbst of Yack Writers

Not another Zoom meeting!! This was the general feeling of the Arts Yackandandah Committee as we approached the date of our AGM (November 19, 2020). Outdoors or indoors? We were relieved when the announcement was made that we could meet in a large indoor space – the Public Hall - and maintain ‘social distancing’.

First the formal part of the AGM. We farewelled Frances Higgins after seven years as President and welcomed Chris McGorlick to the role. Frances will remain on the committee. Bev Lello continues as Secretary, Tim Evans continues as Treasurer and Sally Dodds joins the executive committee as Vice President, the role formerly held by Chris McGorlick. Chris Lello, Jenny Poyner and Brendan Hogan have stepped down after many years of contributing, Jenny for Fresh and Unframed, Chris as Treasurer and Brendan as Yackandandah Theatre Company rep. They have all worked creatively and tirelessly in these roles and will be missed. We have had an influx of new committee members in the last couple of years and we feel confident the future of Arts Yackandandah is in good hands.



Helen MacCalman with a painting by her husband, Hamish

Then onto the fun part. Rather than give formal reports from each of our sub-groups, we decided the representatives would ‘perform’ what they’ve been creating during the lockdown. Creative people keep creating and practising their craft even when

they can’t meet face to face or perform to an audience. The pictures tell the story, but here’s a quick summary.



Tim Evans introducing Flickside

they can’t meet face to face or perform to an audience. The pictures tell the story, but here’s a quick summary.

- Helen MacCalman, as a representative of the visual arts, showed and talked about a painting her husband, Hamish, has been working on.
- Chris McGorlick and Lauren Salathiel sang a duet.



Newly elected President, Chris McGorlick with Lauren Salathiel duet with the ukelele

- David Pietsch on violin and Sally Dodds on our newly renovated and tuned grand piano, entertained us with beautiful music.
- And later David joined with Sally, Frances and Mitzi Davidson from the Uke-n-dandahs to make more music.

- Tim Evans, representing Flickside, showed a short film clip – an uplifting coming together of instruments and voice performing Beethoven’s Ninth in a village square. (This was also a way of representing our community choir).
- Chris Zerbst (Yackandandah Writers) read her short story, *Blind Date*, a story with a twist and Bev Lello (poetry group) read one of her own poems, *All the Best Paths*.
- Tim Evans entertained us with two poems (or were they song lyrics?) and Mish Croker recited from memory a piece she has always loved about connecting to nature.



David Pietsch, Mitzie Davidson, Frances Higgins and Sally Dodds

- Margie Gleeson, who has many plans for our theatre group, presented an update on what we can expect in 2021.

So, there was much to celebrate and hopefully, before too long, we’ll be back to bringing a fantastic line-up of music, theatre and the visual arts to the Yackandandah community.

*Bev Lello
Secretary
Arts Yackandandah*



Sally Dodds and David Pietsch entertain



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Like much of south eastern Australia, our year began with a very intense fire season, and then COVID-19 came into all our lives. Easter this year was to be the final exhibition of many of my tableware items (after 54 years!), but this was cancelled. As a consequence, the annual exhibition this year will have an emphasis on tableware. In order to celebrate the end of an era, it will feature some old favourites. It has been many years since I have made some of the items including a limited range of teapots, jugs, mugs and handled serving and soup bowls. The exhibition will also feature my latest salt glaze and Terra Sigillata work as well. Into the future I will be continuing my salt glazed and Terra Sigillata work, together with a large range of decorative pieces and a limited range of serving and other functional pots. I am slowing, but certainly not stopping!

I look forward to seeing you if you can make it this year, and in the meantime stay well and safe.

THE ARTS IN YACKANDANDAH

I was perhaps eight or nine when I first heard of Santa Claus. Children in the school yard at the end of the year were asking one another who believed in him. One assertive mischief-maker was adamant that he didn't exist and several children became confused and walked away. I wonder how the conversation went when they arrived home that evening.

I knew there was a time of year called Christmas, but it had nothing whatever to do with religion. It was simply an occasion for families to come together, share a meal and perhaps exchange gifts or go on holiday. Given that my birthday is in December and that there was no money for frivolous extravagances like presents, I was gently informed that birthday and Christmas would be combined and I might have a new pair of shoes.

My grandfather, now old, alone and on the other side of the world, had organised a surprise. When I woke up on Christmas morning, there on the floor at the foot of my bed was a clockwork train set carefully laid out on a sheet of Masonite by my father. Amazing, intriguing and quite overwhelming. The first Christmas present I could play with – a green tin locomotive pulling six trucks that could tip their contents by the side of the tracks. All beautifully made, German engineering, of course.

Christmases and birthdays came and went for the next five years with one other highlight, a bicycle that offered unthinkable freedom without the accoutrements of Christmas. Whether it was an unspoken family history that included the spectrum of Judaeo-Christian belief suppressed because of the Nazis, or simply adherence to values that needed no religious justification, I was unaware of God, the Church or Christmas until a friend at the end of the street invited me to her confirmation at the local Anglican church. Never before had I entered such a building; never heard organ music accompanying voices in hymnal praise; never listened to such stories as could be found in the heavy leather-bound book called the Bible.

The experience was transformative. Week after week, my Sundays were stitched into something mystical. School studies of Restoration and Reformation history led to an awareness of religious tradition that I explored with my parents who had hitherto shielded me from the politico-religious pitfalls that had wrought so much grief and destruction on

But the world changes, children grow and families divide. The years of unquestioning harmony become dispersed and diluted and we learn Truth has become commodified. The more we discover, the less we know for certain except for the fact that we have been deceived. The lessons are hard as we find our idealised beliefs corrupted by greed, abuse and the lust for power. The more we uncover the secrets of history, the more we question what we knew, what we thought was true. But something else happens - a growing realisation that we can discard the trappings, the hocus-pocus and the politics of the world, including those of religion, and discover the unadorned essence of what matters. By stripping away the superfluities, we are left with values by which we might better live our life. They exist not because of religion, but despite it.

The sentiment of Christmas is a Christian concept that belongs to a minority population in a largely secular world. Other faiths and belief systems beyond the Abrahamic tradition have, for centuries, followed their own paths, created their own gods, set their own rules and so have fostered their own heresies. While some might find comfort in accepting and adhering to the dogma they've been fed, there has been as much conjecture, argument and discord generated by faith and superstition as there has been solace.

By all means believe in God, believe Santa exists, believe the mythology that has become the Christmas story. But believe also that our humanity can unite us every day, not just at Christmas, that kindness and respect don't need baubles or gifts – and maybe some ragamuffin schoolkid all those years ago had a better grip on reality than those waiting to be inevitably disenchanted from their fantasy.

Michael Metzger

THE EVOLUTION OF SANTA



people of faith. I discovered I was part of something more ancient and profound that had intrigued and confounded humanity for centuries. I joined a monastery and studied philosophy.

There is something unnatural about an exclusively male enclave and it didn't take me long to realise that part of me would be denied if I stayed. I also found it harder to unquestioningly accept some of what was insisted as dogma, as unalterable truth. The truth was woman.

With marriage and a family, Christmas became a ritual, its symbols important as expressions of tradition and values – the faith of ages, the wonder of art and music, a belief in the beauty and goodness of the world. A Christmas tree had to be cut from the living forest, the candles to be wax, the decorations carved and painted by hand. With the scene set on Christmas Eve and presents wrapped beneath the tree, the children were ushered into the room to sing *Silent Night* around the piano before proceeding to distribute gifts and receive their own. In the days that followed, variations of that evening were repeated with family and friends, a house complete with children and goodwill.

Yackandandah Writers Group meets on the first Wednesday of the month, 2.30 pm in the Courthouse. Contact Bev Lello at beverley.lello@gmail.com for further details.



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For further details, contact Frances on 0417 292 917

The Story of Dish Pig

Once upon a time, a long time ago, about last January, Dish Pig arrived in Yackandandah. At first, people were not sure what she was. For a start, she was VERY big, especially for a pig. In fact, she was so big there was not a house in the whole of Yackandandah that could fit her in, and she had to stay outside all the time. This was not so bad however, as she was opposite the Primary School and every day children would walk past her and say hello. This made Dish Pig feel very happy.

Secondly, Dish Pig had a VERY important job. Inside her huge body, Dish Pig had a real dishwasher and more than 300 china plates and cups, as well as hundreds of real knives and

good for the environment, and she couldn't wait to make this her full-time job.

Not long after she arrived in Yackandandah, Dish Pig was about to be the star of the Folk Festival. She was SO excited to show everyone what she could do and how well she could do it. But then, COVID-19 came to town.

How sad this made Dish Pig. She was all ready to wash everyone's dishes and make them sparkling clean. She was also excited to help make the Yackandandah



Folk Festival waste-free. Dish Pig sat opposite the school and felt sadder and sadder as the children stopped going to school and the streets became very quiet. Then the autumn came, and leaves settled on her large nose.

When the winter arrived, icy winds blew across her back and rain ran down her cheeks. Dish Pig quietly went to a hay shed on a farm where she could stay dry and warm. This was not so bad and although she felt lonely, she

occasionally talked to the cows and waited patiently for the Spring.

Now Spring is here, Dish Pig is waiting for COVID-19 to go away so she can do her job. She is positive and hopeful and feels sure that one day, things will get better. She still doesn't

have anywhere to live, but she is back in front of the school and happy to see all the children coming and going again.

So, if you see Dish Pig, make sure you say hello! And if you have a big, dry shed that needs a big pig to look after it, then please tell her friends at Plasticwise Yackandandah and they will make sure she gets there safely. You can let the Pig's special friend know if you have a space – Kirsten Coates on 0447 831 220.

Plasticwise Yackandandah is a not for profit community organisation that is helping Yackandandah to be a plastic free town. They work with traders and organisations to reduce the use of plastic by providing workable, achievable and earth friendly alternatives and solutions. They are currently selling hand knitted 100% cotton dishcloths made by a group of dedicated knitters in Yackandandah. Find us on Facebook if you'd like to be a part of Plasticwise Yackandandah!



forks and spoons. Her job was to give anybody who wanted them, a plate and a cup to get food and coffee and then they could bring them back and she would wash them all sparkling clean. FOR FREE! Dish Pig loved her job and felt she was doing something



From this above to below in the space of a few weeks if not days.

PLEASE, prepare your property for fire. We don't want a repeat of last summer.



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WOMEN OF YACK

There are many local women out here doing brilliant things and very quietly too.

We would love to tell the stories behind such women, so if you know anyone who would like to share their tales and their wisdom, please send details and photos to us at yackity_yak@yackandandah.com or to Michelle Croker at mish.croker@bigpond.com who has offered to oversee this project.

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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	55	11
Aug	85.8	16
Sept	75.2	13
Oct	88.4	13
Nov to 12th	9.6	3
TOTAL	841.4	111
2018 to 12/11	542.2	83
2019 to 12/11	611.2	90



NEVER THE TWAIN SHALL MEET

Saddle blanket so torn and faded through time, bridles covered and boasting in mould,
 Buckles with rust would certainly bust if I should be so bold.
 Drays and the sulkies are gracing the tip, broken wheels all warping with rot,
 But never one glance from a station lad, never a reason or thought why they stopped.

Harness still draping a high sagging rail, neglected, so sad and forlorn.
 Surge of the collars, loud snap of the trace before this modern day madness was born.
 Never the dust and never the thrill, no more will the flintstones fly.
 Never to shoulder a wild maddened beast while scrub and the years flash by.

Pack saddles on beams, scant hope and lost dreams forsaken as hobbles and bells
 Dried & cracked left behind from a past they can't find. Could they speak, what a story to tell!
 Thrill of the chase at a blistering pace, blood painting the spur and the rowel.
 Miss the tail with the pull while throwing a bull leaves a grave where the lone dingos howl.

Freezing nights on the watch with blistering days forgetting the rain and the damp.
 Remembering the taste of the flying flecked foam making us kings on the face of the camp.
 Never deep gullies, never drew rein. No more will the gibber stones fly.
 Never to shoulder with blood in the eye as the timber and dreams float by.

Yarns of bold times, reciting bush rhymes, quietly passing the Bundy around.
 Paltry the pay for a long weary day still knowing we earned every pound.
 Bullstraps without fail telling wild tales no more gracing the old Schneider seat.
 Fond memories of horses, lost mates we can't find, while never the twain shall meet.

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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.

Currently, with COVID-19 restrictions changing frequently, please call the Booking Officer to discuss current numbers allowed in each venue. Social distancing and other regulations must be adhered to during the hire of these venues.

Ali Pockley, the Booking Officer can be contacted by email at: **publichall@yackandandah.com** or by mobile on

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Chris Lello, Treasurer, Yackandandah Public Halls Committee of Management

SWIMMING POOLS - SWIMMING POOLS

On the front page of the October/November edition of Yackity Yak, an article about community consultation and the Beechworth Pool talked broadly about Council's 2020 Pool Development Plan, which is looking at all five pools across the Shire. However, one of the key recommendations from this Plan, is to undertake a feasibility study on the future of the Beechworth Pool. Ten years ago, this pool suffered a structural failure and repair was undertaken. A recent technical assessment undertaken as part of the Pool Development Plan has determined that this repair is unlikely to last for more than five years. The Beechworth Pool is apparently is reaching the end of its life and this study should therefore help determine the most viable option for the future.

The current options for the Beechworth Pool are:

1. Replacement of pool structures at existing site,
2. New outdoor facility at existing or alternative site,
3. New indoor pool facility at existing or alternative site.

Council have informed Yackity Yak that further consultation will be undertaken over summer of 2020, but given the focus is on Beechworth, a lot of the consultation will be targeted to specific user groups, stakeholders as well as the broader community.

Yackity Yak was informed by Council that they received a lot of community responses (see below) to what consultation they have done so far, but in speaking to ratepayers from Rutherglen to Upper Sandy Creek, not one person Yackity Yak spoke to had heard anything about the plan or the options for the Beechworth Pool.

ENGAGEMENT METHOD	LOCATION/DATE	NUMBER OF SUBMISSIONS
Face-to-face	Rutherglen 16 October 2019	1
Face-to-face	Beechworth 23 October 2019	21
Online submissions	Promoted via website, weekly update Posters and Social media from Open 30 September 2019 – 3 February 2020	85
Email submissions	Promoted via website, weekly update Posters and Social media from 30 September 2019 – 3 February 2020.	9
TOTAL		116

Council have indicated that they will endeavour to ensure widespread communication about this next round of consultations, and Yackity Yak would of course be happy to help promote this.

Community Engagement during 2019/20 included:

- Drop in sessions in Beechworth and Rutherglen.
- Submissions via the "have your say page" on the Council website.
- Promotion to key stakeholders.
- Posters asking for input at each of the pool facilities promoted throughout summer.
- Social media engagement.
- Inclusion in the Weekly Update.



FROM THE LIONS' DEN

Yackandandah Lions Club is looking for new members. We need community minded people to help us do our essential community work. We meet once a month on the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 6pm at Wellsford

House. We have a social dinner after the meeting. In the community we:

- organise the monthly market;
- hold the Calcutta before Melbourne Cup (subject to COVID-19);
- hold the Community Christmas Party;
- hold Australia Day breakfast;
- assist with Anzac Day;
- hold Junior Public Speaking Competition;
- give scholarship money to a child from each of the 3 local schools;
- we donate to other local groups.

Age is no barrier and whether you are 16 to 100 years young, you are welcome.

WE NEED YOU!

Please text or phone Jane on 0400 271 992 or email her at Yackandandah.vic@lions.org.au

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 and 2021.
20th December, 2020

17th January	21st February
21st March	18th April
16th May	20th June
18th July	15th August
19th September	17th October
21st November	19th 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

A summary of the themes from engagement to date include:

- Improved programming,
- Improved infrastructure,
- Support for an indoor pool option and
- Support for a general feasibility study. Details follow with few surprises there:

Location	Feedback Themes			General Beechworth Pool Feasibility Study support	NO OF SUBMISSIONS
	Support Improved Programming	Support Improved Infrastructure	Support Beechworth Indoor Pool option in Beechworth Pool Feasibility Study		
Chiltern	1	1			2
Beechworth	3	3	93	4	103
Yackandandah	2				2
Rutherglen	1	1			2
Tangambalanga		1			1
Not stated	1	3		2	6
TOTAL					116

According to the report on the 27th November Indigo Weekly Update:

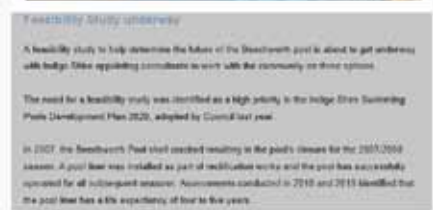
"A range of engagement activities is planned including telephone interviews with direct stakeholders, community pop-ups, a community survey, workshops with internal staff and Councillors," Trevor Ierino, Shire CEO has said.

Consultants, @Leisure, will be at the Beechworth Pool on Sunday 6 December from 3:00pm and on Monday 7 December from 6:00am (for early morning swimming) to speak with users. They have also begun telephone interviews with key stakeholders and a community survey will be available from 30th November via Council's website 'Have A Say' page."

Hopefully, ratepayers from outside Beechworth will be encouraged to have their say about such a new piece of infrastructure that will clearly play an important part in not only one township, but quite possibly the future of the other four pools in the Shire over the long term, and more importantly, the Shire budget which may well bear the brunt of a great deal of the finances required for such a project.

Yackity Yak will endeavour to keep its readers abreast of the project, but it is worth contacting the Shire to receive their weekly email newsletter which has, just this week, had details of the Feasibility Study for the pools published in more detail

Contact info@indigoshire.vic.gov.au to get yourself on their weekly email mailing list.



OSBORNES FLAT PRIMARY SCHOOL

After two long periods of remote and flexible learning this year, students, staff and parents were so happy to be able to return to on-site schooling for Term 4.

Since our return to school, students have quickly settled back into their usual classroom routines and enjoyed reconnecting with their peers in the playground.

Our private and small group music lessons have resumed at school this term. This weekly program enables students to participate in piano, guitar, violin and ukulele lessons with private instructors through the school day.

This term we held our annual Book Week parade. This event is usually held during Term 3, but was delayed this year. Students thoroughly enjoyed dressing up as their favourite book character for the whole school parade. The students also spent the morning completing literacy activities related to this year's shortlisted storybooks. Unfortunately we were not able to have parents and grandparents

attend this event, but we are looking forward to having them attend next year.



Book Week at Osbornes Flat Primary School - involving everyone!

This year our planned camp to Phillip Island was not able to occur. Instead, our Year 3-6 students will now attend the Snowy River Adventure Camp at Tallangatta Valley during the last week of this term.

Transition programs are well underway here, with 2021 Foundation students spending time at 'big' school each fortnight, and Year 6 students participating in a variety of transition activities at their respective high schools.

Students have been fitting in some extra exercise by walking laps of our school oval as part of Walk to School Month. As it's not possible for a lot of our students to safely walk to school, students have been arriving early in order to fit in 10 minutes of additional activity each morning.

We know students and staff are looking forward to the Christmas break where we can all spend some quality time with family and friends. We are so lucky to have such a positive and supportive community to be able to overcome the challenges of 2020 and we look forward to what 2021 will bring for our wonderful school.

Sarah Kohne
Principal, Osbornes Flat Primary School

We know you enjoy open gardens and garden tours. Last November more than 200 of you attended the G4W open garden in West Wodonga. Many of you requested more open gardens during our feedback survey earlier this year.



Due to COVID-19 we aren't able to host an open garden this year, but instead we teamed up with the Albury Wodonga Sustainable Living Festival team to create virtual garden tours of three local gardens.

Grab a cuppa, make yourself comfortable and enjoy seeing and hearing about these beautiful habitat gardens:

Julianne and Greg Sharp's West Wodonga garden:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wRi8RjRp03I&feature=emb_logo

Glenda and Bernie Datson's Baranduda garden:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Pnp-qm7BsI&feature=emb_logo

David and Sue Thurley's Glenroy garden:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=touGyyYhb3s&feature=emb_logo

In other news, we received a phenomenal 250 entries to the Go Wild children's art competition. Tasked with creating a picture of an Australian native animal in a garden setting, the artworks featured a wide array of creatures from magpies, kookaburras and red-back spiders to echidnas and blue-tongue lizards (plus the odd camel and spinner dolphin). There's talent, creativity and humour aplenty amongst Border kids. Their entries are exhibited in the Kidspace at Albury Library Museum until Friday 4 December. Please pop in, particularly if you have children in tow. Happy spring gardening,

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RECIPE OF THE SEASON - Stuffed Sicilian zucchini – by Jamie Oliver

Well folks - it's nearly time for the never-ending supply of zucchs! So here's a little ripper of a recipe to tantalise! For our vegetarian friends, just omit the pork and pancetta/bacon & add mushrooms.

Ingredients

2 large yellow zucchini
2 large green zucchini
1 tbs extra virgin olive oil, plus extra to drizzle
1 onion, finely chopped
1 small garlic clove, thinly sliced
1 tsp ground cinnamon
1/3 cup (50g) raisins
1/3 cup (50g) pine nuts
1/2 cup (125ml) Marsala or other sweet wine
1 cup (70g) fresh breadcrumbs
200g pork mince (mushrooms finely chopped)
16 slices (240g) flat pancetta or streaky bacon

Tomato sauce

1 tbs olive oil
2 garlic cloves, thinly sliced
1 large bunch basil, leaves torn, stalks finely chopped
1/2 tsp dried chilli flakes
1kg fresh ripe and tasty tomatoes

Method

1. Cut the zucchini in half lengthways. Using a teaspoon, gently scoop out the centre of each half, then finely chop centres. Set aside. Place zucchini halves on a tray, sprinkle with salt and set aside for 10 minutes to draw out excess liquid. Rinse, then pat dry with paper towel.
2. Heat the oil in a large frypan over medium heat. Add the onion, garlic, cinnamon and chopped zucchini, and cook, stirring occasionally, for 10 minutes or until softened. Add the raisins, pine nuts and Marsala, and cook, stirring, for 2-3 minutes until reduced slightly.
3. Allow to cool, then stir through breadcrumbs and pork mince (or mushrooms), seasoning well. Spoon mince mixture into zucchini halves and squeeze halves back together.
4. Preheat oven to 200°C.
5. For the tomato sauce, place a frypan over medium heat and add the olive oil, garlic and basil stalk. Cook, stirring, for 3-4 minutes until fragrant. Add the chilli



and tomatoes, breaking the tomatoes up with a wooden spoon. Season.

6. Bring to a simmer and cook for 5 minutes or until slightly reduced, then add half the basil leaves. Spoon tomato sauce into a small roasting pan.
7. Carefully arrange the stuffed zucchini in the sauce, then drape pancetta over each zucchini. Scatter over remaining basil leaves and drizzle with a little olive oil.
8. Bake for 35-40 minutes until the sauce is bubbling.
9. Serve hot or at room temperature.



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YACK GOLF CLUB

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LADIES RESULTS

A grade Scratch and winner of the Jan Clark Trophy: Judy Langford 84 (Albury)
 A grade Nett winner: Glenda Marshall 69 (Beechworth)
 B grade winner (Stableford): Ros Revell 45 (Yackandandah)
 B grade runner up: Jan Moore 42 (Wodonga)
 C grade winner: Ann Hazeldine 48 (Myrtleford)



Winning Ladies Bowl Team: Photo R Revell, R Davies, M Northey (L McCrystal missing)

C grade runner up: M Northey 39 (Yack)
 Winning Bowl team: YACKANDANDAH! R Revell, M Northey, L McCrystal, R Davies

We would like to thank our sponsors:

Foundry Financial Services who contributed to the prize pool and also offered \$1000 'hole in 1' prize which sadly, remained intact.

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MENS RESULTS

The men held their Annual Tournament weekend on Saturday 31 October, and Sunday 1 November.

* **4BBB Mixed Event (Sat):** P Ellison & C Zerst (47) from D Crosthwaite & P Crosthwaite (45)

YACK COMMUNITY BOWLING CLUB

Members of Yackandandah Community Bowling Club are back on the greens following the hiatus caused by COVID-19.

Whilst we awaited the commencement of the Ovens and Murray Pennant season, YCBC competed in a small competition organised by Lance Symons from Myrtleford, sponsored by Lion Nathan and known as the 4XXXX Cup. This competition is now in recess until after the completion of Pennant, and YCBC are on top of the ladder.



Yack CBC members at Rutherglen showing the bowlers wearing masks during the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic

We have welcomed some new bowlers for the season and following the first round in mid-November, our Saturday B4 team had a win at home whilst our Saturday A2 and mid-week A2 teams are "still finding our feet following promotion".

Our annual community challenge is scheduled to commence 21st January, 2021. Please contact Wayne Furze for further details on 0417 685 886.

*Anne Corcoran
 Secretary*

*Mens Tournament Event (Sunday):

A Grade
 Scratch Winner – Ross Hillary 69
 Scratch Runner Up – Michael Cheshire 75
 Nett Winner – Neville Page 71
 Nett Runner Up – Leo Glass 73

B Grade
 Scratch Winner – Phillip Conway 82
 Scratch Runner Up – Brendan Jones 83
 Nett Winner – Greg Cunningham 70
 Nett Runner Up – Michael Rogers 72

C Grade
 Scratch Winner – Craig Wassink 95
 Scratch Runner Up – Bill Williams 95
 Nett Winner – Michael Glass 71
 Nett Runner Up – Robert Reeb 76

CONGRATULATIONS to all winners and runner up golfers.

For more information visit our YGC webpage :
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