

## WELCOME HOME, HELEN



Only a matter of weeks since Helen Kelley's shocking accident on the stone bridge whilst riding her electric bike into town, everyone will be delighted to know that Helen has returned to her apartment at Yackandandah Health whilst she continues her amazing recovery.

Helen is receiving a great deal of care as she overcomes her injuries, and is part way through a series of intensive treatments.

There is no doubt that everyone will look forward to seeing Helen out and about again in due course, but not on the blue electric bike... something a bit more sedate with four wheels is likely to be Helen's next source of transport!

Helen has clearly not lost her wicked sense of humour when Yackity Yak popped around to see how she was going. There was a great deal of Helen's wit and spark in evidence, and she wished to thank her family for their amazing care and help during these difficult weeks whilst Helen was in hospital in Melbourne, and for the community's good wishes.

Yackity Yak wishes Helen a speedy return to full health, and back to doing the things she loves most in her Yackandandah community.

## MARCH 4 JUSTICE

Many Yackandandah faces were to be seen in Canberra, Albury and Wangaratta on Monday, 15th March when March 4 Justice rallies were held across Australia.

Many thousands of people who wish to see significant change on gendered violence attended rallies.

Domestic violence and death caused by a partner has reached unprecedented levels in Australia. Nearly one woman a week died at the hands of a partner in 2020, and the figures are not getting any better.

Workplace issues, too, are hot topics with Canberra taking a lead in divisive actions in the work force.



Albury MARCH 4 JUSTICE rally in QE II Square

## WEATHER OR NOT... FLOODS AND THE FUTURE OF TRANSPORT

Some 18,000 people have been forced from their homes since 20th March with the incredible flooding that has affected parts of NSW & Queensland. Once in 100 year flooding is now becoming more & more commonplace & parts of the coastline are being eroded faster than ever.



Collaroy beach - desperate attempts at erosion repairs  
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Transport is Australia's third largest source of emissions (17%) and the fastest growing source (+60% since 1990.) Global car manufacturers are rapidly moving away from fossil fuels with GM, Honda, Jaguar, Mini, and Volvo all setting goals for their domestic ranges to go all-electric between 2025 and 2035. But failure of our Australian government to commit to a net zero target and the infrastructure to deliver it, is increasing the financial and environmental cost of this inevitable change for Australians, especially our young people.

During March in Canberra, the Parliamentary Friends of Climate Action, co-chaired by Zali Steggall, Helen Haines and Rebekha Sharkie hosted an event for MPs and Senators in Parliament House to hear about the steps Australia needs to take to make low emission transport accessible to all Australians.



Emergency services in Kempsey, delivering food across floodwaters to cattle  
Photo Credit: 9 News

### STOP PRESS

The House Environment and Energy Committee announced on the 25th March that it will hold an inquiry into Helen Haines' Australian Local Power Agency Bill 2021. This is the first time ever the Federal Parliament will officially consider legislation on community-owned renewable energy.

**YACKITY YAK**

Yackity Yak is a free bi-monthly publication aimed at providing news, entertainment and information to the people of Yackandandah.

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- \*Doctors' Surgeries
- \*Indigo Shire Council
- \*Yack Community Centre
- \*Yack PO
- \*Yack Newsagency

It's a great way to get your message across to the Yack community and doesn't cost an arm and a leg.

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**A RAMBLE WITH THE EDITOR**

Lots to celebrate with, but also shocking news from further north in Australia with massive floods inundating tens of 1,000s of hectares of country and displacing huge numbers of residents.

Congratulations to Cheryl and Grahame of Yackandandah Soap for celebrating a great 10 year milestone with their business, see page 7 for the full story. So exciting to see a small local business thriving and going from strength to strength.

Osbornes Flat Hall is about to celebrate her centenary. A great milestone in the life of this great little community hall, and congratulations to all those who have served on the committee and looked after this iconic building. It has an ambience all of its own and is a wonderful asset to the locals. See page 16 for details of the celebrations, and hope to see you at the dance!

It has been an interesting 15 months with COVID-19 and we all keep fingers crossed that the Victorian Gov will continue to lift restrictions, and that we keep on top of this virus generally in Australia. Horror stories continue to come in from overseas, and whilst we might rail at the restrictions we faced last year, we are clearly and unequivocally seeing the benefit of them now when we see what's happening in other countries.

Lots more activities up and running now as arts events start to pop up and sports clubs get busy. It's great to see that people are ready to start organising and getting involved at the merest sniff of the chance, and so good to start re-socialising with people again without having to hide behind a mask. In particular, congratulations to all those behind the Yack Women's Shed - a great article to read on page 26.

Our advertising continues to grow and grow - fantastic! Thanks to each and everyone of you. Yackity Yak is funded purely by advertising revenue, so it's great to have people's confidence and their advertising. The number of adverts is growing so exponentially that we will be looking to see how we re-organise this, as advertising prices have remained constant for in excess of ten years now, as prices externally continue to creep up.

Well done, Yackandandah. Let's hope we have ridden the COVID-19 storm and life will jog on again with minimal changes to our lives. But, it's good to reflect on the positives of staying at home more and enjoying what we have in this wonderful backyard of NE Victoria.

Till next time, take care.

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Yackandandah Health Residential Aged Care



Back in Dec 2020, Yackandandah Health implemented a new cloud-based clinical documentation system for care staff. To make operational this new system we purchased 6 laptops and mobile tables. This ensures ease of access to the program for staff and, when necessary, the ability to make documentation mobile. There were also 3 iPads purchased to assist the Registered Nurses with clinical documentation which involved photos. Using the iPad improves the efficiency of uploading photos to residents' care files. There was lengthy education undertaken for all staff over a 2-week period. The new system allows staff to input data on residents quickly and accurately. It allows all the residents care needs to be recorded within one area which has easy access. The system can run reports when required and prompts follow up of clinical issues. Staff have commented how much quicker and easier documentation is now the system is in place. This great innovation allows more time for the staff to spend with our residents.

**Elizabeth Gray's 107th Birthday**



Elizabeth, 107 years old

Monday, 15th March marked a very special day for Elizabeth Gray who had her 107th birthday. Elizabeth was born at Diamond Creek and was the

3rd of 8 children. She made her career in nursing, training at Ararat and was very proud of her achievements.

Elizabeth married Rupert Bowd in Ballarat in 1938 and had 3 children John, Carmel and Des. Sadly, Rupert passed away 10 years later in 1948. Elizabeth went on to marry Ron Gray in 1956 and moved onto the farm at Dederang where they completed



Elizabeth & Ron

their family once Susan was born. Her interests included dancing and playing

sports, particularly golf and holidays to the coast with her family.

Happy Birthday Elizabeth, we think you are amazing!

**Australia Day Shenanigans**



Australia Day games - no yabbies were harmed during the races!

Australia Day was celebrated in style with lamington making, a thong throwing competition and the crowd favourite – yabby races. Hoots of laughter attracted



Max launches the thong in the thong throwing competition



Residents beating the bounds of the veggie garden!

attention from staff and residents alike as the crowd cheered on their chosen yabby to get across the line.

**Garden Club**

Residents from Yack Health sure know how to produce superb organic, freshly grown vegetables. The gardens are bursting with tomatoes, zucchinis, cucumbers, and fresh herbs. There's nothing quite like popping



Wally samples the tomatoes

out and picking a homegrown tomato and cutting it straight up to have on biscuits with cheese. Yum!

**Plasticwise Yack**

Residents of YH were quick to roll



Well done and thank you to Yackandandah Health volunteers!!

up their sleeves and lend a hand after receiving a call from Clare from Plastic Wise Yack who needed helpers to knit and crochet cotton dishcloths. There were an incredible number of dishcloths made and donated



Clare and Plasticwise Yack were very grateful for the assistance

which will be sold locally for \$5 each. The funds from sales will be used to support the running costs of the DishPig mobile dishwasher.

**Little Yacks Learning Years**

Little Yacks is delighted to have recommenced our Intergenerational Program after a break due to COVID-19. The children are regularly visiting our CARE sanctuary and vegetable gardens, developing empathy

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**The World Awaits !**

A lot of us are itching to travel again - whether it's looking towards something big in 2022 or seeing a little more of our own spectacular backyard this year – there are plenty of options available.

Whilst there are still restrictions on international travel (in and out) many are now taking the opportunity to explore Australia. Always wanted to experience a camel ride on Cable Beach, Broome? Take in the majestic south-west of Tassie, or maybe experience the tastes of the Margaret Region in WA? The list is endless...

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and an appreciation of our natural world. Aged Care residents have joined the

children, picking vegetables from the garden, and caring for the chickens.

Finding red tomatoes has been a highlight for both children and Aged Care residents!

Through these experiences gardening and farming wisdom is passed from one generation to the next. Little Yacks is planning on commencing indoor intergenerational experiences at the beginning of April, COVID-19 allowing.



**A warm welcome back to Lyn Johnston**

**Yackandandah Health Medical Centre (YHMC)**

The Centre is very pleased to welcome back Lynette Johnston to our clinical team. Lyn is a Registered Nurse who was originally with us as a Drug and

Alcohol Educator. Lyn now works in conjunction with our other Practice Nurse, Claire Pyper, providing care plans, health assessments, wound care and general nursing care.

We are aware that the COVID-10 Vaccine Roll-out has been on everyone's minds lately, however, our Medical Centre will not be providing COVID vaccines for several safety reasons. We will endeavour to keep everyone updated through our Facebook page as soon as we know that the vaccines are available in our area and the processes put in place for our community to access them.

Our Practice Nurse Claire is working very hard planning our upcoming Flu Vaccine clinics. These are due to start in April! Stay tuned to our Facebook page for more information and finalised clinic dates.

Vanessa Page, our Nurse Practitioner, runs our Women's Health Clinic every Tuesday and it has been very well received by our community. On 8th March, we again celebrated International Women's Day. A concerning 62% of women say that they do not have time to look after their own health. We would like to remind the women of our community to book their health checks in with Vanessa for anything women's health related. Make time for YOU!

Our Model of Care for pregnancy is available to women at any stage of their pregnancy. We offer comprehensive antenatal care with access to all chosen screening, any required referrals as well as thorough education and emotional support. Women can choose this model right from the beginning of their pregnancy journey or they can

change to us at any time during pregnancy, from another model. With GP/Obstetric involvement, our Midwife provides a familiar face, time, and regular checks of both mother and baby's wellbeing along the continuum, with postnatal follow-up and breastfeeding support.

For an easy way to understand our model of care and a general overview of antenatal visits, please see our care pathway.


For any questions or more information, you can contact Louise @ YHMC (02) 6028 0130.



The Team from Yack Health Medical Centre would like to thank everyone who has been to our clinic over the past 12 months for their kindness, patience and co-operation with the COVID pandemic and all the protocols that have come with it. It is very much appreciated.

For all appointment bookings or enquiries, please give our friendly reception a call on 02 6028 0130 or book via the HotDoc app or link on our webpage: <https://yackandandahhealth.com.au/medical-centre-surgery-yackandandah.html>

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**Help shape the future of our Shire**

If you were unable to attend the Council Plan 2021-2025 Community Drop In session in Yackandandah last week you can still have your say.

Head to our website to read through the draft themes and objectives and have your say by using the discussion feature or email us at [info@indigoshire.vic.gov.au](mailto:info@indigoshire.vic.gov.au).

Your input is crucial to ensure the Council Plan reflects your priorities and needs.

Every voice counts.

Residents of Yackandandah Health made dish cloths to support Yackandandah's Dish Pig. The dishcloths are 100% cotton - so no microfibres are shed off them to end up in our oceans. The handmade cloths are pretty to look at and not toxic for our environment - just like Grandma used to make.

The Dish Pig, mobile commercial dishwasher, is Plastic Wise Yackandandah's innovation to reduce waste at public events. It can be hired for food outlets at festivals and other public events to safely and quickly wash up. So no waste is created - a great way to change our disposable culture.

The Dish Pig began life as a horse float! Now she's converted with a dishwasher and storage for crockery, cutlery and drinking containers. She complies with Food Safety laws and regulations and is designed in accordance with advice from Indigo Shire Council. The front of the vehicle has a beautiful quirky pig's face - hence the name Dish Pig!

The launch of the Dish Pig was to be at the Yackandandah Folk Festival 2019 but COVID-19 put a stop to that. During the first lockdown, the Dish Pig was at Little Yacks to ensure toys were correctly sanitised. Now Plastic Wise Yackandandah is ready to launch. Meanwhile

there are costs such as insurance to manage so Plastic Wise is very grateful to the residents of Yackandandah Health who have contributed their knitting and crocheting skills to make beautiful cotton dishcloths for sale at local outlets - 7th Pocket in Yackandandah, Border Just Foods in Albury, Azesty Health and Wodonga Osteopath in Wodonga and Goldfields Grocers in Beechworth.

To hire the Dish Pig please contact Plastic Wise on 0448 460 792.



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## HERE FOR THE MEMBERS

Yackandandah CFA's 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant, Lauren Padbury, verbalises what we've all been thinking about the mild summer fire season to date.

"I'm really glad we've had a year



*Lt Lauren Padbury is in a Brigade leadership role*

where we could have a break from last season," says Lauren. "And, with all the adjusting we've had to do because of COVID, I think it is probably good we didn't have to deal with a bad fire season this year as well."

Lauren, at 30 years of age, may well be one of the Brigade's younger members, but she has had plenty of first hand experience.

With both parents (Neil and April) active CFA members for many years, as a child, she and brother Andrew (currently Yackandandah's 3<sup>rd</sup> Lieutenant) spent many an hour at the fire station as they were growing up.

"I would have been very young, maybe three years old when it started," says Lauren who joined the CFA officially in 2001 as an 11 years old junior member. "Yackandandah had a Junior Brigade back then, so we trained, had social activities, that kind of thing."

When Yackandandah was threatened by the fires near town back in 2003, Lauren and her brother (as their dad was Yackandandah's Captain in those days) spent a lot of time at the station, cleaning and helping where they could.

At 16 years of age, Lauren joined the Brigade as an operational firefighter and went on her first strike team to the Whitfield fires in 2006. Four years ago, she took on the role of 5<sup>th</sup> Lieutenant and two years ago became 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant. "One of the things that I really appreciate is the Yackandandah Brigade's inclusiveness regardless of your gender, age, culture, abilities or whatever, which is something you may not always get with other brigades," says Lauren. "They encourage you; they care for you; they enable you to develop different skills... which makes you feel absolutely awesome as a person. And then, in turn, you want to

do the best you can for them and the others around you."

Lauren agrees that having parents in the CFA helped give her "a leg up" initially in becoming part of the CFA. "However, I still had to grow on my own two feet. Just because my parents were there didn't mean that I didn't have to put in the hard work, make my own relationships and connections, develop my skills, and earn the respect from the other members in the Brigade."

Firefighting and managing fire crews is also very much part of Lauren's working life. Lauren, who has lived in and around Yackandandah all her life, went on to do

a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Management and Ecology at La Trobe University in Wodonga after finishing high school. During the three summer breaks she worked as a project firefighter for what is now called Forest Fire Management (Victoria). In her first year she experienced the devastating 2009 bushfires, which, in this part of the world, started near Beechworth, moved through Mudgegonga and was pulled up in the Dederang/Kancoona area.

After completing her university studies Lauren worked as an environmental scientist consulting in contaminated land and water for two years before starting work with Hancock Victoria Plantations (HVP) in December 2013, initially as a customer and haulage district forester. In the seven years since Lauren has had a variety of roles with the company including a stint in Gippsland. She is now a harvesting district forester based out of Myrtleford.

In the fire season, Lauren's role with HVP expands to include operational firefighting as a member of HVP Ovens Plantation FIB (Forestry Industry Brigade), a CFA Brigade in its own right. As a strike team leader, she also has command roles. In the past she has also been deployed to Gippsland and Townsville for HQP (Hancock Queensland Plantations) when there have been big fires in the pine plantations.

While Lauren was on light duties

with HVP last summer, she says it was her most demanding fire season to date. "The fire fight was one of the mentally toughest I've ever had to deal with," says Lauren. "Probably a lot of that was to do with things like seeing our future, our jobs, the effort and the work we put in everyday, burn. We lost 13% of our estate, or 6,000 ha of pine plantations, in our northern region. That was the background of it, let alone it being a really hard fire fight." As soon as the fires were controlled, HVP began a massive salvage operation, that is still underway. As well, Lauren continued to contribute to Yackandandah Brigade's efforts last season where she could with helping to organise strike team rosters, supporting the Captain...

So how does she balance her work and CFA roles?

"It's about being able to be there for people," she says. "It's not necessarily all about giving back to the community. People join the Brigade because they want to learn or be

part of something, and I get to help them do that by being in a leadership role. Ten years ago I would have said I'm in the Brigade because I get to assist people in times of need, but now, it's more like if I don't go to an incident [because I'm at work] that's fine, I'm here for the Brigade members, to help them grow and make sure they are doing well."

## YACKANDANDAH'S FIRE PLUGS

The township of Yackandandah has 161 fireplugs (which come in different forms) around the town which allow us to connect up to town water in case of fire.

Members of the Brigade check these annually both to check that



*Two of the types of fire plugs we have in Yackandandah*

they are in working order and become familiar with their location.

It is important that our trucks can connect to these fireplugs quickly when need be. Members of the community can help by:

- Identifying the nearest fire



*Members of the brigade checking out a minor fuel spill from a vehicle at Yackatooon, one of the incidents we have been to recently.*

plug(s) in their street

- Making sure they are accessible i.e. not parking vehicles over or very close to a fire plug
- Ensuring that they are clearly visible by pruning any plants growing near them and not covering them in soil or mulch
- Checking that the cover is in place

## BURNING OFF SAFELY

Live out of town and have a big pile of garden waste/logs waiting to be burnt once the fire restrictions are lifted?

Each year we usually get a call out or two (and sometimes more) to burn-offs that have got out of control. There are a few simple things you need to do before, during and after burning-off to ensure you are doing safely such as:

- check the council's Local Laws to ensure you are allowed to burn off and if so, if permits are required
- check the weather forecasts for the day of your burn-off and a few days afterwards. If it is too windy, better to postpone your burn off
- make sure you have enough water to extinguish a possible outbreak
- create a three metre clearance of all flammable material around your burn pile
- register your burn off by calling 1800 668 511** so that we're not called out unnecessarily
- let your close neighbours know that you are planning a burn
- make sure there are enough people to monitor, contain and extinguish your burn off
- make sure it is 100% out before you leave it

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

We are planning to have an information stall at the Yackandandah Lions Club Market on **SUNDAY, APRIL 18** with a focus on home fire safety and burning off safely. Members will be on hand to answer your questions so come along and say hi!



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# Wooragee Primary School

It is true that everyone needs a little bit of sunshine in their lives and at Wooragee Primary School, we have it in spades. Aptly named after the sunflowers that adorn the front of our beautiful school, 'Sunny', our one year old labradoodle, is our school wellbeing dog.

We were very fortunate through Gateway Health and the Dogs Connect\* program, to receive funding in late 2020 to support access to the training and expertise to be able to offer such a wonderful friend and



*Sunny, the Labradoodle, the school's well-being dog*

resource to our school community. In light of the 12 months we have all endured, it has been so lovely to not only have our wonderful students back on site and back into a more regular

routine, but to have Sunny join us as a much loved staff member. We look forward to witnessing the ways that Sunny positively impacts on our students and school community.

It is not every student who has the opportunity to grow, harvest, prepare and share food to consume with their peers. Term 1 2021 has seen the return of the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program, which is a valued and treasured part of our educational program and school community.

Teacher Robyn McLennan along with our Kitchen Specialist, Bec Davis, have ensured that the program has returned even bigger and better than we left off.

The students have been busily harvesting fruits and vegetables from our garden ready for use in the kitchen, for preserving and jarring, eating fruit for fruit break straight from the tree and sharing a meal together in our kitchen space every Friday, as a way to celebrate and end the week. We have also thoroughly enjoyed the return of our extremely generous parent volunteers back on site, which is something we dearly missed during COVID.



*Enjoying the garden produce that Wooragee PS produces*

for their advocacy and support in enabling this experience for our students.

This year for the first time in a long time, we have 3 classrooms. P/1 taught by Jessica Marshall, 2/3 taught by Erin Twamley (a new teacher to our school



*Students enjoying the outdoor garden sessions*

We also welcome Karen Retra, local environmental educator and enthusiast, who will be supporting our school twice a month for the remainder of the year during our garden sessions. Karen has a passion for sharing her expertise in pollinators and in encouraging students to engage with citizen science. We are so thankful to Wooragee Landcare

this year) and 4/5/6 taught by Grace Panjari.

If 2020 has taught us anything, it is the ability and capacity to be flexible, adaptable and resilient and we are just enjoying and embracing the ability to be back with our students, working hard together. For any questions or enquiries, please just contact us. We would be more than happy to show you around and for you to experience our wonderful little school.

We are also always welcoming community members and volunteers into our school to help us with our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program, so please get in touch if you are interested in joining us. Tel: 03 5728 7255.

*Alicia Odewahn, Principal*

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**Q. The Beginnings - what started your love affair with soap, where were you and what was the date?**

The year was 1986 when I started working on outback cattle stations in the Pilbara WA, where we had monthly stores brought in from the nearest town three and a half hours away. Unless I got lucky, the only soap available on the station was Palmolive Gold, which was fine for the stockmen but mixed with hard bore water was extra harsh on my skin. The generator only ran power for a few hours each day on the station, so washing water had to be boiled up in a rusty 44-gallon drum. I often ended up with nasty dry, scaly, red skin and at the age of 18 this was especially not desirable, so I started researching and experimenting with old recipes from CWA books and craft books from the 1970's (which I still have today).



*Graeme and Cheryl in work mode*

There were not many people making soap and it certainly was not considered a hobby back then but a necessity. The first time that I thought that I might earn some money from making soap was when I was working on a cattle station near the tiny town of Gregory Downs in Qld. And the owner of the local craft store asked me if she could put some of my handmade soap in her shop to sell to the tourists. These were very humble beginnings.

**Q. Tell us about yourself and the family please**

I grew up in WA and my partner Graeme was born & bred in Corowa. We have 5 adult children between us and moved over from WA in 2010 to be closer to Graeme's family.

Graeme has always been happy to assist in the background with Yackandandah Soap, however in recent years with demand he has taken on a greater role in production. Together we make an awesome team.

**Q. Tell us about your times with the Spiritus Gallery in Yack and Beechworth**

I also have a background in Art & Artistic Therapies and in 2011, bought Spiritus Gallery at 2 High St. from Christine Thorpe. It was such a great creative time with something new to see all the time and we were able to support over 100 local artists. I would make soap out the back before opening the gallery in the mornings and the delicious smell would waft through the gallery all day. We opened another gallery in Beechworth in 2015 however I became terribly ill and sold the gallery in 2016. This was a real turning point for me and in my recovery, I became more passionate about health and more determined to source the healthiest most sustainable raw materials possible for our products.

**Q. How did you develop your amazing soap making skills and what products do you use ?**

I dabbled and made lots of mistakes. I worked for a pharmaceutical company and had a stint working for a skincare manufacturer where I honed my expertise. Over the years my enterprise progressed from supplying locals in the outback to a full-time business in regional WA, supporting my family when my children were young. We worked a lot of markets, travelling long distances and it was hard. Back then no-one knew the difference between soaps made with synthetic colours and fragrances and my natural soaps that were made with essential oils. I had to educate my customers. It is different now and people are waking up to what is good for their bodies and the planet.

Yackandandah Soap was born in 2010 when I embraced my beautiful new community in the North East Victoria moving from WA. Officially Yackandandah Soap was registered 2011 -So it's our official 10th birthday!!

When we first started Yackandandah Soap, we never imagined the huge

## YACKANDANDAH SOAP – CELEBRATING TEN YEARS

amount of support we would receive from our amazing customers.

As for the raw materials that we use - I love using ingredients sourced as locally as possible. Besides being high quality, it supports my community and

boosts the local economy. I love the silky feel of olive oil sourced from Indigo Valley Olives, pumpkin seed oil harvested and pressed here in North East Victoria, and local nut oils of walnut, almond, hazelnut and sunflower oil from the Artisan Mill in Ovens Vic. The honeyed scent of fresh beeswax from Chiltern Honey that goes into our balms and the beautiful earthiness of Australian clays that colour the soap and purify the skin. They are all grown locally, they are organic, and using this amazing resource gives back to our farmers.

**Q. Is it dangerous making soap?**

Yes, it can be. Its raw active ingredient lye is an alkaline and actually a product of wood ash. In its pure form, lye water can burn skin on contact. However, through the incredible process of soap making and curing, it becomes neutralised to the point where although the soap is made with lye, there is actually no lye contained in the finished bars.

**Q. What products do you offer?**

Yackandandah Soap not only offers the most amazing creamy soap, but we also offer some really incredible organic skincare too. Organic liquid Wash, organic soap free cleanser -for sensitive skin, Remedy Skin Salve, Just the Pits deodorant, Perfume balms, Humbuster room mists, hand sanitiser and lip butters. We have a hair care range - shampoos and conditioner, a Mens product range, Silky Smooth Skin lotion, Almond rose face crème, antibacterial lotion and more- even a Hair of the Dog - dog shampoo.

**Q. Where are your outlets for your lovely products?**

We have stockists all over Australia now and with 14 stockists in Victoria alone - it just keeps growing. We are even stocked in the Source Bulk Foods.

In Yackandandah, we can be found in 7<sup>th</sup> Pocket and the Visitor Information Centre.

Within a 50km radius of Yackandandah Azesty Health - Wodonga; Beechworth Visitor Information Centre; Myrtleford Visitor Information Centre; Seed & Bloom - Wangaratta; The Secret Baby Squirrel - Chiltern; Pepo Farms - Ovens; Border Just Foods - Albury; Replenish Store - Albury and Wrenwood Gallery - Bungowannah. More can be found on our stockist page at [www.yackandandahsoap.com.au](http://www.yackandandahsoap.com.au)

If you want to give yourself a treat, head on out to Australian Pumpkin Seed Company just past Myrtleford and see where the oil is pressed that we use in our products. They have an awesome range of Yackandandah Soap products that we custom make for them and they also have some really yummy treats and tastings too.

**Q. Any major plans with the business for the future?**

Since the beginning, our vision has always been to make a difference to the way that people think about their skincare and consumables. We are passionate about being part of the change from an industrial system to a community driven model. Creating affordable, natural, wholesome, and effective products that are sustainable, traceable, people and planet friendly. For me it is all about doing something I really love and paying it forward. Educating the public on the importance of keeping things healthy, local and full of integrity. I am in awe of our local resources and continuously work with local growers to create affordable plant based, skin care products, free from synthetics and harsh chemical detergents, that everyone can use.

After all, everything that we use on our bodies goes back into the earth and we need to look after her.



**\$30M Project EDGE launched in Yack**

On the 17<sup>th</sup> March a courageous group of residents met at the Yack Public Hall to learn about an exciting new development for the Australian energy market.

With the global boom in renewable energy, and rooftop installations trending toward three million systems in Australia, there is an urgent need to develop a better and cost reflective way of integrating the many small solar and battery installations on households and businesses into our electricity grid.



to learn of the project and join the trial. Mondo are initially looking for 38 households with solar and batteries to sign up for the first phase of the trial, which will eventually expand to 1000 households and some large businesses by the end of the three-year trial period.

With many areas in Victoria now severely limiting solar generation 'feed-in' to the main electricity grid, and the prospect of feed-in tariffs being phased out, a new way of operating needs to be developed that is fair, participatory and makes the best use of the resources now scattered throughout our communities. This has the added benefits of reducing costs to consumers and, especially in a regional area, reducing the effects of power cuts. We are reinventing the grid for the 21<sup>st</sup> century which is an exciting prospect and a once-in-a-century opportunity.

And in further good news: coming to Yack very soon is a solar and battery offering that will add further capacity to the project trial (and build towards 100%), so keep an eye out for posters, news on Facebook and flyers. Exciting times indeed!!



*Attendees at the launch of Project EDGE at the Yack Public Hall  
Photo Credit: TRY*

The grid's basic architecture has changed little over the past 100 years. Australia must develop a two-way system that enables all participants to cooperate to create a stable, reliable and resilient grid. It is gratifying that Yack is at the cutting edge of this change!

Infrastructure suppliers and research organisations have been working on this challenge and now Mondo (a subsidiary of AusNet Services) and AEMO (the Australian Energy Market Operator) are starting a \$30M trial across the Hume Region of Victoria, commencing in Yackandandah and Beechworth. The hard work that TRY and other community energy groups have put in has resulted in our area being chosen as the important starting point for developing a world first market mechanism to engineer a modern, dynamic electricity grid.

TRY hosted the launch of Project EDGE with a fine BBQ, thanks to Yack Ingredients and a little glass of red. Solar and battery households were invited

**We need your feedback!**

As we work towards 100% renewables, TRY needs to hear what you would like to see in our town.

Take a look at the colourful postcards on display at the Yack Post Office – take a set of the postcards home to show others – each one is about a different aspect of the 100% renewable goal and has some critical questions to prompt your thinking.

Do you prefer small solar farms, batteries, or even a wind turbine... and how much renewable energy should we aim to generate? Should we do more on energy efficiency? Do you want Yack to operate independently of the main grid if our connection is cut?

We would love to know what you think. Take the feedback card from the display stand, write your response to some of the questions, and post it in the feedback box. We're waiting for your thoughts!



*100% Feasibility Study postcards are on display at the post office.  
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## Tabling of the Australian Local Power Agency Bill



Matthew Charles-Jones from TRY speaking at the press conference with Helen Haines MP, Zali Steggall MP, and other community representatives at Parliament House yesterday. Photo Credit: Emily Jones

Totally Renewable Yackandandah was present at Parliament House in February when independent federal member for Indi, Dr Helen Haines MP, tabled the Australian Local Power Agency (ALPA) bill. This bill will set up ALPA to enact the Local Power Plan, developed last year by Helen Haines' office and an expert panel of community energy groups from around Australia, including TRY. It aims to fill a gap in Australia's renewable energy landscape, encouraging mid-scale renewable energy projects that directly benefit local communities.

TRY president Dr Juliette Milbank said "TRY is deeply supportive of the bill with its strategy to encourage community energy groups to build knowledge, stimulate mid-scale renewable projects and facilitate community investment in large-scale projects. Already in Yackandandah we have three microgrids, a 200-property minigrad, and with Indigo Power we are excited to be installing a 274 kWh community retail battery with Victorian government support."

With the best renewable resources in the world, Australia has a once in a lifetime opportunity to ensure that the benefits reinvigorate rural and regional Australia, bringing economic opportunities, reliability in energy supply and resilience to prepare for the future.

## YACKANDANDAH LIBRARY

We are very excited as Storytime is back on at Yackandandah Library!



Join us on **Thursday mornings at 9.30am** for stories and rhymes suitable for preschoolers and their carers. Come along and help your child foster a love of reading, develop crucial language skills and nurture social connections. The sessions run for about 30 minutes and registration is essential for all adults and children 12 months and older.

Please book your ticket for this free event on Eventbrite or by visiting Indigo Shire Libraries at [www.indigoshirelibraries.com.au](http://www.indigoshirelibraries.com.au)



Some happy Storytime customers

### Film screening "Looby : the life and art of Keith Looby"

Following interstate screenings, rave reviews at the 2019 Melbourne Documentary Film Festival and its Sydney premier at the National Art School in February 2020, Looby is coming to Yackandandah on **Wednesday, April 14 at 6 pm**. Watch out for more details on how to book for this free event.

### Your library opening hours

Yackandandah Library is open from 9.00 am to 4.30 pm Monday to Friday and from 9.30 am to 12.00 pm on Saturdays. Books, magazines, DVDs and audiobooks of all kinds are available to be borrowed. We have free computers and Wi-Fi as well as printing and copying facilities. Please call us on 02 6028 1180.

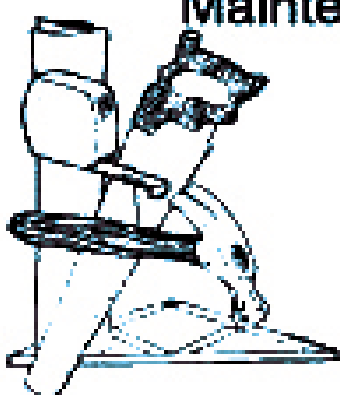
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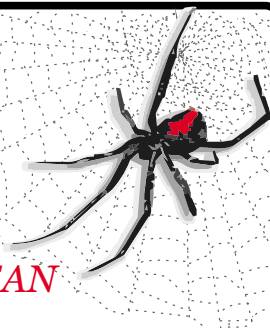


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This activity is part of the UMBURY "Behind the Scenes at the Neighbourhood House" project, funded and supported by the Victorian Responsible Gambling Foundation through the Prevention Partnership Program. The Behind the Scenes project aims to reduce gambling related harm by creating opportunities for people to connect and participate in community activity.

## Planned burns in your area

Ovens Fire District

FOREST FIRE MANAGEMENT VICTORIA

Forest Fire Management Victoria (FFMVIC) will be conducting planned burning in this area in Autumn and Winter when conditions are suitable.



Crews from FFMVIC work alongside the Country Fire Authority (CFA) to carry out a fuel management program, in Victoria's public parks and forests and on private land, to reduce the risk of bushfire to people, property and the environment.

Fuel management is one of the most effective ways to reduce the impact of bushfire - it includes works such as planned burning, slashing and constructing fire breaks. These works help to reduce fuel (flammable vegetation) which reduces the risk of a bushfire.

If a bushfire does occur in an area where fuel management has occurred these works can help reduce the bushfire's intensity and impact.

### When will these planned burns happen?

Each burn is part of the Joint Fuel Management Program outlining where FFMVIC and CFA intend to carry out fuel management works [ffm.vic.gov.au/jfmp](http://ffm.vic.gov.au/jfmp)

Although burns are scheduled to take place in a certain year and season, this can change depending on weather and local conditions.

FFMVIC is unable to give you an exact date when this burn will go ahead - the final decision to proceed can only be made on the day of the burn, following monitoring of weather conditions and local fuel moisture levels.

### Planned burns - what can you expect to see?

Before the burn takes place, crews will prepare the site. This can include trimming or removing hazardous trees and clearing control lines around the burn edge. On the day of the planned burn you may see smoke and flames. Some roads and tracks may close or have speed restrictions. Fire fighting vehicles and crews will be in the area.

### How can I find out about a burn near me?

Stay informed about when burns may occur.

Visit [ffm.vic.gov.au/plannedburn](http://ffm.vic.gov.au/plannedburn)

Call VicEmergency Hotline 1800 226 226

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Register Planned Burns Victoria

[plannedburns.ffm.vic.gov.au](http://plannedburns.ffm.vic.gov.au)

We encourage you to sign up for the Planned Burns Victoria - you can set up automated SMS and email notifications about any upcoming FFMVIC and CFA planned burns on public and private land. There is no charge to register or to receive messages.

For further information about planned burning, please contact your local FFMVIC office on (03) 57311222 or [ovens.plannedburning@delwp.vic.gov.au](mailto:ovens.plannedburning@delwp.vic.gov.au).

Thank you for your patience and understanding while we do this important work to better protect communities, property and the environment from the impacts of bushfire.



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## Planned burn notification system

Ovens Fire District

FOREST FIRE MANAGEMENT VICTORIA

Planned Burns Victoria is a web-based service that sends you an SMS and email about upcoming planned burns. Subscribe to Victorian locations of interest and you'll be notified about Forest Fire Management Victoria (FFMVIC) and Country Fire Authority (CFA) in those locations.

Note that the system does not include burns being carried out by private landholders, such as agricultural (stubble) burns.

### Step 1 - Find a location

- Go to [plannedburns.ffm.vic.gov.au](http://plannedburns.ffm.vic.gov.au)
- Type a postcode, suburb, town or address into the 'Search' box.
- Select the best option from the choices shown.

### Step 2 - Subscribe to a location

- The map shows the location you selected
- Use the + and - symbols to select the size of the area you want to be notified about. Click the blue 'Subscribe' button to subscribe to this area.

### Step 3 - Customise your notifications

- Add your mobile number and email address and click 'Save.' You're now ready to get notifications!
- Make sure you tick the box/es to subscribe to SMS updates and/or email updates.

### Step 4 - Receive notifications

- When a burn you subscribed to gets close to being carried out, **Planned Burns Victoria** will automatically send you notifications. You'll receive an SMS and/or email as a burn reaches **Within 10 days, Next 24 hours, In progress**, and when it is being **Patrolled**. Note - burns may be delayed and not go ahead, even if you received a message that it is happening soon.
- You can subscribe to more than one location. You can subscribe to a location even if there aren't any burns showing on the map at that location. Any new burns that get added to your selected area later will be automatically included in your subscription.

### Step 5 - Need help? Need more information?

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Thank you Stephen Masters, for the following poem. One of Banjo Patterson's less well known poems. Pretty topical at the moment too. Ed.

## Brumby's Run

*Brumby is the Aboriginal word for a wild horse. At a recent trial a New South Wales supreme court judge, hearing of Brumby horses, asked: "Who is Brumby, and where is his Run?"*

It lies beyond the Western Pines  
Towards the sinking sun,  
And not a survey mark defines  
The bounds of "Brumby's Run".

On odds and ends of mountain land,  
On tracks of range and rock  
Where no one else can make a stand,  
Old Brumby rears his stock.

A wild, unhandled lot they are  
Of every shape and breed.  
They venture out 'neath moon and star  
Along the flats to feed;

But when the dawn makes pink the sky  
And steals along the plain,  
The Brumby horses turn and fly  
Towards the hills again.

The traveller by the mountain-track  
May hear their hoof-beats pass,  
And catch a glimpse of brown and black  
Dim shadows on the grass.

The eager stockhorse pricks his ears  
And lifts his head on high  
In wild excitement when he hears  
The Brumby mob go by.

Old Brumby asks no price or fee  
O'er all his wide domains:  
The man who yards his stock is free  
To keep them for his pains.

So, off to scour the mountain-side  
With eager eyes aglow,  
To strongholds where the wild mobs  
hide  
The gully-rakers go.

A rush of horses through the trees,  
A red shirt making play;  
A sound of stockwhips on the breeze,  
They vanish far away!

Ah, me! before our day is done  
We long with bitter pain  
To ride once more on Brumby's Run  
And yard his mob again.

Banjo Paterson

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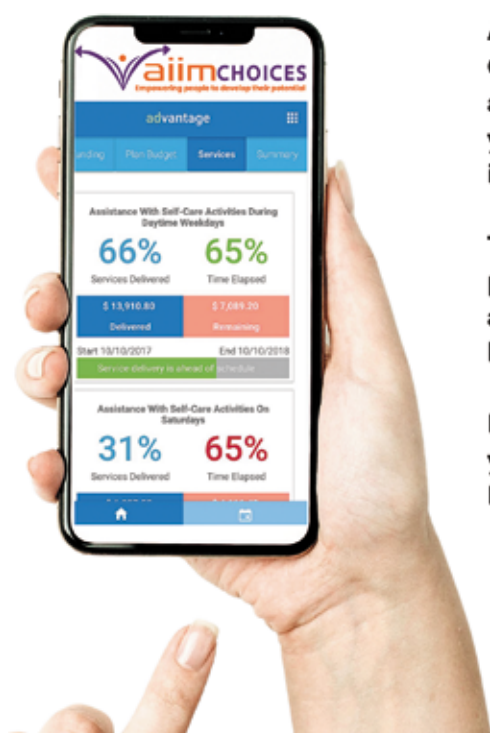
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Sunday's Dirty Yack Gravel Track ride is a gravel ride that heads out to Stanley and back taking in some scenic roads and adding a few hills to the

adventure, before finishing with a thrilling 15km descent to get back to the finish line in town. The Yackandandah Sports Park will be the event hub giving a great link to town for all the riders and their support crew.

We always love locals helping out on the rides and our events. We donate \$50 per volunteer to the community groups they represent. If anyone would like to join in then please email [info@bighillevents.com.au](mailto:info@bighillevents.com.au)

These rides are possible thanks to the support of the Indigo Shire Council and Big Hill Events look forward to working with the community for an ongoing beneficial partnership for years to come.

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Some of the winning women riders in the last G50 event held in the Wombat State Park near Woodend, Vic in early March 2021.  
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# Yackandandah Community Centre

GOT a bright idea for a project for a community group but don't have the funds to make it happen?

Then the Yackandandah Community Centre may be able to help.

YCC is calling for Expressions of Interest for funding for Yackandandah community groups with ideas for projects.

Manager, David Thorpe said the YCC Community Grants aimed to help community organisations take on projects which have the potential to support the Yack community. "In the past we have provided funding for a wide range of projects," he said. "A host of Yack-based community groups have benefited and have done some terrific things with YCC grants."

He said past funding helped the Yack SES purchase an all-terrain stretcher, provided funding to the Yackandandah Garden Club for tools and equipment used to maintain gardens in High Street, gave the Yack Museum the opportunity to purchase equipment to assist with OHS compliance, provided funding for the Yack Riding Club to partner with the Yack Folk Festival to install mains power to club rooms and helped Kangaloola increase the capacity of batteries in its solar power system.



**Yackandandah Brigade members, Glenn Mailey, Yves Quaglio, Brin O'Brien (with the defibrillator) and April Padbury.**  
Photo Credit: David Thorpe

"YCC also provided the funding for the Yack CFA to purchase a defibrillator which is located outside the station," he said. "It has been a really valuable addition to the community as it has already been used to save a life."

David said that funds were raised through the Community Op Shop YCC runs in High Street, so it was rewarding to be able to offer grants to the community. "We have a very dedicated group of volunteers and committee members who help keep the Op Shop going. Most of the items we sell are donated by Yack people. So, it is terrific that we are able to contribute to the community by providing funds raised through our Op Shop," he said. "Our Op Shop volunteers put in a lot of effort throughout the year and it's really rewarding to see their efforts going into supporting great projects in the community."

YCC will provide up to \$3,000 to community-based organisations for projects which aim to make a significant contribution to the Yackandandah community, create opportunities for innovation and new ways of doing things.

**Expressions of Interest are open until Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>.**

For more information, to view the Selection Criteria or to obtain an Expression of Interest form go to the Yackandandah Community website,

[www.ycc.org.au](http://www.ycc.org.au)



**Yack Community Centre Op Shop coordinator, Sue Butler, volunteers Helen Nelder and Celia Hansford with Member for Benambra, Bill Tilley.** Photo Credit: David Thorpe



## Annual General Meeting

6pm Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
at Yackandandah Community Centre

## ALL WELCOME

We welcome new members to the Committee -

if you would like to be involved, please speak with

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Yackandandah Community Centre had the pleasure of a visit from the Member for Benambra, Bill Tilley on Wednesday, March 10.

Mr Tilley was in Yackandandah to speak to a number of groups and dropped into YCC to talk about what has happened at the Centre in the past 12 months and what plans are in place for the future.

He took time to browse through the Community Op Shop and chat to the volunteers on duty.

  
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On Sunday 14 March, 2021, Rev. Lester Priebbenow, Bishop of the Victorian District of the Lutheran Church Australia, officiated at the closing service of St Mark's Lutheran Church, Wellsford Street, Yackandandah.

Following are excerpts from the History written by Rev. Tim Jarick for the 80th Anniversary with recent additions compiled by John & Kerrie Donker.

The history of St Mark's begins with the German and Wendish settlers who spread across the border and north east region of Victoria in the 1870s and 1880s. These early Lutherans who settled in places like Wodonga West, Baranduda and Back Creek began to gather for worship in people's homes before churches were able to be built. Some sources say that worship was held in the Back Creek School in the 1890's conducted by Pastor G. Sempendorfer of the Walla Walla parish, who was the first of the Sempendorfer clan to arrive in Australia in 1885. More family members and cousins arrived in the area, including Pauline and Robert Schmidt who settled in Back Creek.

However, the first recorded instance of public worship in the Back Creek School comes from The Yackandandah Times dated 10 April, 1903: W. Arnold, Back Creek, requesting permission to use Back Creek School for a Lutheran Service every Sunday morning, and occasionally in the afternoon—Request granted. After a number of these, Lutheran families moved to other areas, worship services in the School ceased and the remaining members joined the Baranduda Church, worshipping in a converted wine shop!

Twenty years later around the closure of the Baranduda Church in the mid-1930s, a preaching place was re-established in the Yackandandah township and reported in the following way in the Walla Walla parish newsletter: "The first Lutheran worship service at Yackandandah was conducted in the former Methodist Church on Tuesday evening 8th October 1935. Eighteen people attended the service which was conducted in German with the

men sitting on one side and the women on the other."

This preaching place was organised into a congregation in March 1936 with foundation members: Mr. Paul Sempendorfer, Miss Johanna Sempendorfer, Mr Herman and Mrs Elsie Heinrich, son Eric and daughter Elva, Mr Robert Schmidt and members of his family, Mr Ernest and Mrs Paula Sempendorfer and Mr Albert Boehringer. In June 1936, the congregation separated from the Walla Walla Parish and became part of the newly formed Albury Parish with monthly services then being conducted. The following year, new members, Mr and Mrs E. Kilo presented a hymn board to the congregation which remained in use until the church closure.

In July 1939, on the eve of the Second World



War, Pastor Bruno Muetzelfeldt was installed in the Albury Parish. In 1942 due to restrictions put onto him by the Australian Government authorities because of his 'Germaness', he had to dispose of his motor car and depend on members to drive him to worship services. This meant that services at Yackandandah were held on Mondays at 10am after the third Sunday of the month. As other families with German heritage moved into the Yackandandah area, they joined the congregation, including Mr and Mrs A Franke and Mr and Mrs C.A. Schlenker, who

ran a motor mechanical workshop and petrol station in the main street for many years.

In 1944 the Yackandandah congregation became part of the Corowa Home Mission Field which also included Wangaratta. The congregation moved from worshipping in the Methodist Church to the Presbyterian Church which was available on Sunday mornings. The monthly services were taken by Pastor Colin Scheer who had a car, but as petrol rationing was in place, when he could not buy any more fuel and tyres for it, he abandoned the car for a push bike. Pastor Scheer would ride his push bike from Corowa through Albury to Yackandandah and Wangaratta. When taking services at Yackandandah he would sometimes stay at the home of Albert and Marie Boehringer.

Some of the members and contacts of the parish at the time were: H. Rochow. Allan's Flat; K. Krause, Bert Grunow, Upper Gundowring; F. Scholz, Kergunyah South later at Dederang; Thelma Grealy, Tawonga South; F. Clutterbuck and Bill Kilo and family. Descendants of these families still reside within the area as do the descendants of other members who followed in later years.

There had been two branches of the Lutheran Church in Australia, but in 1966 these joined and a reorganisation of parishes took place. Yackandandah became part of the newly formed Wodonga Parish. It was only prior to this at their annual meeting in 1965 that the Lutherans of Yackandandah adopted the name of St Mark's.

A legacy consisting of the estate of Mr H. Pannach had been left for the erection of a church building. With the formation of the Uniting Church of Australia, the old Methodist Church had become available, the Wellsford Street building being purchased from the Methodist Trust for \$4,000.

The building needed repair being over 100 years old. Under the supervision of Ray Heiner, the rotten floorboards were replaced with a concrete slab, the shingle roof with corrugated iron, new ceiling

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The picturesque former Wesleyan Methodist Church, latterly the Lutheran Church, in Wellsford Street has a long history, having been originally opened on the 8th September, 1861. The cost of the building at the time was three hundred and seventy pounds. It was constructed of coarse granite stone with a shingle roof with a decorative bargeboard and finial on the roof. The Wellsford Street had a parsonage, a timber building which stood at the rear of the church with a picket fence at the front. This was later replaced by another timber residence. By 1912, a new brick porch was added to the front of the church and a new belfry erected amongst other repairs to the interior of the church and parsonage by Charles Hall of Hall and McDermott, local Yackandandah builders. The bell in the belfry was made in 1862 by John G. Wilson a founder in Glasgow, Scotland.

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and windows fitted. The old interior walls had been mud rendered then plastered over. After a century they were in a poor state so the covering was removed with garden rakes before new cement render was applied. Being the youngest member of the workers, John



Donker recalls having to push loads of cement mixed in the street up the path in barrows fitted with 'hungry boards'. While the renovations progressed, services were held in the home of Bernie and Delrae Sempendorfer. The renovated building was dedicated on 8th October, 1978.

Over the years, services have been conducted at 11:00am every Sunday, the ringing of the Church bell calling people to worship. Since 1978, St Mark's has seen some growth and then decline through the death of older members or relocation of others. Members have enjoyed fellowship both within the Church and in the wider community, participating in Christmas Carols, The Stations of the Cross at Easter and Annual World Day of Prayer Service.

In more recent times, most of the congregation now live outside of the immediate area and drive to Yackandandah for the Sunday Service. It was with great reluctance and sadness that the decision was made to close St Mark's. At the final service, the remaining members, along with several former congregants, past Ministers and members from St John's Wodonga, gave Glory to God for His faithfulness to the congregation over the past 85 years.

Included in the order of service was the hymn "In Christ Alone" which was sung in memory of Ida Scholz who passed away in April 2020.

The Church bell will still ring on as it is to be re-located to Victory Lutheran College in West Wodonga.

Are you frightened about having to do a public speech? Most people are! Don't worry, Toastmasters can help you. Even if you have to do a special speech, like at a wedding, a celebration or even speak at a funeral, we can teach you how to do this and take away your fears.



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In North East Victoria, we have three Toastmasters clubs you can visit for free to see if it suits your needs; **Indigo Speakers meets at Wooragee Community Centre the first Wednesday of the month at 6.30 to 8.30 pm, alternating with Baranduda Community Centre on the third Wednesday each month.**

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and the winners may proceed to Australian then International competitions.

Examples of these speeches can be seen on YouTube; they are amazing! Some of our members have developed their own podcast or TED talk; this is a fantastic achievement.

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**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> May, from 6 pm**

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**Music and Supper will be provided at \$25 per person, with a Drinks van on site for purchases of refreshments.**

*The Grand Ball was featured on the front page of the Yackandandah Times. which listed all the ladies who attended the Grand Ball and the descriptions of their dresses for inspiration. Sorry fellas – the Yack Times of 1921 didn't see fit to describe the gentlemen!!*

**A Soiree not to be missed!**

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May, 10 am - 2.00 pm**

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A vintage car and vehicle display will add to the flavour, along with demonstrations reminiscent of days gone by.

Students at Osbornes Flat Primary School will join in the occasion and contribute to a Time Capsule that will be laid on the day, and a tree planting will be completed to commemorate this auspicious occasion.

\*If you have any old photos of good times at the Osbornes Flat Hall that you would like to share, or would like to contribute to the Time Capsule, please contact Lisa Greenwood on 0439 855 297.

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The funds raised will support Meg's Children Nepal, a local charity begun by Trish Ryan in 2005 in memory of her daughter Meg who passed away in 2003 of complications from Spina Bifida. The registered charity supports children in Nepal with housing, education and emotional care. [www.megschildren.org](http://www.megschildren.org)

Visitors will enjoy the unique design of the 3 year old garden, morning and afternoon tea as well as plant and market stalls. The garden weekend will also showcase two guest speakers.



Sharon Potocnik will be speaking on Saturday at 11am and 2 pm about gardening on a budget. She will provide simple ideas for planting and propagating in her presentation "Gardening doesn't have to cost the earth".

Karen Retra is the co-founder of the Wild Pollinator Count and will be speaking on Sunday at 11am and 2pm. She will be expounding on her favourite subject - "Bees are all the buzz".

Both speakers are well known in the Albury-Wodonga region for their dedication to and promotion of good gardening practices.

The Gardening at Gundowring weekend will be open for two sessions each day from **10 am-noon** and **1-3 pm**. The cost is \$25 for adults and \$10 for children. Children under 5 are free. Bookings are essential and can be made by contacting Andrea Palmer 0409 205 230 or via email at [andreampalmer@bigpond.com](mailto:andreampalmer@bigpond.com)

### NOT TO BE SNEEZED AT (Jack, take note!)

Some of the sayings popular today started long ago and in totally different circumstances. A case in point is the phrase "not to be sneezed at". An age that has become very germ conscious might immediately jump to the conclusion that the words originated as a commendable precaution to avoid catching other people's colds, as "coughs and sneezes spread diseases". But far from it. People in older times imagined that a sneeze cleared the mind. It certainly gave them a feeling of exhilaration. Suddenly, seventeenth century Europe caught a craze for sneezing. It was

considered the right thing to do in good society. Indeed, the more one sneezed, the more one proved to be a member of the privileged class! No wonder that people made use of every possible way to qualify. It was soon realised that snuff caused sneezing. Therefore, everyone who was someone carried with them a little box, containing a mixture of sneeze-producing herbs or tobacco. By drawing an ample pinch of it into the nostrils, a hearty sneeze resulted in no time.

Of course, only the rich and idle had time to sneeze or could afford snuff. Hence the self-induced sneeze became synonymous with aristocratic living. If you were able to sneeze "on call", you

showed audibly your status in society. One matter had still to be decided. Just to sneeze haphazardly was not good enough. There had to be a special occasion. Soon sneezing became part of conversation. You indulged in it whenever you wanted to show your disapproval of anything said or, even more so, your lack of interest in the matter discussed. A sneeze was an unmistakable way of saying politely "you bore me". Consequently and logically, anything "not to be sneezed at" was something really worthwhile.

*From "The Book of Beginnings" by Dr. R and L. Brasch*

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It's hard to believe that Term 1 is almost over!!! Our new Foundation students are loving school and their enthusiasm and energy certainly rubs off on us all. We have packed so many things into the first 7 weeks of the year.

Lots of sport and outdoor activities have been in the timetable while the weather has been so lovely. The

Year 3-6 students have been to the NERSSA swimming carnival and one of our students, Larni Dryden, went on to the Division level; all classes have been regularly cooking up a feast in the kitchen using produce from our vegetable garden, which we have also enjoyed weeding, preparing the soil and planting some winter crops; the Foundation to Year 4s had great fun at the AFL clinic and the whole school have been learning new skills with the badminton equipment that we purchased using Sporting Schools funding. In Science the 4-6 class have been studying 'Among the Gum Trees' and the Junior class - 'Dinosaurs and more'.

Our whole school Integrated Studies topic this term is Dance, so it was very exciting to have the Hume Dance School come out and give students a lesson, which helped to bring all their learning together in one fun session. In Italian, all students have been learning how to introduce themselves in various situations, and we will be having a performer visiting soon to show us lots of Italian dance and songs.

In Art, students have put their creative skills on display by doing amazing self-portraits, creating their own monsters after reading 'Mess Monsters' and



Great grounds offering all sorts of possibilities

putting together some very thoughtful posters reflecting their learning about Respectful Relationships. Many of our students take the opportunity to have private piano lessons as well as guitar, violin and ukulele lessons here at school with both individual and group lessons.

We are very excited that after many years of fundraising and

saving, School Council has approved the purchase of new playground equipment. We have put the three amazing proposals to staff, students and parents and the final decision is pending. We can't wait for the installation to begin!

This year we commenced a Breakfast Club on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Cereal, fruit, long-life milk, baked beans and spaghetti have been supplied by Food Bank Victoria. Breakfast is available to all students and is a great way to start the day (even if you've already had breakfast at home)!

At the start of each year, we select our student leadership team and this year we congratulate our School Captains - Harry Schmidt and Zahli Locke, Vice Captains - Annika Naldrett and Jesse Henry and School Council Leaders - Willow Ablett and Nate Dryden. They will not only represent the school at commemorations and attend leadership camps and conferences, but also provide leadership at school in relation to fundraising for charitable causes, fundraising for student wish-list items, lead school assembly and oversee the activities of the SRC.

Around the school we have put our Bushfire Preparedness funding to great use by replacing deteriorating base boards around the bottom of the main building and toilets with Colourbond cladding, replacing rotted playground edging boards with concrete sleepers, removal of trees and shrubs from against the school buildings, replacing old timber outdoor seating with recycled plastic furniture, and keeping the extensive grounds mowed and tidy. This work is essential to keep the school as safe as possible during bushfire season.

Next term we will be commencing our 'Step up to School' program where students who are 3 and 4 year old will spend time each Wednesday morning at our school, listening to stories and completing craft and games. This program will allow students to feel comfortable in a school environment. Parents will be required to stay for the session. If you know of anyone who would be interested in attending, please encourage them to contact our Principal, Sarah Kohne on (02) 6027 1415.



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# YACK & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

We are delighted to welcome four new members to the YDHS Committee, each in their own right bringing a wealth of experience and enthusiasm to the Society. By way of introduction, let's meet the new team members:

**TREVOR MATTHEWS:** As a new member of the committee, I offer my perspective. I've read with great interest and pleasure Hilary Mantel's life of Thomas Cromwell. I hasten to acknowledge that Mantel is a novelist, not an historian, however her final acknowledgement to her third book, *"The Mirror and the Light"* struck a chord. She wrote "I am also grateful... to the unseen army who dust the artefacts and guard the treasures, and to ensure, as Tyndale\* puts it, that neither moths nor rust corrupt, and the passage of time does not destroy, what is left of the world of Thomas Cromwell." [2020]



**Trevor Matthews, new Treasurer and Committee Member**

So, I join the committee in order to be one of and try where I can assist all those who dust the artefacts and guard the treasures which remain of our community. I think it is absolutely necessary that we and future generations have some chance to learn and understand across time, not simply in the moment. Therefore, it is absolutely necessary that someone keeps the moths and rust at bay, to preserve Yackandandah's story.

\*William Tyndale translated the New Testament into English and wrote the phrase "neither moths etc." in translating Matthew 6, 19 -20

**BRETT ROCHOW:** I was born at the Yackandandah Bush Nursing Hospital in August 1967. I have always lived in Yackandandah as I have never had the desire to move away. I love living here and it has been an amazing place to live with my wife Maree and raise our four kids.

My interest in our local history began when I was in Primary School. My parents, Hayden and Jill Rochow, together with the Mott family and the Reynolds family were all involved in getting the Museum up and running. I still remember as a kid spending weekend after weekend working on the old buildings painting etc, a huge but very satisfying job.

As kids my parents involved us in a large variety of activities. Some of the activities included visiting old homesteads in our local area and other historical sites, usually in a group with other families and members of the Historical Society.

My father at the same time developed an interest in collecting old bottles. We spent many weekends out and about digging up old treasures from the local area. This in return sparked an interest and passion within me for our local history and it has grown stronger and stronger over the years. I love collecting items that have a connection to our local area and I am passionate about preserving our local history so that future generations can enjoy what I enjoy.

I re-joined the Historical Society in 2020 hoping to be able help out in some way and share my passion and at the AGM in December 2020 I was asked if I would be interested in joining up as a Committee member which I accepted gladly.

**NANCY PENNY:** I come from a military family so always on the move. The first time I lived in Yackandandah I was 11 years old and along with mum, dad, three brothers and dog resided in Windham Street, before settling into army quarters in Wodonga. Although we were only in Yackandandah for around 6 months, living here left a memorable impression. The following 12 years living in Wodonga shaped my life, where I went to school (and taught by Sue Bell), married, and had 2 children. Unfortunately, hard times came about with little work in the area, so we packed up our young family and moved "temporarily" to Western Australia. After returning to school, I became a Precious Metal Assayer employed with the Perth Mint for 3 years. I then took on a role with the Water Corporation where I stayed in various position working with wastewater and "sludge", for 23 years. During my time with the Water Corporation, I was fortunate enough to travel interstate, intrastate and internationally, have several conference and research publications and held a position with Australian



**Anna Hession and friends on the Progressive Dinner**

New Zealand Biosolids Program (ANZBP) as Chair for 6 years. After 37 years in WA, the children had grown and started their own families, providing us with 6 wonderful grandchildren, Ross and I decided to take the plunge and move back to regional Victoria. We built a small home in Bowles Lane nearly 5 years ago and we are loving every day. I started volunteering at the museum about 4 years ago and I am enjoying learning about the local people and history. Stepping up to be on the Committee will broaden my understanding of all the YDHS has to offer.

**MICHELLE WALSH:** I joined the



**Michelle Walsh, new Committee Member**

Yackandandah Museum as a Museum Attendant in 2017 and have enjoyed volunteering on display preparation since moving onto other ventures.

My personal interest in history centres on the domestic sphere and the minutiae of day to day life in the past, particularly as it relates to women and children. I find the connection to the details of how our ancestors lived fascinating and love the deep personal connection that everyday objects can bring. Being trained as a graphic designer I have a love of decorative items, such as wallpapers, fabrics and furnishings, and have a deep interest in the Arts and Crafts Movement. The cottage is an exciting piece of living history right in the centre of Yack that is an absolute treasure trove. To be able to spend time there imagining what it was like to live in those rooms, through searing heat and biting cold, is a mind expanding joy.

I'm looking forward to working with the committee to promote all the Museum has to offer to our community and beyond.

**WHAT'S ON:** Our current display "From Top to Bottom" is receiving great reviews from visitors and locals alike. If you haven't already dropped into the Museum, we invite you to come in and have a look at the history of: The Star, The Yackandandah and The Bridge

Hotels before the Exhibition closes.

If you happened to witness a group of jovial locals walking the streets of Yack in early March, looking like they stepped out of the 1950s, you would be correct! In conjunction with the hotels exhibition, we ran an old-fashioned 'Progressive Dinner' – drinks and canapes at The Bridge, main course at The Star and dessert at The Yackandandah Hotel. We delighted in working with the proprietors and staff of the Top & Bottom pubs, with Chris Rogers resident of the Bridge Hotel, and we thank them all for their hospitality over the two separate nights.

**FOR SALE:** The Museum has a large stock of jams and chutneys, come in and browse the range. We have also updated our book verandah making it much easier to select a good read. Donations of books and magazines in good order, are also gratefully accepted.

**VOLUNTEERING:** We are still looking for volunteers to help in front of house, and also in other areas such as research, working on exhibitions and archiving. If you would like to explore any role, drop in and have a chat or forward your details to our email.



**Ruth Yule and friends "in the mood" at the Progressive Dinner**

**MEMBERSHIP:** Becoming a member of the YDHS helps us to keep our unique history vibrant and within reach of the community. Membership fees are \$20 single or \$35 family. You will receive a bi-monthly Newsletter giving you facts on many aspects of Yack's past, be the first to know about upcoming events and free admission into the Museum.

**OPENING HOURS:**

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## Yackandandah Creek Recreational Trail

**Project value: \$86,000**

**Completion Date - 30 June 2021**

**About this project:** As part of Indigo Shire Council's 2019/20 capital works program, a 1.3km recreational trail is being constructed along the Yackandandah Creek from the Yackandandah Creek Gorge to the Kirby Flat bend adjacent to Bells Flat Road. The project scope includes creation of a multi-use trail linking the existing Gorge Scenic Trail and the Yack Tracks mountain bike home trail.

It will be constructed as a 1.2m wide compacted gravel trail, generally following the Yackandandah Creek river course and providing a shaded, scenic trail through an area of high heritage value. This project was initiated by the community as part of the *Pick My Project* program. The trail will provide additional safe access for users away from Bells Flat Road and will be linked to the Yack Tracks trail via construction of a new pedestrian/cycle bridge at the Kirby Flat bend in the creek.

### Why is this project being undertaken?

This project is part of the broader Indigo Shire Council program of investment in recreational trail infrastructure, in this case driven by the Yackandandah community. The trail also provides a critical link into the Indigo Epic Mountain Bike Trail by connecting existing trail infrastructure with the town.

### What is happening and when?

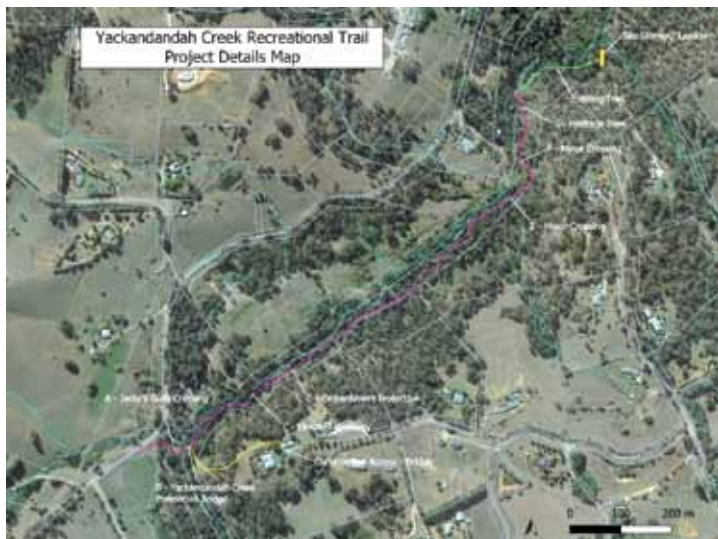
Construction works will start in March 2021, with a completion date of June 2021. During construction, the following tracks will be impacted:

**Gorge Scenic Trail** - partially closed from the Yackandandah Sports Park. Access to the Gorge will be via Bells Flat Rd track, however the track will be closed from the bridge.

**Yackandandah Sports Park access** - closed from Haring Lane to the Sports Park.

Pedestrians can still use the road.

There will be no impact to property or road access in the area created by these project works and only minor impacts to the existing Yackandandah Gorge Scenic Trail.



There is a great deal happening up at your friendly servo at the moment.

We are going to be revamping the internal spaces of the servo shop and this will involve new flooring, a new shop layout and new shelving to make the most of our internal spaces. Unfortunately, this may cause a small amount of inconvenience whilst we and the builder work around each other, but the staff will try and keep this to a minimum, and it will be worth the pain to have the works completed!

The Board is also looking at how best to utilise the external spaces and what we can do "out the back", so watch this column and we will keep you informed of progress.

24 hour fuel availability with a card reader is a distinct possibility within the next few months, and

we will keep you updated with this. This will add an extra string to our bow and help us keep our prices as competitive as they have been. We would like to hear your thoughts on this, and whether this is a service that would be useful to you. You can let us have your comments by visiting our website - <https://ycdco.com.au/> and scrolling down the home page to the Suggestion Box.

We have run extended hours in the early mornings during the week and on Saturdays during Daylight Saving Hours. We will not be doing this during the winter after conducting some polls with



regular early morning customers, but will re-start again when Daylight Saving kicks in again on 31st October.

We are also looking at revamping our website and making this more user-friendly generally. You will be able to find out more about your great YCDco store and its services, how to buy and sell shares, how to easily update your shareholder details and keep an eye

on what's happening with your own community-owned company.

We have a Shareholders' Newsletter coming out very shortly with the dividend, so this should be winging its way

to you very soon. Please make sure you update your details with YCDco so that we can do a direct debit to your bank account rather than rely on clunky old cheques which will surely be phased out shortly anyway.

Also there are many shareholders who haven't updated their address from the old RMB number. There is a form to fill on the Shareholders Newsletter so please make sure you keep us informed for ease of contact.

Shareholders can also enter the April competition for a wheelbarrow full of goodies.



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# YACK GARDEN CLUB

## AUTUMN

A drying late summer, the early set of autumn, mild days and cool nights all contribute to the revelation of our fabled seasonal colour. But autumn is not just a time of gold and crimson as leaves turn and fall, but a time of harvest, stone fruits like plums, peaches and apricots as well as citrus such as cumquats. Edible mushrooms emerge through leaf litter, birds seek out the falling seeds and larger trees are festooned with sulphur-crested cockatoos shredding the tips and feasting on acorns, crab apples and Osage orange. Yellow robins feed on the migrating insects and bees hum in the flowering ivy. It's a time of perfect days and nature's rich yield. And once again, gentle rain has started, sustaining life, helping plants draw their nutrients from the rich soil. The air, light and water that grows the only world we have.

## BULBS

Now is the time to prepare for the planting of bulbs, whether in the garden or in tubs and pots; the thicker the planting, the better the



display. Among shrubs and perennials, daffodil, freesia, jonquil and Dutch iris create splashes of colour. Spanish bluebells create a wonderful underplanting for large deciduous trees like pin oaks, maples or liquid amber. Sparaxis or ixia look good under a copse of birches.

Tulips can be grouped by colour, but if potted, make sure there is good drainage to avoid the bulbs rotting. We tried a successful planting of two

layers of bulbs in a large (40-50cm) pot. Using a quality potting mix and planting as deep as one would in the garden, a layer of 20 tulip bulbs went in first, covered by a layer of potting mix and then followed by some 20 daffodils before topping out the container. With successive flowering times, the whole display was extended in the spring.

As is often done in Europe, planting annuals such as violas and pansies over tulips creates a stunning display of contrasts, either in borders, along paths or in a massed planting.

## GARDEN CLUB EXPO

Following a most successful event two years ago, the Club is holding another Expo on Sunday 2/5/2021 (10am-4pm) at the Osbornes Flat Hall.

- Entry by gold coin donation;
- Local schools' scarecrow and miniature garden competition;
- Market stalls;
- Food van;
- Guest speaker;
- Raffle.

For further enquiries or details contact Karen (0409 311 013)

The Club is also looking for volunteers to sell tickets in the village for the raffle. Contact Ros Ridgeway 0439 479 599.

## CLUB MEETING

At the last meeting (socially distanced of course), Jill created a quiz that challenged members' knowledge of what happens in our gardens. Here is a selection you might try:

1. What part of the human body is affected by an extract of Foxglove (*digitalis*)?
2. What is the common name for the purple flowered perennial *Perovskia*?
3. What succulent plant is commonly used to treat burns and skin conditions?
4. To what family do onions, shallots and garlic belong?
5. What is the country of origin of Kiwi fruit?

6. What colour would hydrangeas be in acid soil?
7. What is the country of origin of crepe myrtle?
8. What type of flower does the native *Brachyscome* have?
9. What organism causes black spot and rust?
10. What is the main food of the blue wren?



## PROPOGATING GARDENS FOR WILDLIFE

While this is a significant subject for more comprehensive discussion, there are a few important points that warrant consideration here. Naturally, to attract native wildlife, the best plant species will be natives with different flowering times throughout the year. The aims should be:

- To establish food and shelter by creating an ecosystem;
- Include ground cover and native grasses besides shrubs and taller trees for cover and canopy;
- Birds need fruit, seeds and



An "insect hotel" can provide a myriad of homes for beneficial insects in a small space

nectar, e.g. kangaroo paw, banksia;

- Bees are drawn to eucalyptus blossoms from any number of smaller varieties as well as spotted emu bush.

Planning for the establishment of habitat can start at any time because a true garden is more than just vegetation – it's a living, dynamic, interactive environment of mutually beneficial and interdependent species that thrive all the more for co-existing. Just as we should.

## WINTER PREPARATION

While the garden appears to subside, much is happening underground and now is the time for lots of important jobs:

- Clean up the spent plants and remove weeds;
- Divide bulbs;
- Prepare the soil, working it while moist and friable;
- Plant cover crops;



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- Maintain all your garden implements now while you can: spades, secateurs, mowers and pruning equipment.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday 02/04/2021 Streetscape

Thursday 08/04/2021 General meeting at Wellsford House, 7pm.

Michael Metzger

(Communications & Media Secretary)

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GARDEN EXPO  
Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2021

Market Stalls (plant related)  
Food Vans  
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Raffle

10am-4pm  
Osbornes Flat Hall  
315 Osbornes Flat Road  
Enquiries Contact:  
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**KINDER'S WONDERFUL NEW WORLD OF WICKING BEDS**

Did you know that wicking beds were originally designed for use in Ethiopia with the aim to increase food production whilst using approximately 50% less water ?

The essential feature of a wicking bed is an underground reservoir of water in immediate contact with soil in the root zone. The water reservoir is typically filled with coarse organic material or aggregate. They can be 'closed systems' or 'open systems' and as simple as a polystyrene box or as complex as a large growing area incorporating worm farms and composting bins. Closed systems can be raised above the ground, and can be made from timber railway sleepers, old bathtubs, cut down water tanks or commercial corrugated raised beds.



*Wicking beds with budding gardeners*

Last year, we started looking at this brilliant innovation for our Kinder as a way to more reliably grow fruit, veg and herbs. We know from experience that the planting is the easy part of the process and that keeping the produce alive and flourishing is the real challenge !

We now have 5 "closed system" wicking beds in-situ; water reservoirs installed, beds filled and planted out with lettuce, chives, silverbeet, cucumbers, sunflowers, broccolini & peas.

All of this has been achieved by parents Donna

& Robert Hall and we are immensely grateful for their time, efforts and knowledge. Under Donna's tutelage, we are looking forward to saving time and water whilst producing lush, healthy and unstressed veggies regardless of

the heat of the season. We have our fingers crossed for bumper crops!

**2022 KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS OPEN ON 12<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2021**

From 12<sup>th</sup> April, our 2022 enrolment paperwork [application forms and Parent Handbook] will be available from the Kinder website: [www.yackandandahkinder.com.au](http://www.yackandandahkinder.com.au)

If you are interested in enrolling your child in either the 3 Year Old or 4 Year Old funded programs and/or the 3yo & 4yo Tuesday Bush Kinder or Wednesday & Friday non-funded 4 Year Old Programs, please complete an ENROLMENT APPLICATION form and return it to Jen in the office – either via email, post or by hand.

*Completing a 2022 enrolment form ensures that your child's name will be placed on our pre-enrolment list and you will be contacted to arrange an interview in early August.*

Please let friends and families know, who might be interested in enrolling their child, that enrolments open in just 4 weeks time.

**THRIVING IN THE GREAT OUTDOORS AT KINDER**

Welcome to 2021!



*Happy outdoor play at Yack Kinder*

We are so excited that there has been great interest in our Bush Kinder program from local families. It is such a natural match for our communities - kids love outdoors, it helps them to learn better and grow into healthy, resilient and happy people throughout life.

**WHY TAKE THE CLASSROOM OUTDOOR?**

Bush Kinder is a fantastic place for children to run, jump, explore, problem solve and learn. Research shows that children that learn outdoors can self-regulate better, show improved social skills, motor skills and physical health, develop

resilience, self-awareness, self-esteem and independence.

**OUR ROLE**

Early education services are uniquely

placed to re invite nature into the lives of young children by taking the learning outdoors. Bush Kinder allows children to engage in a variety of activities, scenarios and demonstrations not typically available in the classroom.

Spending time in our outdoors helps children connect with nature, by doing this it builds the future generation of advocates and custodians for our world.

**LINKS TO THE EARLY YEARS FRAMEWORK**

**IDENTITY:** Children develop a sense of security with familiarity. Yackandandah Kindergarten provides regular sessions of outdoor learning that helps children build and explore their identity.

**COMMUNITY:** Through first hand experiences children develop an awareness of their impact on the local environment and get involved in caring for nature.

**WELLBEING:** Regular contact with nature relives children's minds and ignites curiosity. Outdoor environment allows children to expand and refine their abilities, mentally and physically.

**LEARNING:** Ever-changing outdoor environment invite hypothesising, imagination, interaction, problem solving and experimenting.

**COMMUNICATION:** Children love to share stories, use natural resources to create art and interact with others and their surroundings to create music.

**NATIONAL QUALITY STANDARDS**

Outdoor play promotes children's agency, enables them to make decisions and influence their world. *Quality Standard 1*

Learning outdoors promotes children's health, through relaxation, physical activities and spontaneous experiences. *Quality Standard 2*

By encouraging children to spend time in a natural outdoor environment they have the opportunity for independent exploration and to participate in real life projects and care for the environment they life in. *Quality Standard 3*

Routinely taking children outdoor supports them to manage their own behaviour, teamwork and communicate effectively to problem solve. *Quality Standard 5*

"Contact with nature is critical for our physical, mental, social and spiritual wellbeing. It has positive effects on our ability to concentrate, learn, solve problems, relax and create ."

Our office phone no is (02) 6027 1560.



*The Log Roll*



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Beginning May 2 at 7pm, the 8-week community program comprises an informative 30-minute lecture, taste-testing and a cooking demonstration.

Learn how to combat diabetes, heart disease, strokes, inflammatory conditions and other illnesses. Be inspired to reclaim your well-being as you discover the practical and powerful steps for strengthening physical health and vitality, increasing mental resilience, and enhancing emotional well-being.

Don't miss out – bookings essential. There is no cost for these sessions, but donations are gratefully received to cover running costs.

Phone Lisa on 0422 584 966 to book your place now.

**“IF YOU PLANT IT, THEY WILL COME”**

Information, resources, and shared experiences were the key take-homes from the Healthy Hectares North East workshop held recently. A passionate group of 16 small rural property owners met in Yackandandah Public Hall on Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> February for a Healthy Hectares “Homes and Habitat” workshop, the sixth workshop in the North East Healthy Hectares series.

The group started their morning with Sue Brunskill discussing all things native vegetation including sourcing and growing plants, planning to suit your property and building diverse and healthy ecosystems. Karen Retra then showed us how various animals, birds and insects interact with these natural environments and how we can encourage them to make use of our properties by ensuring we are providing for their basic needs. These sessions were full of sharing of experiences and stories which further enriched a really valuable session.



The group finished their day by attending a local Yackandandah property, the perfect setting with both plantings and remnant vegetation and kangaroos visible in the distance. Will Ford from Trust for Nature lead us on a walk through the property to get some practical examples of how we can assess what our property already has and what it may need as a piece in the broader ecosystem.

The next workshop in the Healthy Hectares NE series is coming up on Sunday May 2<sup>nd</sup>, “Planning for your whole property- turning learning into action” where

**MISSION SONGS PROJECT**



BY JESSIE LLOYD

**CREATOR:** Jessie Lloyd

**FEATURING:** Aunty Valda Murray, Racheal Oak Butler, Aaron Perkins-Kemp-Berger and Bobby Whybrow

Searching for the secular songs that were sung after church, Jessie Lloyd explores the day-to-day life on the missions, settlements and reserves, through music. Through intimate storytelling, moving harmonies and historical insights, Mission Songs Project takes audiences on a musical journey across Australia.

Performed by an extraordinary trio of Indigenous singers, Lloyd unearths almost forgotten stories that illuminate the history of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Elders, families, and communities. Using humour and truth, they share the voices of Elders as they would around a warm campfire or kitchen table. Celebrate with us as our four local songwriters, supported by a choir of local community members, take to the stage to share stories of our region, through song.

**About the show**

Jessie Lloyd first became curious about the songs from the Aboriginal reserves or the mission days when she heard her aunts singing an old tune from Palm Island, QLD called ‘The Irex’. The Irex was the name of the boat that used to transport the Stolen Generation children and those removed under the Aborigines Protection Act in the early to mid-20th century. This song was what the families used to sing as they didn’t know if they would see their loved ones again. Jessie has travelled Australia visiting various communities and elders seeking their stories and advice about the music and life of the old days. So far Jessie has gathered a significant collection of ‘mission songs’, songs that were written about life on the mish; on the settlements, reserves and native camps where Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were removed.

**About Jessie Lloyd**

Originally from tropical North Queensland, Jessie Lloyd is an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander musician who performs a broad collection of Australian Indigenous songs. A vocalist, guitarist, bassist and ukulele player, Jessie earned her formal qualifications at Abmusic in Perth in 2002. A musician, producer and creative entrepreneur, Jessie Lloyd is a cultural practitioner dedicated to the continuation of song traditions. Maintaining an authenticity that contributes to the rich diversity of Australian arts and its audiences, and working towards positive and progressive social opportunities, values and attitudes. Jessie was previously CEO of Songlines Aboriginal Music in Melbourne and South West Aboriginal Entertainment in Perth. She has produced projects, performances, albums, a music TV series for NITV and undertaken multiple Artistic and Music Director roles over her career.

**Performance Dates and Time:**

Wednesday 12 May - Saturday 15 May, 7:00 PM

**Tickets:** Full Price \$50.00 | Cons. \$42.00 | Fulltime student \$20.00

Tickets available from [hothouse theatre.com.au](http://hothouse theatre.com.au)



we will look at how we can turn the fantastic information resources available into practical plans and actions to suit your property.

The Healthy Hectares NE program is hosted by the Wodonga Urban Landcare Network and the Mid Ovens Landcare Consortium, with the support of the Australian Government. For more information on the Healthy Hectares program or our upcoming workshop please contact our project officer at [healthyhectaresne@gmail.com](mailto:healthyhectaresne@gmail.com)

This looks like a really interesting series of workshops for the small land-owner, and Sophie says that another series will hopefully be winging its way to the North East. Yackity Yak will keep you all informed if that's the case. Ed

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To 18/3/19	50.4	16
To 18/3/20	239.4	17

**MUCH OF THE STRESS THAT PEOPLE FEEL DOESN'T COME FROM HAVING TOO MUCH TO DO. IT COMES FROM NOT FINISHING WHAT THEY STARTED....**

# THE ARTS IN YACKANDANDAH



After 2 false starts in 2020, it was a case of third time lucky as on Friday 26 February, Indigo FM finally welcomed Daniel Champagne back to Yackandandah Public Hall where he put on an outstanding show to an appreciative audience. To have live

Staghorn, Osbornes and Allans Flat communities as well as Stanley, Indigo Valley and Wooragee.

Indigo FM held its postponed 2020 AGM in February at Wooragee Hall, with Yackandandah member Nigel Jones joining the Committee for the first time. Nigel joins 5 returning Committee members in Scott Landells (President), Phil Fraser (Vice-President), Jocelyn Ceccanti (Secretary), Bernie Jovaras (Treasurer) and Greg Clydesdale (General Committee). Welcome aboard Nigel! We know you'll bring a lot of energy and ideas to our group.

music back in the Hall was tremendous and somewhat of a relief. We thank Daniel for once again including Yackandandah on his Australian tour schedule. Thanks to Richard Nunn for his excellent work on the camera as evidenced by the pic accompanying this update.



Daniel Champagne captivaing one of the first live performances in over a year n the Yack Public Hall. Photo Credit: Richard Nunn

In our last Yackity Yak update, we advised that we have begun looking into live streaming our Yackandandah site. We expect that we will have this completed by mid to late April, so keep an ear out as well as an eye on the local Facebook Community Group for updates. Live streaming will allow you to tune in to your favourite shows wherever you are in the world, via the internet. For our presenters they are excited to be able to connect with friends and family outside Yackandandah. In some cases, this will mean picking up regular listeners located overseas or in regional areas and capital cities of Australia. Of course, it could also mean being able to include surrounding areas like "The Flats" -

We have been working closely with Yack Primary School behind the scenes and are excited to announce that we have 6 young presenters ready to hit the airwaves from late in Term 1. We welcome back Irena Purnell who really excelled with her stint in late 2020. She will be joined on a Wednesday from 4-5pm by Ada Tracy. On a Monday we have Emma Pinard, Flynn Creamer, Indie Barker-Powell and Stella Brinsdon who will share the 4-5pm slot. It will be exciting to witness these young presenters gather their confidence and skills as well as share their thoughts and musical tastes as the year progresses.

Over the weekend on 19-21 March, we were inspired to delve into our Yack Folk Festival archives to present some wall-to-wall programming of interviews and live in studio performances from 2012-2019. How lucky we are to have these treasured archives. In addition, presenters Bron Howlett, Ange Bishop and Scott Landells put together

special Yack Folk Festival themed shows which you can grab on podcast from the Indigo FM podcast site [www.indigofmradio.podomatic.com](http://www.indigofmradio.podomatic.com)

Following the success of "From Here To There" in February, Yackandandah Theatre Company have a new radio play they are working on which we are very excited to put to air in April. It's entitled "A Clog In The Wheel" and has been written by Bev Lello. Scheduled times will be shared through the local Community Facebook Group.

At Indigo FM, there's always room for new programs. It's very accessible and easy to host your own radio show, so if it's something you'd like to find out more information about, send us an email on [indigofmradioyack@gmail.com](mailto:indigofmradioyack@gmail.com).

Enjoy tuning in on 88.0 FM!

## WHEN WILL IT END?

A reflection about the virus by Herb Simpfendorfer April 21, 2020

The streets are mostly empty now,  
Some shops are shut up tight,  
Some cars go past at walking pace,  
And none go past at night.  
It is a time of lots of stress,  
We're bored, the sun goes slow.  
When will it end, we ask around,  
But no-one seems to know.

No football, cricket, golf or fun,  
No sport of any kind.  
Just watch the replays, we are told,  
No pleasure can we find.  
We'd rather drive to footy grounds  
And yell and see the show.  
When will it end, we ask around,  
But sports folk just don't know.

Some say there is a virus,  
A very tiny thing,  
It's come into our country,  
It's wrecking everything.  
Our leaders want to stop it,  
They speak on radio.  
When will it end, we ask around,  
But they don't seem to know.

Our PM Scott has made some rules.  
"Do this and that, no joke.  
The man in blue is watching you,  
Young guys and all old folk.  
If you do wrong, some dollars big  
Out of your hands will go."  
When will it end, we ask around,  
But Scott just does not know.

The schools are in disorder now,  
In homes, there's stress and flurry.  
Home schooling is now all the go,  
It's just one great big worry.  
And if a cyclone came our way,  
T'would be a minor woe.  
When will it end, we ask around,  
The schools would like to know.

It's gone so long, it must end soon,  
We hope and hope and wait.  
But this man Scott has heels dug in,  
"Just trust me, call me mate.  
It might take weeks, or months or more,  
It's really hard to know."  
When will it end, we ask around,  
Our paper's getting low.

It's lovely Autumn weather,  
We want to go outside,  
To camp, and drive and go with friends,  
But Scott says, "Stay inside!  
Don't go round and be with mates,  
That's no good, oh, no, no!"  
When will it end, we ask around,  
But no-one seems to know.

They planned to have a wedding,  
On April twenty nine.  
She bought a dress, he bought a suit,  
They hoped for weather fine.  
But then the virus came along,  
And things went all askew,  
When will it end, the couple asked,  
The pastor wished he knew.

For months the clearing sale was planned  
A lot of work was done.  
The auctioneer and all his team  
Were ready for the fun.  
The PM told them, "No way known  
Can this sale go ahead.  
When will it end?? Don't ask around!  
Just act on what I've said!"

If this goes on for ever,  
As some smart people say,  
We'll all go raving mad in time,  
And all be dead next May.  
But that may not be coming,  
A vaccine may be found,  
Then it **will** end, in God's good time,  
And we'll still be around...

## WHEN WILL IT END?

Herb Simpfendorfer was born in 1938 in Yackandandah. He and his family lived on a dairy farm in Back Creek until 1950. Herb is now a retired schoolteacher, living in Walla Walla, NSW. He loves to recite Aussie poetry.



*When Will It End?* was written in the style of one of his favourites, "Nine Miles from Gundagai" by Jack Moses.

Herb's poem first appeared in the Culcairn Newsletter in August 2020.



# THE ARTS IN YACKANDANDAH



Arts Yack - Spruiking their wares.

Every organisation needs an occasional recruitment drive. Arts Yackandandah members spruiked our offering at the Lion's Club Market in February. It's not too late to sign up for a year of creative activities.

## A VISITING MAGPIE AND A SUITCASE FULL OF CREATIVE IDEAS

On Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March, Yackandandah Theatre Company and Yackandandah Writers launched their 'Coming and Going Project' with a writing workshop in the Yackandandah Courthouse. The idea is that for those who wish to

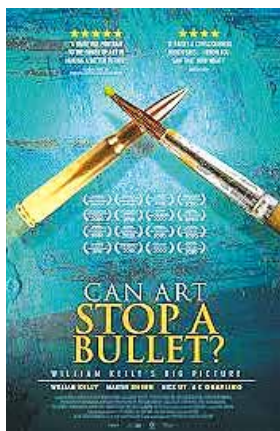


participate, to relate their experience of 'arriving' in Yackandandah for the first time and their feelings about 'departing' if there is a need to go away.

Writers at work

Left to right: Rex Little, Ros Ridgeway, Margie Gleeson

Flickside's 2021 inaugural screening event on 20th March was a great success. Nearly 50 Arts Yackandandah members enjoyed an evening of "Oscars" entertainment at the Public Hall, viewing the 2003 Australian award winning Short Film "Harvie Krumpet" and 2019 Best Picture winner "Parasite". It was just great to be able to go to the movies again!



Our next screening is on Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May when we will be showing "Can Art Stop A Bullet", acclaimed artist William Kelly's award winning documentary. We are excited to announce William will attend on the night, and a Q&A session/discussion will be held after the screening.

This is not to be missed!



Bev Lello and Leisa Whyte took the group through several writing activities to get the ideas flowing. The idea is that the writing will be transformed from page to stage and performed by the Yackandandah Theatre Company sometime in the not too distant future. The magpie was keen to join in and spent part of the day perched on the rafters!

It's not too late to tell your story.

Contact Bev Lello – [beverley.ello@gmail.com](mailto:beverley.ello@gmail.com) or Margie Gleeson – [margie56@bigpond.net.au](mailto:margie56@bigpond.net.au)



## THE SPIDER BY THE GWYDER

*A comic poem where the drunken shearer is about to be 'rolled' by a couple of mugs, but a redback spider comes to the rescue saving the day and the pay.*

By the sluggish river Gwydir lived a hungry red-backed spider,  
Who was just about as wicked as could be;  
An' the place that he was camped in was an empty Jones's jam tin  
In a paddock near the showgrounds, at Moree.  
Near him lay a shearer snoozin', he had been on beer an' boozin'  
All through the night and all the previous day;  
An' the rookin' of the rookers an' the noise of showground spruikers  
Failed to wake him from the trance in which he lay.

Then a crafty-lookin' spieler with a dainty little Sheila  
Came along, collectin' wood to make a fire.  
Said the spieler, "He's a boozier, an' he's goin' to be a loser;  
If he isn't you can christen me a liar."  
"Hustle round and keep nit, honey, while I fan the mug for money  
And we'll have some luxuries for tea."  
But she answered, "Don't be silly; you go back and boil the billy,  
You can safely leave the mug to little me."

So she circled ever nearer till she reached the dopey shearer  
With his pockets bulgin', fast asleep and snug;  
But she didn't see the spider that was ringin' close beside her  
For her mind was on the money an' the mug.  
The spider sighted dinner. He'd been daily growin' thinner;  
He'd ben fastin' an' was hollow as an urn.  
As she eyed the bulgin' pocket, he just darted like a rocket  
An' bit the spieler's Sheila on the stern).

Then the Sheila started squealin' an' her clothes she was unpeelin',  
To hear her yells would make you feel forlorn.  
One hand the bite was pressin' while the other was undressin'  
An' she reached the camp the same as she was born.  
Then the shearer, pale an' haggard, woke, an' back to town he staggered  
Where he caught the train an' gave the booze a rest;  
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### UKE-N-DANDAH

Yackandandah's own Ukulele Club is proudly associated with Arts Yackandandah.

Monday night sessions have started up again at the Yack Courthouse between 7 and 8.30 pm. during term time on Monday evenings.

Please come and join us!

For further details, contact Frances on  
0417 292 917

## WHAT ABOUT A WOMEN'S SHED?

The Public Hall was positively buzzing recently when the newly formed Yackandandah Women's Shed held their Information Evening. It was fun, it was inspiring and all agreed the Shed will be a wonderful addition to our little community.

The women arrived and were greeted with women-themed music... 'Girls Just



YWS Steering Committee L to R  
Lynne Davies, Margo Northey, Sharon Emmett, Chris Zerbst, Cathie Arnold

Wanna Have Fun' and 'I am Woman'. This set the tone for the evening. The Steering Committee of five (Lynne Davies, Chris Zerbst, Margo Northey, Sharon Emmett and Cathie Arnold) spoke about the research they have done over the last couple of months, visiting other local Women's Sheds, writing a Statement of Purpose, looking into whether to be auspiced or to stand alone, talking to

community members and creating a logo.

The YWS committee recently met with David Thorpe and the Yackandandah Community Centre committee who offered to auspice us... this means we will be mentored, covered by YCC insurance, receive help in applying for grants and to allow us use of the YCC meeting room. They explained it as them putting their arms around us! So, along with the Men's Shed's generous offer of the use of their Meeting Room, we now have two addresses to use.

At the Information Night we all got to know everyone a little better and we think all would agree that we have a wealth of talent amongst us. There was a brainstorming session about our interests, what we want to learn, what we can offer the group, possible guest speaker topics, leisure activities and options for meeting times. The atmosphere was so positive. We heard one woman say she would like to learn how to use an excel spreadsheet and immediately someone announced that they could teach that! Someone else said they wanted to know how to sew a binding onto a quilt and a few said they were willing to show her. A quick read of the suggestions and offers written on post-it notes under various headings on butcher's paper along the back wall proves we have diverse skills and a willingness to share them!

A generous hamper was donated by Helen Haines MP and a handmade cloth doll by Lynne Davies went home with two lucky attendees on the night.

There were many apologies from women who wanted to be there but had other commitments. However, we would love you to email us your details if you think you'd like to be included in further get-togethers. Because we all need to be covered by insurance, you must be a Financial Member to start enjoying the fun. Membership forms will soon be available.

Keep up to date by checking our Facebook page regularly: Yackandandah Women's Shed

Please email us at: [yackwomensshed@gmail.com](mailto:yackwomensshed@gmail.com)



### JOIN THE INDIGO COMMUNITY ACCESS COMMITTEE (ICAC)

We are looking for four new community members to join the committee.

ICAC is made up of community members and Council staff from across the Shire who are passionate about access and inclusion. Your voice can help shape an inclusive future for everyone.

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## YOUR RECYCLING CAN CURE CHILDHOOD CANCER

Two bins are now in place at YCDCo's servo in Yack for collection of stubbies, drinks cans and plastic drink bottles. 100% of the funds raised from these goes to the fight to cure childhood cancer - an initiative funded and fully supported by Lions Australia.

Residents of Yackandandah, Allan's Flat and Osborne's Flat and surrounding areas - by placing these items in our bins you can be assured that you are helping to save the lives of children.

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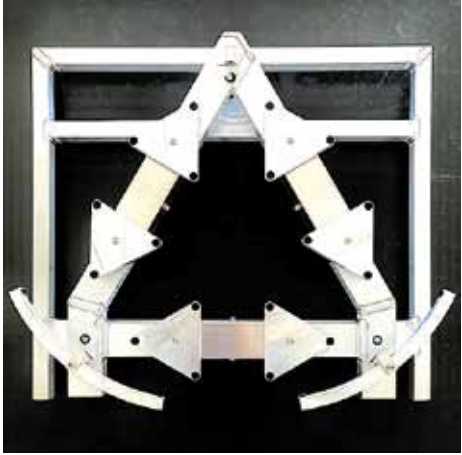
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## Building A Telescope

We decided to build a Dobsonian Newtonian reflector telescope to get a greater understanding of how telescopes function, so we're upgrading the size of the telescope from a 12 inch to a 20-inch primary mirror, the larger the mirror the more light the telescope gathers. This will allow us to view objects that are fainter.

You will need a lot of things if you were building a telescope, such as the primary mirror cell, the mirror, the rocker box, the truss, the secondary mirror cell, and the focuser.



The Primary Mirror Cell

### The Primary Mirror Cell

Building the primary mirror cell is one of the most difficult parts of them all. Here's what I mean.

As you can see you need to have everything right, the angles, the height, the distance, you need to really pay attention to detail. This mirror cell was custom built to our exact specifications by Dusty Benson Engineering.

### The Rocker Box

The rocker boxer is pretty easy, it needs to stand on a flat surface that can spin around, and

up and down.

### The Truss

We used the truss system for the telescope build. These poles were constructed to lengthen or shorten the telescope by turning them anti-clockwise or clockwise. This design was critical for the build, so we could achieve the exact height needed for the focal length.

### The Secondary Mirror

The secondary mirror cell redirects the light back to the eyepiece and

should be around 20% the size of the primary mirror.

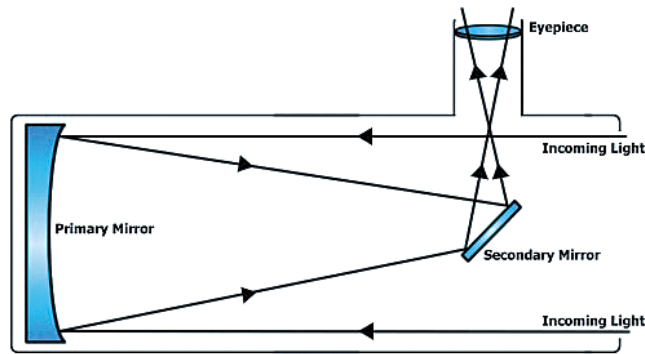
And now we just need high-quality eyepieces because if you get bad ones then the whole process will be reduced by quite a bit because the image will seem worse to your eyes than it actually is.

### The Adjuster for the Eyepiece

We installed a Moon Light focuser to move the eyepieces in and out so everything can be crystal clear for each person's eyesight. This allows for the different length of each eyepiece.



Zac and the finished telescope



How the Secondary Mirror works

### Our first-night viewing

This is our first night testing the optics of the telescope and we were very happy.

Zac Davis  
10 years of age  
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## YACK LIONS CLUB MARKETS

The Yack Lions Club's famous weekend markets will be held from 9 am - 1 pm on the following Sundays

16th May  
18th July  
19th September  
21st November

18th April

20th June  
15th August  
17th October  
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](http://yackandandah.vic.lions.org.au)

## BOOKING THE PUBLIC HALL OR COURT HOUSE?

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

[publichall.yackandandah.com](http://publichall.yackandandah.com)

Each venue has a calendar showing details of existing tentative and confirmed bookings and allows you to make your own booking on-line.

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

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

[publichall@yackandandah.com](mailto:publichall@yackandandah.com) or by mobile on 0448 803 411

## \$6 million delivered for North East small business

Last year, I made sure financial support for bushfire recovery was extended to include Indigo, Wodonga, Wangaratta and Mansfield.

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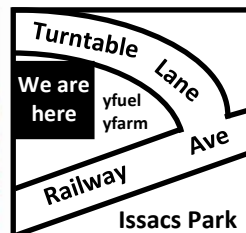
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#### How do I take part?

To do a Birds in Backyards survey, spend 20 minutes in one spot where you can view birds - your backyard, local park, school, or other favourite outdoor place. Simply count how many you see of each bird species you see using that space and tell us about what the outdoor space is like. If you download the Birddata app you can take your smartphone or tablet outside with you to do your count. <https://www.birdsinbackyards.net/getinvolved/How-survey>

#### I don't know much about birds?

If you are unsure where or how to start, or even feel like you don't know the first thing about birds only that you love to see them, then fear not! The Birddata web portal and app automatically gives you a list of 30 birds from your region to get you started.

#### What if I only have super common or introduced birds?

That is really useful! We want to know about the birds you don't see just as much as the ones you do. So, if your list is only small, all introduced birds or full of birds you don't think are very 'exciting', that is still important information for us. All surveys are important so please give it a go.

#### Why do these surveys?

Your surveys are used by BirdLife Australia and in the Urban Bird team to track the health of our urban birds, and to monitor the impact of our gardens, outdoor spaces and even our own behaviours on bird populations. We can learn a lot from Birds in Backyard surveys, like how different types of gardens can attract different types of birds, and which features birds may be avoiding or are negatively affected by. In 2021 your

surveys will also be used in the very first Urban Bird Index for BirdLife Australia's State of Australia's Birds Report

Importantly, your surveys contribute to the on-ground conservation work we undertake with our volunteers, branches and partners – from local planting and habitat improvement projects up to national advocacy and campaigns. We also use the survey data in seminars and workshops



conducted by staff, or for our projects such as the Powerful Owl Project.

#### How often should I survey?

Each quarter we launch a seasonal survey. By dividing

the year up into seasons, we can track changes in bird communities at the same four times each year. Our Autumn survey period runs throughout March and April - but you can still submit surveys at any time. You can do as many surveys as you like, as often as you like! Some people like to just participate once a quarter (or four times a year) in our seasonal surveys, while others like to count their birds more frequently.

#### What else can I record?

There are a few important interactions you can share with us if you see them. Keep an eye out for: Breeding behaviours - If you see a bird carrying nesting materials, sitting on a nest or feeding chicks, let us know. Select the option under 'Breeding Activity' that best matches your observation (remember to keep your distance though from birds who are breeding. We don't want to disturb any nests. Be sure to limit your observations and don't get close enough to scare a bird off its nest.)

Aggressive interactions – Let us know if you have observed any species initiate interactions with other birds and whether this interaction could be classed as aggressive – you can do this in the sighting details tab using the specific species interactions option.

Have you seen any birds feeding on the native plants in your garden? If so – who was dining on what? – you can tell us in the notes section when you record the species you have observed under "sighting details".

Have any birds been dabbling in some Oscar-worthy acting? – tell us about the weird and wonderful things your backyard birds have been up to you using the notes section in the sighting details tabs.

Don't forget you can also win great prizes. We will be giving away Birds in Backyards prize packs and even some extra special goodies throughout 2021, but to win you have to enter your surveys. Follow us on social media for more details. <https://birdlife.org.au/all-about-birds/birds-in-backyards>

## BIRDS' SONG

The song of the birds is one of the most lovely sounds of nature. Nothing could be more beautiful than to wake up to it in the morning. It has inspired

people through the ages and made them speculate as to reasons why it is that birds sing. Explanations have changed over the years and ranged from the realm of legend to the sphere of religion. Some have been highly imaginative and others strictly scientific. They have produced many a fallacy and

only modern times have provided unexpected findings.

Medieval society believed that birds joined in song first thing in the morning to praise God for the grandeur of

nature with which he has blessed the world. More prosaically, later generations suggested that their early song was meant as a welcome to the rising sun, with its implicit promise of a day of brightness, warmth and renewed life.

It is now assumed that birds sing to fulfil two major functions. Firstly, to stake out and protect their territory. Since it is their exclusive hunting ground, the song warns other birds not to trespass. The second purpose is the perpetuation of species. A bird sings when it is ready to mate. Broadcasting this fact by its song will attract a partner in the same physiological condition. Contrary to popularly held belief in the majority of cases, it is not the female but the male who is the songster, sending out its message to the opposite sex.

Birds' songs offer a multiplicity of interesting observations had have been the source of not a few misconceptions. It is not correct that

nightingales sing only at night. They do so during daytime as well, but other birds then also singing drown them out and make their song go unnoticed.

Surprisingly, birds have dialects, and the song of the individual bird may differ in various regions of the world. On the other hand, each kind of bird has its own type of song which seems innate. Young cuckoos, for instance, even when hatched in the nests of other birds, will not acquire their song, but keep that of their own kind.

A bird's song must be differentiated from birds' calls. They have their individual sounds and specific messages. Among the variety of functions are the mother bird's call to "round up" her stray brood, to help lost birds to find their way home, to express fear or to sound an alarm.

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# ALLANS FLAT TENNIS CLUB

## Allans Flat Tennis Club Gets a New Court

Allans Flat Tennis Club has had a facelift!

### Out with the old, in with the new...

We've said goodbye to the lumps and bumps of the old, tired surface on court one and hello to a much more functional and fresh synthetic grass court thanks to Tom Harrington from Riverina Sporting Services.

This new court offers:

- more safety
- a reliable playing surface
- an increased area under synthetic grass

plus it looks fantastic!

### Special thanks to past and present Club members...

The Allans Flat Tennis Club President and Hot Shots Community Coach, Jessamy Anderson, is thrilled with the new addition to the community. Having seen strong growth in club membership over the past few years, the club's committee thought it was time to get the resurfacing done to ensure that there was space to cater for the increasing number of players on the courts. It is a credit to the wonderful efforts of past committee members that the club was in a position to make this investment in the club's future, and special mention goes to previous committee members who organised fundraising and nurtured the finances over many years.



Works in progress, replacing Court One

### What's next for Allans Flat Tennis Club?

Although the club was disappointed to miss out on funding grants for this project, it is continuing to explore further opportunities to enhance this

community facility at Allans Flat – it would be great to resurface the additional court and also build some state of the art club rooms! We'd love to hear from you if you're in a position to assist us financially in any way.

The club is hoping to re-join the Kiewa and Talgarno District Tennis Association in the 2021/22 season with the involvement of at least one junior and adult team.



Jessamy Anderson with some of the young and enthusiastic members of Allans Flat TC

### Come and join us for the official opening of the brand new court!

- WHEN?** Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April from 2pm  
**WHERE?** Allans Flat Tennis Club, Osbornes Flat Road, Allans Flat (opposite the waterhole)  
**WHY?** An opportunity to experience the new court, enjoy a social hit and share in some afternoon tea.  
**WHO?** Anyone keen to check out the new court! All existing, past and future members are invited to attend  
**RSVP?** Not necessary – just turn up!

### INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER?

JOIN NOW <https://my.tennis.com.au/OnlineMembership/662511> or email enquiries to the Club Secretary at [earlemason@hotmail.com](mailto:earlemason@hotmail.com)

## RECIPE OF THE SEASON

### SPICY TOMATO AND MINT RELISH by Gary Rhodes

Relishes are really quick pickles and are great with all kinds of meat. This tomato relish suits lamb in particular. Serve it with roast lamb instead of redcurrant jelly or mint sauce. For a tomato relish with the flavour of apples working behind it, simply omit the mint. This now becomes a great favourite for roast pork. Makes 450-600ml.

#### Ingredients

- Butter
- 1 onion, finely diced
- 1 garlic clove, crushed

- Pinch of ground mixed spice
- 1 Granny Smith apple, peeled, cored & diced
- 2 tablespoons sherry or white wine vinegar
- 1 tablespoon demerara sugar
- 1 tablespoon tomato puree or ketchup
- 10 tomatoes, peeled and diced
- 1 teaspoon chopped fresh mint
- Dash of Worcestershire sauce
- Dash of Tabasco sauce
- Salt & pepper

Melt a knob of butter and once bubbling, add the onion

and garlic. Cook for a few minutes until softened. Add the mixed spice and apple and cook for a further minute. Add the vinegar and sugar and bring to the boil. Reduce until almost dry. Add the tomatoes along with the ketchup or puree which will help the acidity and spicy finish. Cook for a few minutes. Season with salt, pepper, Worcestershire sauce and Tabasco and remove from the heat. Stir in the mint. Drain the relish in a sieve, saving all the juices. These can now be reduced to a thick syrup consistency. This will help strengthen the flavour the chutney. Once reduced, add to the relish. This relish will eat well slightly warmed or cold. It will keep for a week if refrigerated.

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The 2021 season was off and running with a mixed Ambrose match played on the Opening Day, 7<sup>th</sup> March. A good

turnout of members enjoyed the perfect weather and a BBQ to finish.

year. The finish was tight with Beechworth taking the trophy home - 22.43 to 22.13 pts.

The course is in absolute prime condition thanks to the mild summer weather, plenty of rain and the immeasurable voluntary hours the ground crew put in. It is a true delight for golfers and walkers alike to appreciate.

We must also make the public aware that golf balls will be flying, predominantly on Sundays, Wednesdays and Fridays, so keep a look out!

The ladies have been busy getting ready for the season organizing coaching classes from Thurgoona Professional, Penny Graeber.

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

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*Ladies line up for a shot*



*Astrid Yea gets some fine tuning from coach Penny Graeber*



*Winners Mixed Open Day – M Northey, C Zerbst, P Ellison*

The ladies season opening was played staging the annual Yackackandandah/Beechworth Challenge. This is a friendly 12-hole Stableford event that each club alternates to host each

**RESULTS**

Winners Mixed Division: C Zerbst, P Ellison, M Northey 58.7.

Runners up: H Eyre, M Eyre, D Hellens 60.7.

Winners Men's Division: M Macauley, J Emmerson, Dodd (Tallangatta) 60.

On a countback from members: T Smith, P Collee, T Britton.

Winners Ladies Division: R Ward, G Stacey, J Pryor 64.5.



*Ladies Winners Open Day – G Stacy, J Pryor, R Ward*

**YACK COMMUNITY BOWLING CLUB**

Our annual community challenge is in full swing and has been very competitive. We have seventeen teams involved this year and everyone has been enjoying themselves. The end result will not be known by the closing date for this edition of Yackity Yak, but I say a big thank you to everyone concerned for the continued support of this event.

Our pennant season is completed for season 2020/2021. The season has been interrupted by COVID-19 and weather but at least we completed it.



Both Saturday and Tuesday A2 teams, whilst not successful after our promotion, have been competitive. The last four games for our Saturday team have been decided on the last rink with a thrilling win against Wodonga at Wodonga in the last round.

Our B4 team have endured

a rocky season due to illness and injury but we did get a team on the green most of the time. Welcome and a big thank you to our new bowlers Meredith and Jeff, Kylie and Liz.

A big thank you to all members for your commitment this season and look forward to joining you all next season.

Our Club ladies champion Mary Tragardh represented our club in several State and Ovens Murray events throughout the year - well done Mary.

Our club is actively seeking new members, so we extend an invitation to all interested bowlers to join us for a roll on the green from 4pm on a Friday and thereafter join us for nibbles and drinks at frothies.

*Anne Corcoran, Secretary*



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