

Yack Edges Ever Nearer 100% Goal

Yackandandah Battery Update

After almost two years of planning, the installation of the Yackandandah community-scale solar and battery system, known as Yack01, is now underway.

The Agency of Sculpture workshop is now fully covered in solar panels, including a collection of west-facing panels to capture even the last of the sun's rays each day.

Keeping up with new technology developments, bi-facial panels have been installed. These see-through panels can create energy from the sun that hits directly and from the reflected sunshine underneath.

The battery storage unit has arrived on-site and through May and June we'll be building concrete footings, craning the battery into its final position and finalising electrical works.

We expect Yack01 will begin supplying members of the Yackandandah community energy hub with clean energy from June this year. The battery is an important

step toward reaching 100% renewable energy supply for Yackandandah. Stay up to date with our progress as we prepare for the launch in July!

Totally Renewable Yackandandah and Indigo Power are delivering Yack 01 in partnership, with support from philanthropic funders and the Victorian Government.



Spot the official Scarecrow! Merv Cupper takes on an entry to the Competition.
Photo Credit: Jan Cupper

Yack Garden Club Expo - A Huge Success

Congratulations to Yackandandah Garden Club for the magnificent Expo that they put on in May.

There were lots of enthusiastic reports of this great event, so many congratulations to all who were involved, had stalls, fed the punters, contributed entries and who just turned up to enjoy this autumn gardening occasion.

Yackity Yak also heard that the Dish Pig had its first official engagement which must be a great relief and an occasion of pride since she has been somewhat sidelined since COVID-19 appeared. Let's hope we will see her out and about a lot more.

Life seems to be showing signs of returning to a more normal routine, and it has been gratifying to see concerts, films and other social occasions returning to our lovely village of Yackandandah. Tourists are returning to our streets again, and with some beautiful autumn weather we can celebrate our lucky COVID free status.

See page 21 for the Yack Garden Club's report.



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A RAMBLE WITH THE EDITOR

Lovely to enjoy some of the beautiful autumn weather with the trees at their very best showing some amazing colour, sadly all too soon gone with the wet weather and winds that we hope to have at this time of year. Still, it has been very dry and any rain is gratefully received, and much more needed, if the truth were known.

It has been so good to see life slowly returning to a new normal. Concerts, social events, sporting fixtures all starting to give us back a small sense of normality and a big sigh of relief. Not that we should be at all complacent about things - India and other countries can show just what can go horribly wrong in the blink of an eye, and how many lives can be lost incredibly quickly.

Yackity Yak is going well - lots of really great articles - thank you everybody! Almost too much advertising, but you know that old adage "too much of a good thing is never enough!" - thank you Roy & HG.

A very warm welcome to Andrea O'Neill, the new CEO at Yack Health. Having had a series of temporary CEOs over the past months, it will doubtless be a huge sigh of relief for staff, residents and the Board to see a settled role "At The Top". Thanks to John Parkes for a safe hand at the wheel during the interim months.

Well, the days are certainly drawing in now, and by 5pm easily it is cold and fires need to be lit, curtains drawn and a good supper planned. I love the winter with casseroles, stews, dumplings and baked potatoes all on the menu from time to time. The garden has produced masses of apples and quinces during the autumn, and so lots of puds are planned as well. Olives are picked and pressed or pickled, honey has been drawn from the hive and grapefruits and oranges are ripening on the trees in the orchard. We have a Seville orange - perfect for marmalade as it is a sour orange, no good for eating off the tree, but brilliant for making the best marmalade. So a good marmalade making session will be planned once the fruit is fully ripe; a few more weeks to go until then. We have to net the citrus trees generally as the bower birds and currawongs certainly make their presence felt given the chance.

Having put this edition of Yackity Yak to bed, I will next be hopefully putting the garden to bed for a few months over the winter, so we can get good and ready for the spring. We now have a new (second hand) mulcher on the property which made mincemeat of our olive prunings, which have been a real issue up until now. We have generally had to haul them to a safe spot and burn a pile as big as a house, but this year it took about 3 hours to mulch them in situ, plus we can now use the mulch for something positive which is a great plus for us. It's a noisy old business, but we look forward from now on to mulching all our prunings and save on the bonfires. This mulcher is truly a Big Boy's toy. It has a 50hp engine (bigger than the tractor) and will take wood up to 9" diameter although we haven't needed to do anything quite as large as that.

There are some significant works going on at your community servo starting very shortly, details of which are on the back page and page 20 of this edition, but they will all be worthwhile in the end, and the management, staff and board of YCDCo hope that the customers won't be inconvenienced too much in the time taken to do the works.

Well, it's nearly the end of the financial year - again. It seems ironic that time just seems to speed up and get faster and faster, whereas I had thought that there was a chance that things might slow down a bit

as we get older. No chance, obviously... Childhood days seemed to last for ever, so it seems a bit unfair that old age sees time speed up even more. A good reason to plan, enjoy and take time for important things in your life. Winter should be a better time, if not to smell the roses, then to at least slow down a bit and enjoy the view instead.

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Meet the New CEO of Yack Health

The Board of Management of Yackandandah Health would like to introduce the new CEO, Mrs Andrea O'Neill.

After an extensive search for a CEO with the relevant skills and experience to lead Yackandandah Health into the future the Board are delighted with their choice.

Andrea comes to Yackandandah from Berrigan, NSW approx. an hour and a half down the road. Having worked at the Aged Care facility in Berrigan for the last 10 years, Andrea is very excited about the appointment and is looking forward to continuing the good work laid down by her predecessor, Mr John Parkes.

"Yackandandah Health is a wonderful model of care for the elderly as well as providing the integration of services with Little Yacks Learning Years and Yackandandah Medical Centre."

Andrea holds a Bachelor of Business and is a Certified Practising Accountant. Andrea brings strong commercial, local government and not for profit experience that include roles in hospitality management, accounting and aged care that encompass leadership, business development and finance. Andrea has been a Community Councillor with the Berrigan Shire and currently sits on the Residential Advisory Committee of Aged & Community Services Australia (ACSA) and has held Board positions in Childcare both in long day care and



Yack Health's new CEO, Andrea O'Neill with residents from Aged Care, and Little Yacks' children all enjoying each other's company

Kindergarten. Andrea has a thorough understanding of the Aged Care regulatory requirements and was responsible for the management, planning and construction of the independent living units at Amaroo, Berrigan.

Chair Tricia Glass said, "We are truly fortunate to have engaged an industry leader who has made significant contributions in the areas in which Yackandandah Health operates. We look forward to Andrea building on the substantial base which has been laid as we continue to make a qualitative contribution to aged care, health care and early childhood education in our community."

Moving into the future, Mrs O'Neill sees further opportunities to expand the services provided through Yackandandah Health, "It really is up to the community to drive the direction of Yack Health, we are here for the community so come and give your ideas to myself or any of the Board members so we can include them, if viable, in the strategic direction of Yackandandah Health."



Olive, celebrating Easter and enjoying the egg hunt

Andrea and her husband, Rohan, plan to reside in Yackandandah "as soon as our son John completes VCE this year. We have a café in Berrigan so we need to tie up a few things before Rohan can join me in Yack. We have a good feeling about Yackandandah and have met some wonderful people already. We hope we can contribute not only to the local healthcare but also get involved in the town and really immerse ourselves in the community."

Easter at Yack Health

The Easter Bunny paid a visit to Yack Health, dropping eggs along his way. There were smiles all round as residents and staff joined forces for a fun-filled Easter egg hunt.



Janne and Roger Oborn enjoy a visit from the Easter Bunny

The Easter Raffle was drawn on Thursday 1st April.

Thank you to everyone who supported this raffle and a big congratulations to our winners:

- 1st Place: Lorraine Spargo
- 2nd Place: Lorraine Spargo
- 3rd Place: Cecilia Glass

Anzac Day Service

A Service was held on Anzac Day to commemorate the 106th anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli. Valda Lloyd, Judy Brindley, Max Norris, Ivanka Paulik, Walter Tomkins and Eileen Collins delivered a meaningful and respectful service for the residents and staff at Yack Health.



"Lest We Forget" residents commemorating ANZAC Day

the residents sang songs.

Through intergenerational experiences, wisdom is passed from one generation to the next. Residents are provided with a sense of purpose as they organically care for children. Conversations

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Little Yacks

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A wonderful afternoon tea put on for residents and Little Yackers

Aged Care to welcome our new CEO, Andrea O'Neill. The sanctuary, currently home to a wide range of indoor plants, was filled with laughter and music as



Wouldn't you like to know what was said to bring on the hilarity here?

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We also have a small meeting room available to community groups. For all enquiries, please contact either Andrea on 6027 1991 or Lisa on 0439 855 297

YACK'S MEN SHED

Now that restrictions have been eased, we are now back to normal, well - as close to normal as possible in the current circumstances. Our activities and people at the Shed on Tuesday morning are in full swing.

In addition to members' own projects, our recent community projects have included renovating the flagpole at Ardsville House, making tables for the Kinder, preparing kindling for sale, completing bus shelters for Indigo Shire, making and installing a swing at the Kinder, designing and building a change table for Little Yacks, making and installing a memorial sign at the Ridgeway Recreational Area. We have also just installed and commissioned a new dust extraction system to assist in providing a more environmentally friendly workspace for those in our own workshop.

The Yack Shack provides a place where men can safely work at their own pace, in their own time, making friends, sharing experiences and working together.

We welcome any men wanting to find a friendly place to meet and work together on either community projects or their own projects. Of course, our Shed is not just about doing things. Some members require a place to just meet, talk and discuss important things with other men.

In today's environment the opportunity for men to provide support to each other through activities, conversation, individual projects and group work can contribute to physical functioning, wellbeing and wellness of all. Each of these activities is important. We are commencing a new programme to enhance members' skills that provides the opportunity to gain new abilities, knowledge and capabilities.

Whilst we are focused on men's health, we warmly welcome the newly formed Women's Shed to our place and are pleased to be establishing a relationship so that both sheds can provide the resources and environment to meet their separate objectives around activities, skills, health and wellbeing.

We would welcome any opportunities to discuss community projects. Please drop into the Shed next to the Yackandandah Health Aged Care Facility, Isaacs Avenue, on any Tuesday morning to talk through your requirements and review how we might help.

Peter May
Secretary, Yackandandah Men's Shed
Mobile: 0415 128 720

Osbornes Flat Hall



Celebrates 100 years!



The local social event of the year!

We cordially invite you to attend the celebrations of our Grand Old Lady who is celebrating 100 years in May 2021

Join us in recognising her contribution to our community, and her association with many in our area - old and new.

Saturday 29th May

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Sunday 30th May

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- * Entertainment by Reedy Creek Jazz Band
- * Old style workshops
- * Historic photo display
- * Planting of commemorative tree & time capsule
- * Devonshire Tea & Sausage Sizzle

~ We look forward to seeing you ~



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100% Renewables.



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New Generator

Thanks once again to the efforts of the hard-working team behind Totally Renewable Yackandandah (TRY) who secured a \$10,000 grant from the Foundation for Rural Regional Renewal (FRRR), the Yackandandah Fire Station now has a 10 kVA diesel generator to add to our existing solar and battery system. The original 6KW solar and 13 kWh battery storage system was installed in the first half of 2019 with funding from the Victorian government, Into Our Hands Community Foundation, FRRR & TRY.

While the solar and battery system is helping to power the building day-



From l to r: Captain Yves Quaglio, Ruth Yule, Lt Margrit Beemster with the new diesel generator. Photo credit: J. Millbank

to-day, the addition of the generator, which was installed by Solar Integrity, means that we now have a truly resilient energy supply. "This is advantageous for the whole town and community," says Brigade Captain, Yves Quaglio. "If there is a fire or another emergency and there is no mains power, we are able to be totally self-sufficient in terms of electricity for the fire station. The generator will kick in automatically as soon as the batteries get too low. The Brigade is very grateful for the continued support from TRY."

And we've just had the good news that TRY has secured further funding of \$10,000 from a NAB Foundation Community Grant to increase our battery storage system from the existing 13 kWh to 26 kWh.

CFA Awards

Congratulations to all our members who received their years of service



Comd. Mark Owens with Cameron McKern and Neil Padbury



Comd. Mark Owens with Graeme Neil who received the 45 year life member medal

medals which were presented by Commander Mark Owens from

District 24 at our elections and awards meeting on May 10.

They were Graeme Neil, 45 year life member medal; Denis Brown, 35 year medal; Andrew Ferguson, 30 year medal; Ian Brown, 25 year medal; Neil Burbidge, David Larkin, Cameron McKern and Greg



Comd. Mark Owens with Ian Brown who received his 25 year medal

Young, 20 year medal; Chris Lello, Craig Ramsay and Bryan Smith, 15 year medal; Dennis Arne and Jess Padbury, 10 year medal; Glenn Mailey and Tom Neeves, 5 year certificate of service.

A special addition on the evening was the presentation of Brigade Life Member Medals to former Brigade captains, Neil Padbury and Cameron McKern, in appreciation of outstanding service.

Turnouts and burn-offs

It might have a relatively quiet summer fire season but with the Brigade responding to five fires caused by burn offs since the end of fire restrictions on 29th March, it's timely to remind people that

there are a few simple things you need to do before, during and after burning-off to ensure that you are doing so safely.

To that end a flyer "Are you burning-off safely Yack residents" has been distributed recently, thanks to the Yackandandah Post Office, to all post office boxes and rural mailboxes around Yackandandah.

Other than registering your burn by calling 1800 668 511, three important things are:

1. Ensure you have enough water to extinguish a possible outbreak i.e. access to a hose or at least 10 litres of water on hand
2. Have a three metre clearance of flammable material around your burning pile, i.e. mow or slash around your pile if possible
3. Make sure your burn off is 100% out before you leave it.



Comd. Mark Owens with Denis Brown who received his 35 year medal

Good Friday Appeal

It was great to be able to get the trucks out again this Good Friday and help collect funds for the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal - the 90th year the appeal has run and the 70th with CFA collectors.

This year the Yackandandah team were led by Lieutenant Chris Wingard year who took over the reins and the brilliant work previously undertaken by Mark and Marg Burbidge for many years. The team, made up of 12 volunteers, were out waking residents up with sirens blazing and air horns tooting from 9am.



CFA collector, Harry Schmidt, with Seb Nedziak from Gum Tree Pies

Chris and his daughters, Briana and Amelia, have been

volunteering their time on Good Friday every year since 2015. Mark and Jacqui Schmidt have added to that family tradition with their son and daughter joining in this year and shaking the tins up and down High

Street. Chris said he's surprised his 16 year old daughter was still happy helping Dad on Good Friday, but she's said she's not looking to give it up any time soon. Chris went on to say he, along with his daughters love the smiling faces they're greeted with and "of course the cheeky hot cross bun or Easter egg we get. Unlike previous years, due to COVID restrictions we weren't able to find out just how much Yackandandah helped raise but we are proud of the fact that we contributed to the \$76,472 that come from the greater Wodonga area," says Chris. "We suspect it was a large amount from Yack though as the tins have never felt that heavy."

*CFA collectors across the state raised \$1,028,328.

Community Engagement

As part of our on-going community engagement activities members of the Brigade manned an information stall with a focus on winter home fire safety, including wood and electrical heaters, smoke alarms and home fire safety plans at the Yackandandah Lions Market on Sunday, April 18.

"The kids' table was a big hit and was a good opportunity to engage with the parents," says the Brigade's Community Education and Information Officer, Dennis Arne.



Information stall at the Yackandandah Lion's Club market in April

Brigade Pizza Night at the Yackandandah Community Garden

Thanks to the generosity of Coles who provided a \$500 gift voucher as a "thank-you" to CFA Brigades for their contribution to



Brigade members and their families enjoying the family pizza night at the Yack Community Garden

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the 2019/2021 summer bushfires, around 40 Yackandandah brigade and family members finally now the COVID restrictions have eased, had the opportunity to enjoy a pizza evening at the Yackandandah Community Garden on Saturday, April 17. It was lovely to be able to have a social evening again.

Training

Now the COVID 19 restrictions have eased, it's great to be able to get back into training and refreshing and learning new skills. Other than our regular training nights, three of our members were among the 16 participants in a Suppress Wildfire course held in Yackandandah, April 16-18. The course covered weather and its effect on bushfires; the effects of terrain on fire behaviour; plans of attack on fires; and messages/word back related to fire behaviour. Also, our new members were able to continue with their General Firefighting training.



Participants in the Suppress Wildfire training course

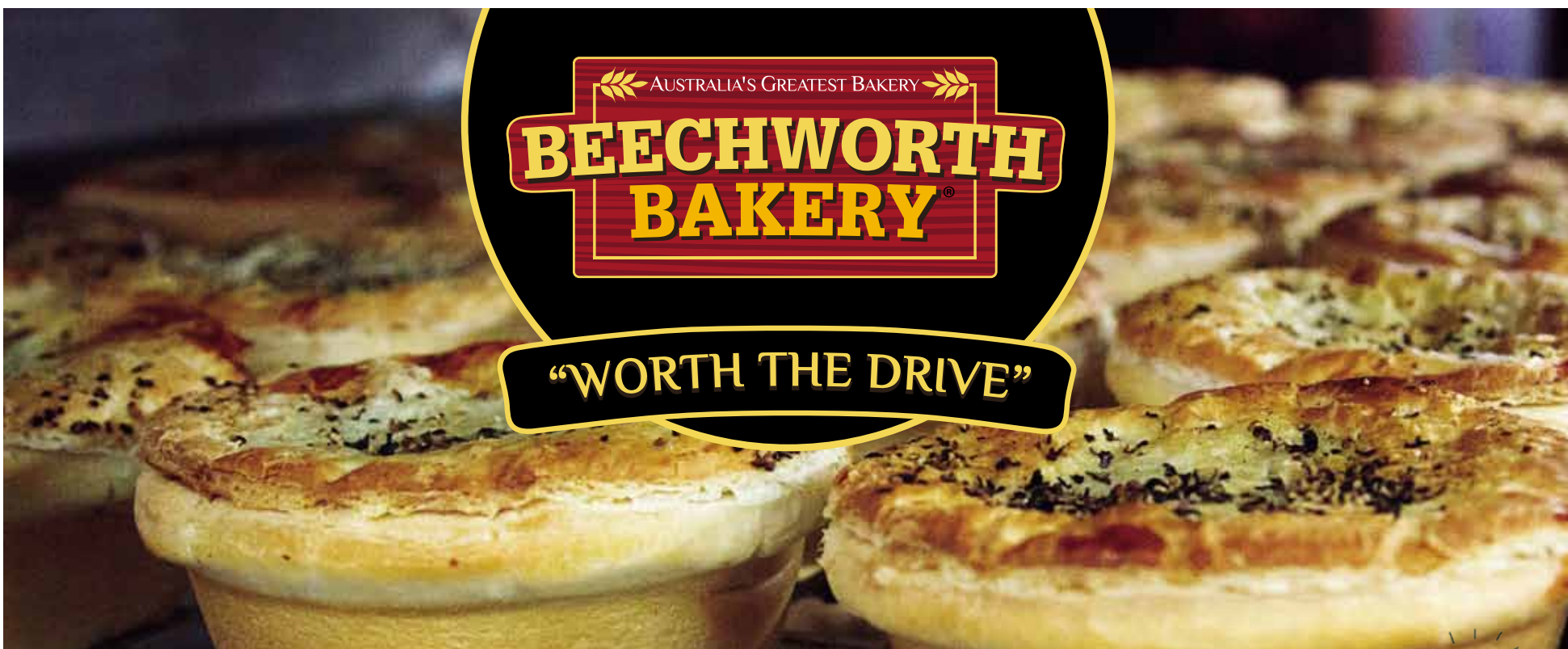


To celebrate volunteer's week, we are taking the opportunity to reconnect and engage with our community, we have missed you!

Do you enjoy spending time with elders? Are you a good listener? Perhaps you have some skills that you could use to enrich the lives of our residents? If so, we would love to hear from you!

Please join us for a Sausage sizzle on Thursday 3rd June at 1:30pm where you will have the opportunity to discuss volunteer roles, meet the elders of Yack Health along with other likeminded volunteers.

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Amnesty draws its members from across the political spectrum. Its non-political stance is essential to its independence and ability to speak out. Yackandandah's Amnesty group support the goals of Amnesty International which are to fight discrimination, unfair detention and to demand safety and a fair justice system for all.

Writing letters to key politicians to draw attention to specific breaches of human rights is an important activity, and much more happens in our local Amnesty group. Over the last few months this has included participation in both local, state-wide, and national events.

In 2020, in the wake of lockdown, we organised a Covid safe silent vigil to bring awareness to seven years that refugees and asylum seekers have been locked up in immigration detention centres. They spend most of each day in their rooms and feel desperate at their isolation. There is a lockdown with no end date. The Covid safe rules permitted ten people wearing masks to stand 1.5 metres apart. Twenty members of Amnesty Yack participated in the two parts of this silent vigil. They may have been silent but the 'honk' of horns from passers-by showed wide support. There were also many others unable to attend, but who stood in solidarity at their own homes and sent photos with signs, which were posted to the Facebook page 'Amnesty Yackandandah'.

Five members of Amnesty Yack joined hundreds in Melbourne for the annual 'Palm Sunday Rally for Refugees' and led by Cathy McGowan, marched under the "Indi Welcomes Refugees" banner. Heartened by the numbers supporting refugees they were also distressed to know that some people are unaware that 'SEEKING ASYLUM IS NOT A CRIME BUT IS AN INTERNATIONAL RIGHT.' The march terminated outside the Park Hotel where asylum seekers are held. Locked in with a constant security presence they were only visible by their small lights flashing against the window letting us know they could see us. Those of

us who have experienced lockdown can imagine how bleak an indefinite lockdown is. We hope the march gives them an awareness of not being forgotten.

It is now twenty years since the Tampa incident, the first time the Australian Government asserted its authority by using armed forces to board a ship which had rescued distraught people from the ocean. This unfortunate event contributed to the notion that seeking asylum is somehow a criminal offence. It is, in fact, a Human Right and not illegal in Australia, or under International law.

Refugee Week is in June - a celebration to create better understanding between different communities and to encourage successful integration enabling refugees to live in safety and to continue making a valuable contribution to Australia.

The plight of refugees anywhere is difficult to comprehend, but the events and lock downs, brought about by Covid have enabled some level of empathy. The challenges of our lockdowns were felt by us all even though we had access to social media, phones, internet, appropriate food (and ample toilet paper), and an end date; in comparison to refugee and asylum seekers' indefinite detention without access to many of these basic things.

In 2021 Amnesty Yack will have regular Saturday stalls outside Foodworks. If you see us - in our very noticeable and bright yellow t-shirts - please stop and sign our petitions, talk about your concerns or ask us questions.

Human rights are important for all of us.

*Jenny and Brydie Donnelly
Yackandandah Amnesty Group Members*



Palm Sunday Rally for Refugees held in Melbourne

LIL'S LEMON TREE

We've never had a lemon tree at our home out Twist Creek. We didn't need one because Lil, our neighbour, had a beauty and it produced plenty of lemons.

Lil Hutson passed away last month at Yack Health at the grand age of 97 years.

Up until Lil moved into Yack Health, she lived opposite us in Twist Creek Road. Every time I walked past her house, she'd come out and say, "Do you want some lemons?" This happened not just once, or even occasionally, but every time I walked past!!

When she first came out, I went into her yard and there were fruit trees, veges and all sorts of cats, dogs and birds. Lil got the secateurs out and we filled a bag up with lemons. Nice to have a chat and you always learn a bit about people and who they are and where they're from.

If I were walking with Therese, Lil would ignore me and totally focus on her. She was up for the chat. "The roads getting busier, Sue and Bruce this, Ted and Mary that. Adrian this, so many bikes on the road and Bomber that". She didn't miss much. But that was the banter, and we came to love it and expect it of Lil.

Lil was a Riddell - she was raised on her family farm at Walbundrie and her Dad served in the 1st World War. After school, she worked in the shearing shed, growing veges and looking after the chooks etc. She married Jim



Hutson in 1947 and moved to Yack in the 1950s where Jim worked in the bottom garage (now a gallery/second hand shop). Jim and Lil had 4 kids- Mary, Jenny, Sue and Anne. Jim died in 1965 and Lil was left to raise the family alone. On one my lemon visits about 15 years ago, I was bending Lil's ear complaining about how I'm up and down the road all the time taking the kids to school and to this and that. She said after Jim died, she walked the kids to and from school daily, a tidy 3 km plus trip each way. Lil was raised through the depression years and knew all about doing it tough.

Once, during one of the bush fires in the mid 2000's, the fire front was approaching through the Stanley Forest, so I went over to make sure she was okay. She didn't offer me lemons that day. She looked me in the eye and said point blank "I'm not leaving". I said, "But Lil, there a bushfire coming!" She said, "I'll be okay - I'll get under that blanket on the chair" and pointed to a little old chair in the corner. When I looked at her incredulously, she shrugged her shoulders "If it gets me ...so be it." She was a tough old nut, and she wasn't going anywhere.

As our kids grew up, we'd send them over to Lil's to get the lemons and often some slice would go back.

Lil was a real Yack stalwart and a pillar of the Senior Citz (where she was a founding member) and bowling club. We, and the community of Twist Creek and Yackandandah will remember her very fondly.

Mark McKenzie-McHarg

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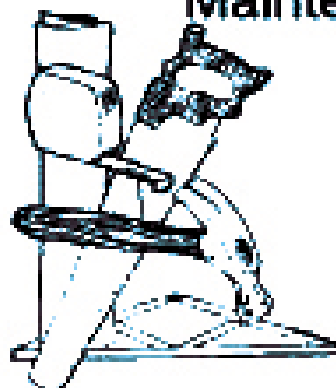


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Totally Renewable Yackandandah (TRY) launched in 2014, setting out on a quest to help the township realise the diverse values of clean, local energy. Much has been done and learnt, yet much more remains, especially noting the 100% renewable target by 2022!



One value of great interest to TRY is the impact local generation and storage can have on our township's readiness for outages, particularly during emergencies. This question is also a reflection on the dependence we have adopted for electricity – whether that be to pump water, heat or cool homes, cook, bank or even just light our homes or our streets. These needs are heightened during major weather events or bushfire.

From a national level, the energy infrastructure has the potential to be vastly strengthened by a nationwide cooperation on many sources of renewable energy – noting all systems are stronger where they are managed with vision and a reduced dependence on large single sources of failure: like ageing large coal generators vulnerable to heat extremes. Hence coining the term, Distributed Energy Resources, or DER.

Locally, TRY is in a steady state effort to nurture a network of interconnected renewable generators, storers, and thoughtful users of electricity. This has been neatly captured by the 212 owners of a smart energy controller – the Mondo Ubi

(45 of these owners also have batteries). These properties form a mini-grid which is increasingly building in the prospect of Yackandandah having an 'islandable' supply of electricity. Islanding is having an available local electricity supply, despite an outage from the electricity 'feeder' in Bandiana.

That islandability is still some way off, as we collectively introduce efficiencies, sufficient

generation and storage (including the soon to be energised Yack 01 community battery) to have the needed scale of local power, and noting a massive almost 60% of local properties have rooftop solar generation. In the meantime, it is relatively easy (though costly) to island single properties, even if just for a limited emergency supply.

TRY is so pleased to have supported the Yack CFA to install 6kW of solar, 26kWh of storage, a smart energy controller and a 10kVA generator. With a high level of confidence, the CFA, and the Yack community will know the volunteers have power to care for our town. Work continues apace to repeat this effort on the SES building – with a \$7000 solar installation grant recently announced by the Indigo Shire Council.

We look forward to finding ways to expand this resilience in electricity supply as we all contemplate worsening climate change. More simply, we look to find ways to help people use less power, renewably generate their own and store any excess for use later in the day. Stay tuned!!

— Matthew Charles-Jones



An aerial shot of Yack's CBD

Community-scale battery one step closer

Tucked away on Back Creek Road, a unique facility is taking shape, one of the first of its type in Australia. Next to the old sawmill shed, excavations are underway for a new slab, after two years of planning and an enduring vision to power Yackandandah in a different way. The site of *Yack 01*, Yackandandah's first community-scale battery, is taking shape at Ben Gilbert's Agency of Sculpture.

The 274 kWh battery has arrived and awaits completion of the footings and electrical works, before the battery is moved into place sometime in June. It will hunker down next to the more than 50-year old corrugated-iron sawmill shed - the battery a 21st century symbol charged by the sun's energy via a 65 kW solar array on the shed roof. The site will be a creative melding of old and new, conventional and leading edge, pushing the boundaries of how we view our electricity system.

Indigo Power, our region's community energy retailer, is leading the program in partnership with TRY, with generous financial support from many donors and the Victorian Government, and the enduring patience of the Agency of Sculpture. We're hoping the battery will be energised sometime in late June, ready to warm the hearts of Indigo Power customers in Yackandandah. It's a small but very significant step. Each day the solar system will charge the battery, and then the battery will

release power into the local network each evening. Indigo Power customers will be able to use and view the energy flows via the Indigo Power Community Hub.

Yack 01 is the forerunner of other energy generation and storage solutions that will come out

of our 100% Feasibility Study in a few months' time. It's the first dip of our toe in the water of the community-sized projects that are required to reach 100% renewables. And another level beyond the household-scale installations that we have fostered so far.

Hats off to the dedicated team at Indigo Power who have been tireless in negotiating the complexity of one of Australia's first 'retail-facing' community-owned batteries. Check out more on the Indigo Power blog at <https://indigopower.com.au/yackandandah-battery-update/>

And look out for a launch event coming soon where we will 'flick the switch' on a unique Yackandandah venture.

— Juliette Milbank



Site preparation at the Agency of Sculpture for the Yack01 community-scale battery, with the solar panel arrays just visible along the roofline. Photo: J Milbank

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One certificate is awarded each month to the top-performing Post Office in each of four categories across the network of 937 Licensed Post Offices (LPOs) in these two states. Yackandandah Licensed Post Office is in the category of smaller Stand-alone businesses, that is, we are not a mixed business - General Store/ Post Office or a Newsagency/ Post Office - which most LPOs are.

Targets for this Award include Retail, Packaging Sales and Upgrades, Customer Services, Security, and Staff Training. The recognition includes a certificate that we can display, and a \$500 reward, which I will share with the staff. Pool B includes 296 LPOs, so we are thrilled to receive the award. And, of course, our thanks go to our customers from Yackandandah and beyond, who have made this award happen.

Chris Horton



YACKANDANDAH LIBRARY

News from Indigo Shire Libraries

We have some great events coming up in our libraries in June and July.

Meet the author – Edwina Wyatt -Saturday 19 June Beechworth Library 10.00am-11.30am

Have you ever wondered what it's like to be a children's book author? Find out what it takes as we interview CBCA Award winning author Edwina Wyatt. Presented as part of the Beechworth Winter Words Festival. Suitable for children age 6-10 and their families. Free activity. Bookings essential.

Videography workshop - Saturday 26 June Rutherglen Library 10.00 am-4.30 pm

Join the professional film makers from Digital Storytellers for a one-day hands-on workshop where you'll learn how to create great videos using your smartphone. Suitable for age 12-24. Free event. Bookings essential.

Science and space workshop - Monday 28 June Yackandandah Library 12.30pm-1.30pm



Enjoy a space trip in the Science and space workshop

Take a trip into space with a virtual reality headset. Get up close to planets, learn about stars and gravitational waves, but don't get too close to a black hole! Suitable for age 7+. Free activity. Bookings essential.

Mini Mindfulness - Thursday 1 July Yackandandah Library 2pm-3pm

Mini Mindfulness is all about having fun, moving our bodies, practising mindfulness and feeling floaty! Suitable for Primary age children. Cost: \$5 per person. Bookings essential.

To book for any of these events please visit the "What's on at our libraries"

page on the Indigo Shire Council website www.indigoshire.vic.gov.au for a link to Eventbrite.

Yackandandah Library is open Monday- Friday 9.00am-4.30pm and on Saturday from 9.30am-12.00pm.

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Forgetfulness

The name of the author is the first to go followed obediently by the title, the plot, the heartbreaking conclusion, the entire novel which suddenly becomes one you have never read, never even heard of,

as if, one by one, the memories you used to harbor decided to retire to the southern hemisphere of the brain, to a little fishing village where there are no phones.

Long ago you kissed the names of the nine Muses goodbye and watched the quadratic equation pack its bag, and even now as you memorize the order of the planets,

something else is slipping away, a state flower perhaps, the address of an uncle, the capital of Paraguay.

Whatever it is you are struggling to remember it is not poised on the tip of your tongue, not even lurking in some obscure corner of your spleen.

It has floated away down a dark mythological river whose name begins with an L as far as you can recall, well on your own way to oblivion where you will join those who have even forgotten how to swim and how to ride a bicycle.

No wonder you rise in the middle of the night to look up the date of a famous battle in a book on war. No wonder the moon in the window seems to have drifted out of a love poem that you used to know by heart.

Billy Collins - 1941-



New local residents to Yack, Lynne and Stephen Davies have recently become the proud owners of a red Mustang GT! This is the result of Steve's ticket being drawn out of the barrel of a charity raffle conducted by the National Homeless Collective, on the Gold Coast.

It took a few telephone calls for the lucky win to finally be believed!

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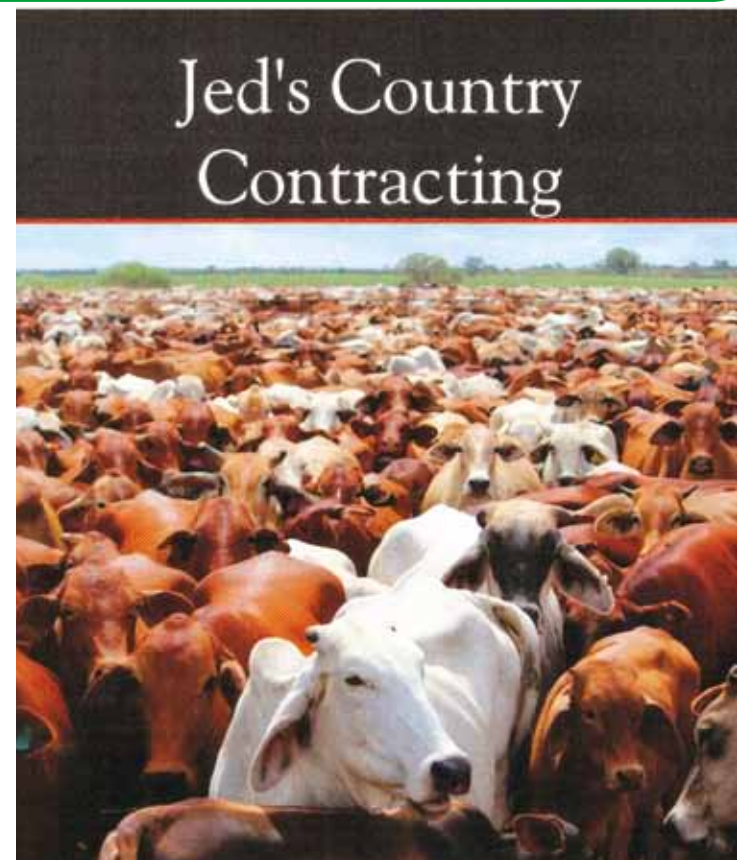
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YACKATOON AND YCDCo - ANOTHER DEFIBRILLATOR FOR YACKANDANDAH



Yackatooon Retirement Village and YCDCo were celebrating the installation of another defibrillator at Yackatooon in Church Street.

Yackatooon applied to YCDCo's Community Funding and received the full amount to install a defibrillator on the outside of the Community Hall there in Church Street, which is very close to Butson Park and the sports facilities there.

There are now a number of defibrillators in Yackandandah but not all are immediately available to the public as some are kept behind generally locked doors.

There is another defibrillator at the CFA shed in the High Street that is readily available to the public in the event of someone having a heart attack.

YCDCo is delighted to have funded this project. Part of the profit made by the company is dedicated to providing funding for local community projects, and with COVID-19 over the past year having seen a general lockdown of community events and sporting activities, funding is very much available for Yack's community groups.

Please check out the website at ycdco.com.au/community/community-commitment/ for further details and downloading of an application form.

YCDCo will receive funding requests at any time of the year, and hope that more groups will apply for funding over the next few months as things return to a new normal in our community.

Residents and Board members of Yackatooon with YCDCo Board member celebrate the installation of another community defibrillator asset for Yackandandah.

From left to right: Jeff Pearce, Keith Hunter, Ann Hunter, Lyn Cameron, Peter Adams, Rex Little (YCDCo), Marijke Mascas, Jackie Ashman, Jane Donaldson and Bryan Silby.



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WAR SONGS

A collection of old songs brought more than 75



Yack people together to sing as a group on ANZAC Day. The idea for a sing-along developed out of a conversation and it was soon taken up by the community. The conversation between Yack

residents, Helen Eyre and Glen Aberle was the spark which quickly attracted others to help organise and participate.

"Within a week of Helen coming up with the idea it had taken off," Glen said. "People don't often get an opportunity to sing in a group anymore and the magic of music is that it brings



people together. The old songs have a melody line and a lyric that you can join in with."

With ANZAC Day approaching it was decided the theme for the event would be songs from World War 2. There were 42 songs chosen

which were arranged as melodies in groups of three. Glen, who moved to Yack in January has been involved with musical theatre in Melbourne and was able to help arrange songs and create a song book for event.

"My father was in New Guinea during WWII and he took his squeeze box with him to play songs to help keep spirits up," he said. "These songs really are childhood memories for me, so they sprang to mind when we started talking about a sing-along, they also tied well with ANZAC Day. It was such a fun night and these old songs brought back fond memories for people. I think they are still relevant as we still need to appreciate the sacrifice that people made for us in this free country."

Grace's Place in High Street provided the venue and a meal for the sold-out event prior to the tables being moved out to accommodate the number of people lending their voices to the event.



Musicians who helped develop the concept or played on the night included, Sally Dodds, Glen Aberle, Pete Denahy, members of Vivox, The Myrtles, Richard Pearce and Craig Ramsay.

If you missed out on this event, don't worry, there are plans to create four, themed sing-a-long events for Yack this year with funding provided by the Yackandandah Community Centre and Arts Yackandandah.

Plans are already underway for a "Christmas in July" and further themed events later in the year.

THANK YOU TO WALKERS AND THEIR CANINE FRIENDS

Earlier this year, the photo accompanying this article appeared in Yackity Yak. Readers might remember, the Reserve Committee of Management had designated the Reserve as an "on leash" site. Dogs must be kept on a leash, and people walking dogs are responsible for cleaning up after their dog/s should the need arise.

The Committee wants to say thank you to everyone who has done the right thing, enjoying the walk and managing their dogs.

For the bush lawyers, the Reserve Committee is completely within its rights to make this kind of decision, and we did so out of respect for local and visiting golfers and for the volunteers of Yack Golf Club who keep the Reserve in very, very good condition.

Thank you to everyone who agrees that our golfers don't need to be scraping your dog's waste out of a dimpled Titleist!



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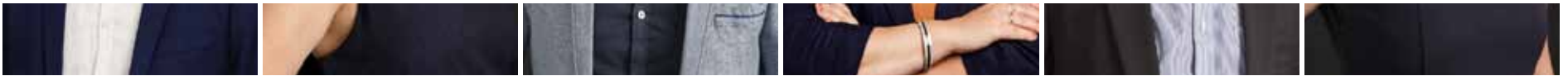


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We're in a hot market – have you heard? (Oh, only a few thousand times!) Travel constraints, increased work from home flexibility, and low borrowing rates have all combined to make “Home” the hottest spot in town. On a more local level, the shortage of available land developments for building in Albury/Wodonga and surrounding areas is also limiting the options for frantic buyers.

So... should you sell now? If you're ready, absolutely! These type of market conditions have not been seen for over 30 years, so take advantage of it while it's happening! If you're reading the reports, watching the news, and seeing your friends clink champagne glasses after a record sale, you might find yourself thinking “I need to sell! Sell! SELL!!” But, to quote '90s hot property Vanilla Ice, you need to - Stop. Collaborate (with an agent) and Listen (to their advice). Getting a property appraisal from a real estate agent will not only give you an idea on your house price, but also advise on how to best present it for sale to maximise returns and get everything this hot market is offering.

What if you don't sell now, and miss out on retiring a millionaire*? All the economic forecasters say property prices will continue to climb over the next two years, just not at the rapid rate they have

in the last couple of months. So, chances are you will still benefit from this price spike for a few years yet. (* If you want to reach millionaire status, we recommend inventing an app that finds missing socks and Tupperware lids.)

It'd be remiss of us if we didn't throw in a bit of “Murphy's Law” wisdom – if you sell in a hot market, you buy in a hot market. What a time to Sell! House prices way above asking price! Auction prices soar past reserves! On the flipside – What a time to Buy! House prices are way above asking price. Auction prices soar past reserves. There is a lot of excitement around a sale in this market, but be ready for the next step.

Do you even need to go to market, then? That's your choice. All agencies have a database of buyers, qualified and ready to act. But there's no way of knowing you're getting the right market value if you don't market your home. This is especially true right now. The market is constantly adjusting to buyers driving the price up to unpredictable levels. Plus, there are plenty of motivated tree-changers and city buyers looking online and on social media, which is increasingly the platform on which society chooses to search for and make purchase decisions.

There will be a cool change eventually, but if you're ready to sell, then jump in and catch this property heatwave while it's piping hot!



FRESH AND UNFRAMED

Did you know that many artists in Yackandandah showed their work publicly for the first time in Fresh and Unframed? And many of those artists were given the acknowledgment and validation to keep up their art making and to believe in themselves as artists.

I am excited to announce that after a two-year hiatus, Fresh and Unframed is back on!

For those new to town, Fresh and Unframed is a three-day exhibition celebrating the creative endeavours of local artists both new and established. Works must be unframed and there is a cap on the sale price, to ensure that all entries are affordable to the public.

Started in 2000 by local artists Linda Fish and Mandy Murray, Fresh and Unframed has stayed the distance and is still the premier art event in Yackandandah, not to missed under any circumstances.

Every year The Haldane Slatter Memorial prize is awarded to one exhibiting artist, and the public can vote for their favourite work in the People's Choice Awards.

Now is the time to "save the date" and start thinking about what you would like to do to contribute to the show. You may want to submit artwork, help with the preparation or both.

Keep an eye out on the Arts Yackandandah Facebook page in a few months' time with more details of the new look Fresh and Unframed including number of artworks, price limits and other guidelines, but for now all you need to know is to keep the Melbourne Cup Day long weekend free on your calendar. Opening night will be **Friday, 29th October** and the exhibition will run to **Tuesday, 2nd November**.

I look forward to organising the event, having fun and seeing what everyone has been making over the last few years!

Kirsten Coates



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The drays were halted 'neath some shade beside a broken creek,
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Standing on a scrubby rise and glancing all around,
He visualised an empire of virgin bush and grazing ground.
Seemed humpies rose just overnight and cattle yards by chance
Were spied by hunting natives while they fished an anabranch.
For wandering stock, no fences to baulk them while they seeked
Sweeter grasses farther out in pockets midst the creeks.

All tribal lands were taken to urge them travel on.
Old cultures and their way of life was all but dead and gone.
They speared the squatters' cattle but in hunger they forgot
And paid the price for folly with usual poison, trap and shot.
The sun was said to never set beyond this burning brand,
He ruled his grazing empire with a cruel and ruthless hand.
His boundaries were the rivers. Deep water holes and creeks
Became killing fields and monuments to where the natives sleep.

There marked a page in history when no more could he defend
His realm from mass selection, an era at an end.
They came in frantic hundreds, the nights were flecked with fires,
Slab huts and many mazes of extending posts and wires,
All the squatters' sacred grass lands were subject to axe and plough,
Boasted wheat and barley if the seasons would allow.
Small mobs of wild scrub cattle that selectors couldn't get
Became scattered with the Myalls and forced to pay a debt.

The few who lived sought solace in gunyahs by some creek,
In desperation fled once more when selectors spread their sheep.
Nomads forced to wander, diseased and void of land,
Pressed by white invaders to join the dead beneath their land.
Farmers brought religion, preached all care for fellow man,
Erected many churches as only white man can.
Let's pray as one big family, send forth all the love you've got
Blood upon the wattle, murdered natives burnt or left to rot.

Drought years and desecration since the Squatter stopped his team.
Two wars with mass pollution in nearly every stream.
Rising salt has marred the landscape, a cruel legacy of greed,
All white man's contribution, will and testament of deeds.
Most trees have gone forever, many native fauna shot.
Species introduced for sport destroyed the other lot.
Ravaged by erosion when rabbits ruled supreme,
If the Squatter could come back to see what has happened to his dreams.

Will our future generations be fighting with a stand
To stop the first Australian from claiming back some land?
If they viewed the situation and pollution, as they should,
One can only stop to ponder why they really would.
A little boy while fishing picked up a fashioned stone,
Puts it in his pocket to show his dad back home.
"Aborigine axe," his father said, "they lived here, did you know?"
The boy looked up and quietly said "Dad, why did they go?"

Bill Whitham, Tallangatta

CHEESED OFF

Those who are disgruntled, bored or frustrated are said to be "cheesed off". They are fed up with prevailing circumstances. The metaphor certainly gives food for thought, and its origins may be interpreted in a variety of ways. Cheese, when having gone 'off', becomes not only discoloured but inedible, emitting a bad smell; all reasons for people to take a dislike to it, to regard it as something worthless, to be shunned.

To be "cheesed off", on the other hand might have no connection with this milk product which has served language in so many other ways, as when speaking of something being 'as different as chalk and cheese' or calling someone important 'a big cheese'. It may well have been created arbitrarily. Sounding a note of rejection, it could have been coined in conformity with already existing expressions, such as being 'browned off', or in the vocabulary of vulgarisms, 'p*ssed off'.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

An ex-local Army Veteran submitted the following letter and photos. He was present at the recent Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide and is trying to spread the word.

Dear Editor,

Approximately 2,000 retired military and emergency services rallied outside Spring Street Parliament House Melbourne on the 24th April to call for the Government to take military suicides seriously. Many military, motorcycle clubs and others rallied for their fallen brothers and sisters who have been discarded by the people who they protect.

Dr Catherine Cumming MP, Jacqui Lambie MP and Bob Katter MP spoke of their disgust in the Government's treatment of the military and the fact that 85,000 people can watch football, whilst a few streets away, soldiers were only allowed to honour ANZAC Day with 1,400 attendees from behind a fence at the Victorian Shrine of Remembrance...

Name and address withheld



"Nothing beats kindness." said the horse. "It sits quietly beyond all things."

From: *The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and the Horse*

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- How do we make a place for ourselves in this world?
- How does a man deal with overcoming trauma?
- How does Australia deal with trauma?

Dave is dealing with serious mental health and substance abuse issues arising from past trauma and the knife's edge existence he lives as a jobbing actor. Moving between past, present and future, and told with "a bucket load of laughs", the work is a portrait of a man who lives unaware of how his untreated trauma is affecting his present. Who through the love of a friend, finds himself in a rehabilitation centre in the mountains of Thailand taking on his demons. The play explores how our childhood affects us as adults, the nature of reality, the need for a fulfilling vocation, grief, loss, love, family, and is ultimately an uplifting story of redemption.

Performance Times

Tuesday 15 June 8:00 PM

Wednesday 16 June 6:30 PM

Thursday 17 June 8:00 PM

Friday 18 June 8:00 PM *followed by Meet the Artists*

Saturday 19 June 3:00 PM and 8:00 PM

Tickets Full Price \$50.00
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Through the story of one man the work illuminates the broader struggles of those who live on the edges, and the inequalities in the addiction and recovery cycle in Australia. It highlights the need for men to allow themselves to be vulnerable and seek help when they need it, and it celebrates the ability of the human spirit to prevail through the darkest of journeys.

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Mental Health professionals and organisations. It offers insight in what people who are suffering from addiction and mental health issues deal with. And with a focus on connection and support in life the mental health and well-being themes resonate with both men and women, and it is important that it is marketed to both as many women brought their partners to the work.

Schools. Suitable for years 11 and 12. Young people are invited into the immediacy and shared experience of theatre and the work can be used as a learning tool to explore mental health and addiction. It will resonate with teachers and counsellors.

General Public. The play is, as one review stated, "unique to the theatre" and "transformative". The breadth of the subject matter and form had audiences exclaiming "if theatre was always like this I would go [more often]". It could attract a new audience of theatre goers.



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- Sat June 19: Raging Moby & Mantell
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- Fri Jun 25: Hallowed Horns
- Sat June 26: Good Morning
- Fri July 2: Double Vanity & Party Pest
- Sat July 3: Georgia State Line
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- Sat July 24: Elizaband & Soda Eaves
- Sat July 31: Monnone Alone

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Parents and children join Yack Library staff for the weekly reading. Clearly enjoyed by everyone present in the lovely April sunshine. These readings run on Thursdays at 9.30 am at the Yack Library.

EDUCATING DOG OWNERS ON CONFINING THEIR DOG

Animal Welfare Victoria has recently launched an advertising campaign educating Victorian dog owners about the importance of keeping their dog safely confined to their property.

Targeting dog owners in regional and peri-urban areas, the campaign highlights the legal obligation of keeping a dog confined to its property and how doing so will keep the animal and the community safe. Animal Welfare Victoria Director of Pets and Animal Welfare Dr. Tracey Marsden wants Victorian dog owners to be aware of their responsibilities.

"It's law to keep your dog securely confined to your property; this means yards must have a closed gate and an escape-proof fence that it can't jump over or get through. Dogs can find themselves in dangerous situations if they escape their properties such as getting lost, sustaining a traffic injury or fighting with other dogs. Keeping a dog safe at home will also prevent it from rushing, chasing or attacking a person or another animal, all of which have significant legal consequences."


RSPCA Victoria CEO Dr. Liz Walker said wandering dogs can pose a risk to the community and are an ongoing burden for animal shelters and pounds. "The RSPCA receives many dogs that have escaped their property or become lost. Unfortunately, many lost dogs in Victoria – **around 21 per cent** - are never reclaimed by their owners. To reduce the likelihood of a dog escaping, it's important that owners are doing what they can to enrich the animal's environment at home with plenty of exercise, mental stimulation and attention."

Animal Welfare Victoria's dog confinement campaign will run until Wednesday 26 June across digital, print and outdoor media.

For more information about safely confining your dog visit <https://agriculture.vic.gov.au/livestock-and-animals/animal-welfare-victoria/dogs/legal-requirements-for-dog-owners/confine-your-dog>

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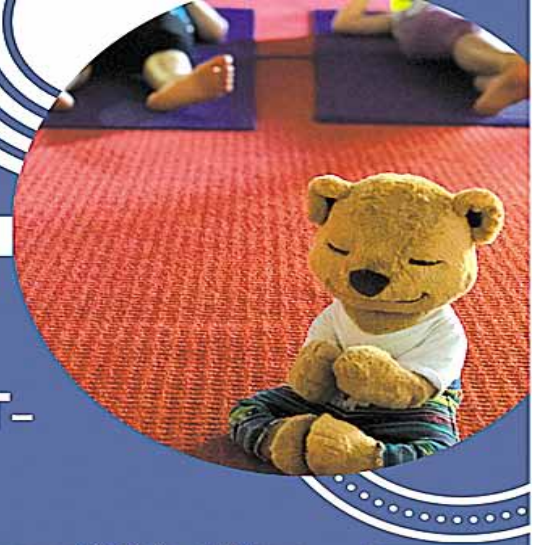



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YACK & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

With the increase in visitor numbers to our town, mostly due to the current surge of Victorians exploring regional areas, the Museum has been extremely busy. The Creswick Probus Club arranged a visit, by appointment, and forty five members enjoyed a guided tour and morning tea; they were all delighted with the story of the Bank of Victoria building, the cottage and the items our collection room has in store.



Members of the Probus group enjoy the surrounds of the Museum

SIX DIGGERS NOW HONOURED ON YACKANDANDAH SOLDIERS' MEMORIAL.

On March 31 2021 at 7 a.m., Nathan Prosser, of Monuments in Stone and Bronze, began laser-blasting the granite of the fourth pillar to add the names of six veterans of World War One. By 9 a.m., before the children arrived to start their day at Yackandandah School, the six had the gold-leaf attached to the letters of their names - William John Cameron,



Nathan Prosser adding the missing names of WW1 veterans. Photo Credit: Thelma Buchanan

Edward John Clutterbuck, George Kingsforth Jarvis, Charles William Mason, Ernest Peter McNamara and Rowland Robinson.

When Thelma Buchanan was carrying out the research for the 2015 display "Yackandandah Remembers" she discovered the omission of Clutterbuck and Jarvis. When she approached the Indigo Shire, they were advised they could not alter a historical monument, even though the original white marble had been replaced by the black granite ones in about 2005.

All six men met the criteria set by the Soldiers' Memorial Committee, which was that they had to have served overseas and that they or their parents were resident in the Yackandandah district when they enlisted. Rowland

Robinson had been President of the local Returned Servicemen's League and, following a falling out with the Soldiers' Memorial Committee, had refused to have his name included. (He is honoured on the Staghorn Flat Honour Roll and on the window of the Anglican Church). When asked, his family agreed that now was the time to honour him.

When Charles William Mason's father signed the consent form for both himself and his wife for their 16-year-old to falsify his age and enlist, his mother packed up and left, never to speak to her husband again.

Ernest Peter McNamara died of illness as a young man and is buried in our local cemetery.

Ed Clutterbuck's and George Jarvis's names both appeared on a sketch published on 24 June 1924 when the memorial was unveiled, but they were both omitted on the finished product. By 1924, Ed had relocated from Yackandandah to Melbourne and then to Tasmania where his efforts to patent a waterproof football to be used by the VFL failed. William Cameron was his cousin and was living with the Clutterbuck family when he enlisted.

During 2020, the Department of Veterans Affairs offered grants for communities to update their memorials and Yackandandah Museum was successful in receiving a grant which covered the cost of adding



Thelma Buchanan by the updated Soldiers' Memorial. Photo Credit: Don Pope

the names. This work was linked to the Indigo Shire Council's restoration work on the fencing around the Memorial Gardens.

STAGHORN FLAT HONOUR ROLL RE-CREATION

This has just been completed – a project started by Alf Sutherland, late of Yackandandah, many years ago and dedicated to his memory.



The recreated Staghorn Flat Honour Roll. Photo Credit: Thelma Buchanan

Along with other schools and communities, Staghorn Flat produced a roll honouring the young men who had gone to fight in WW1. It was displayed in the local school building which served as the local church long after the school had ceased to exist. When the church ceased to operate the board, along with the five individual portraits of the soldiers who died, was sent to the Yackandandah Athenaeum, then the headquarters of the local RSL.

In the 1980s the roll, together with the five portraits, came into the possession of the Yackandandah Museum. While four of the portraits were intact, the Honour Roll with its 32 photographs was water damaged beyond repair. Ian Touzel, author of *Gold & Gumboots, a History of Staghorn Flat*, worked with local Yackandandah veteran of WW2, Alf Sutherland, to try and identify all the soldiers on the board. They also began the process of finding substitute photographs by contacting as many family members as possible.

Alf received a grant which enabled him to refurbish the large frame used in this recreation. He also featured in 2012 in a Remembrance Day article by Howard Jones where he is looking at the damaged board

In 2015 Thelma Buchanan's interest in the story of Yackandandah's connection to the soldiers of WW1 led to her also becoming involved, and in 2020, the Museum received a grant of \$5,000 to recreate the honour roll.

Despite everyone's best efforts, four of the soldiers remained without photographs and are represented by silhouettes created by Cath Crameri.

Those who remain unfound are James Keenan (aka James Ashworth), his brother, William Keenan, Arthur Wise and William Thomas Watkins. Since the article appeared in the Border Mail on 22 April 2021, however, we have located W.T. Watkins' photograph.

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YACK & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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The job of creating a mat to hold the photographs collected was enthusiastically and beautifully executed by Jacqueline Recsei and Roger Coulson of



Alf Sutherland working on the Staghorn Flat Honour Roll
Photo Credit: Border Mail, 2012

Finer Frames, Wodonga with the preparation of the photographs to fit the mat undertaken by PlanScan, Albury. They have made it possible for any new photos to be added.

We are hoping that we will yet find photos of the Keenan brothers and Arthur Wise.

WW1 Veterans' last resting place

We are looking to seek funding from the Department of Veterans Affairs to mark the graves of five WW1 veterans who lie in unmarked graves in the Yackandandah Cemetery.

We are trying to locate any members of the families of these men to give us their permission to do so.

In the Rotunda of the Cemetery there is a board honouring the soldiers buried in Yackandandah Cemetery. Some of them were returned soldiers who enlisted from elsewhere so their names are not included on the Yackandandah Soldiers' Memorial.

The Department of Veterans Affairs is offering financial assistance for the erection of markers on the unmarked graves of veterans. The RSL, with the support of Thelma Buchanan's research, is planning on applying for this grant. There are five graves involved and we would very much like to hear from any member of their families regarding this project. We will not be asking families to contribute to the cost – we need to know if the families will approve of the black granite plaques that will be suggested.

The men are:

Joseph **Donovan** (d 12 Mar 1976 aged 85) [Buried with his wife Maud (nee Smith)]

William Laurence **Cure** (d 28 July 1981 aged 90) [Unmarried, buried with his mother, Catherine (nee Martin)]

Thomas Henry **Rea** (6 Dec 1967) [Unmarried & buried with his brother George Edward (d 23 May 1963 aged 77)]

James **Hynes** (d 7 Dec 1949 aged 69) [Unmarried & buried with his brother John (d 9 Oct 1936 aged 65)]

Frederick William **Petersen** (d 11 Mar 1931 aged 39) [Married Grace McHARRY. Their son James Gary Petersen (1930 -2003) married Anne Gwynn Collier]

If you have or need information please contact

Thelma Buchanan at the Yackandandah Museum.

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.

FOR SALE: The Museum has a large stock of jams and chutneys, come in and browse the range. We also stock a large volume of pre-loved books. Donations of books and magazines in good order, are always welcome.

VOLUNTEERING: If you are thinking of volunteering in a community organisation, why not come in and talk to us, drop in and have a chat or forward your details to our email.

MEMBERSHIP: Memberships run from 1st May to 30th April each year so now is a good time to join to enjoy the full year. 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. Membership fees are \$20 single or \$35 family.

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Work is continuing on apace at the Servo at the moment. Major refurbishments are due to start in the main shop on Monday, 24th May and will last some four weeks. We are also having the shop refloored, new shelving and displays installed and finally redecorating within. This will mean some disruption inevitably, whilst the works are going ahead, so the Manager and Board of YCDCo apologise in advance, and hope that you will bear with us while these important works are carried out. It will be worthwhile in the end.

In the meantime, we are looking at having 24 hour access to fuel via credit card readers, and this should take place some time during this year, giving a very valuable asset to locals, visitors and businesses alike. Watch this space, and we will keep you up to date with this.

With 2020 being such a difficult year socially with COVID-19, it was no surprise that there were limited calls on our Community Commitment funding as most groups went into lockdown and there was minimal activity happening. But Bruarong Hall successfully applied for a grant for acoustic panelling to make the Hall a more useable space (\$7,879), Yackatoo Retirement Village received funding of \$2,295 for a defibrillator, and there are on-going discussions with Totally Renewable Yackandandah and the Yack Tennis Club for grant funding. So, if your group has a project in mind, give us a hoiy and see if we can help you. Website: ycdco.com.au/community/community-commitment/

Shareholders will have received their recent dividend, and a copy of our newsletter. If you are not a shareholder, you can still pick up a copy of the newsletter at the servo and see what you are missing out on! Shares have sold particularly well during 2021, and there may be a bit of wait if you are looking at becoming a YCDCo shareholder. PLEASE also update your addresses, shareholders. RMB numbers have not been used for many years... email ycdco.admin@yackandandah.com with your update as we have some returned envelopes from Australia Post.

Our website is under development at the moment, so we are working hard with a local web developer to bring it up to date, weed out the unnecessary information and make it far more user-friendly. We welcome your comments and you can feed them in on the website at ycdco.com.au. Scroll down the page until you find the Suggestions Box.



Peter Adams, Chair of Yackatoo Board, and Rex Little, YCDCo Board member, celebrate the installation of the new defibrillator at Yackatoo Retirement Village, Butson Street



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YACK GARDEN CLUB

AUTUMN-WINTER

These last few weeks have been all about leaves – their changing colour across the spectrum, from deep indigo through reds and oranges to gold and pale yellow before they surrender and fall, floating in spirals till the ground is laid thick with colour melting to brown. It's lovely to watch, to marvel at the carpet that says winter is coming and our fire is replaced with the fires that will warm you from your hearth, together with the fruits you harvested in the autumn.



And then across the shire you hear the leaf blowers and the raking and gathering that piles the fallen leaves onto

mulch heaps. And rake as you will, it seems to never end even as the bare branches reach into the sky and the canopy is opened for the wintery light and flocks of birds looking for new shelter. The air is chill but already green tips from bulbs deep in the soil are beginning to push their way towards what will be their turn to colour the garden again. Patient, persistent promise.

It's also important to remember that this harvest of leaves is invaluable in enriching the soil.

Organic fertiliser: remember to maintain a balance between the carbon-rich and nitrogen-rich elements. Brown leaves are heavy in carbon, so add nitrogen from green waste, grass clippings, fruit and vegetable scraps and coffee grounds. Keep turning the mix over and in a couple of months, it will be ready for spring.

Protective mulch: shred the leaves with a mower and add wood chips and a limited amount of grass clippings to put around plants as a protective barrier that keeps down weeds and helps to retain moisture. As it begins to rot down, add more to maintain the cover.

For the more creative, gather the children and make art with the colours and shapes in a collage or by pressing them or adding them to paintings.

Above all, recognise the value of leaves as a resource rather than burning them or sending them to landfill.

Garden Club Expo



The much loved Reedy Creek Jazz Band entertaining the crowds

Sunday 2/5/2021 dawned bright, clear and even warm – the perfect day for what proved to be a most successful event. Of course, it didn't happen by accident but by the hard work and dedication of Club members looking to diversify the activities for



the day and engage as many people as possible, including children from the local primary schools with competitions for the best scarecrow and the best mini garden.



Violindigo's David Pietsch and Little Violin Buskers delight the audience

Merryle Johnson from Country Farm Perennials spoke about seed raising, Gary Reed from Obscure Bulbs talked about his favourite subject, Neil Padbury from Shibui Bonsai answered countless questions about growing bonsai and there were stalls of natives, drought and frost hardy plants, besides jewellery, garden ornaments, bags, cakes and craft and Gary Hayward from the Buddha Shop.



Above all, the atmosphere was one of camaraderie, warmth and good humour as people found treasures and caught up with one another in between food and coffee, voting for the best scarecrow or listening to the Reedy Creek Band, followed by the Little Violin Buskers.

Seats at Rowdy Flat

There have been some seats made and installed by members of the Rowdy Flat Track group, with assistance from Ben Gilbert along the shared trail from Yack to Osbornes Flat. The Garden Club



New seats on the Rail Trail at Rowdy Flat

contributed \$1,000 some years ago, which was put aside for this purpose. We could all take a walk or ride sometime to check them out.

Photo Competition 2022

It's time to remind people of the photo/calendar competition, for which the deadline this year is 1st September. You need to be a member of Yack Garden Club to enter, so if you aren't a member, then please join us.

Michael Metzger, Communications & Media Secretary



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Some of our children cooking up their own buggy, muddy, leafy nasty stew

The children have been reading the hilarious book **Wombat Stew** about a Dingo who catches a fat wombat and decides to make him into a stew for his lunch. To save Wombat from the stew pot all the other Australian animals make sure that Dingo's stew turns out to be very nasty with bugs and mud before Wombat is added to the pot.

Our Bush Kinder children [and indeed all our children] would like to thank the Yack Men's Shed for their new swing. The children eagerly oversaw its hanging



A big thanks to our Men's Shed friends for our great new swing!

and declared it installed to their great satisfaction before voicing their thanks and rushing to line up for a swing.

OUT AND ABOUT IN BEECHWORTH WITH OUR 4YO'S

With the opportunity finally presented to get out and about on excursions again, our 4yo groups excitedly embarked on the annual tours of Beechworth Honey and Beechworth Bakery. Brimming with cheesy grins and barely contained excitement staff, children and parent helpers boarded their bus to Beechworth and headed to honey and dough heavens. Afterwards, bursting with newfound knowledge that bees have 5 eyes and that biscuits were the fuel of explorers, the final stop in the day's outing was a visit to Wooragee Primary School's bush creek reserve, Yirrikama. This is the school's nature playground space which features a natural bird hide and a fire pit area.



At Beechworth Honey learning all about our bee friends

Joined by some primary school students, our children embraced this



Visiting Wooragee Primary School's bush creek reserve

familiar outdoor learning area, likening it a little to their bush Kinder.

COMMUNITY BORROWING RESOURCE BANK

Our staff have been planning the introduction of a Learning/Resource & Play Borrowing Bank, available to Kinder parents and our Yackandandah Community. We are keen on the big-picture sharing movement, particularly focussing on education and community-building. Yackandandah is already hugely into supporting sharing and we hope this will add another extension to our special community. We are currently preparing parenting, guiding behaviour and picture books, puzzles, hand and finger puppets etc for inclusion in the Bank, which will be readily accessible from the Kinder building verandah.

If you would like to contribute any such items to our Resource Bank, please drop them into Kinder where they will be enormously appreciated.

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March	55.6	8
April	6.2	4
May to 13th	61.6	4
TOTAL	315.4	28
To 13/5/19	245.4	30
To 13/5/20	425.2	37

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Allans Flat is a rural district some 8 kms from Yack on the way to Wodonga. It was strongly linked to the gold mining industry which moved along the Yackandandah Creek, and the area was reputedly named after Edwin Allan who settled or arrived in the area in 1853. Gold mining at Allans Flat began in about 1856 and was substantially revived during 1902-04 when gold dredging was carried out in the Yackandandah Creek. A large depression left by the dredging was formed into a lake and the adjoining space was made into the Allans Flat Recreation Reserve.

Most locals will know the Allans Flat Waterhole, that delightful, serene body of water that sits below the Strawberry Farm and the Allans Flat Tennis Club, surrounded at this time of year by colourful deciduous trees, quietly dropping their leaves.

This lovely little reserve has provided generations of local people with one of the best swimming spots in the area during the hot weather, some terrific recreational fishing with the help of the Yackandandah Fishing Club who keep the waters stocked with rainbow trout and golden perch, and a beautiful place to sit and contemplate the world going by from any of the seats maintained by the Committee of Management. There are many tables and seating shaded by the trees, together with an electric barbeque and covered area which has been provided by the Fishing Club.

As with most of our sporting and other reserves

and community assets, a voluntary Committee acts as custodians of this area of Crown land, on behalf of the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP). This can be somewhat a labour of love and it's important to recognise the really important work that these committees carry out on behalf of the local users. It can be somewhat unappreciated work with often minimal funding— usually obtained as sporadic grant funding, together with a much appreciated annual asset management grant from the Indigo Shire.

Users of the reserve are generally local residents but with visitors from Wodonga and further afield. Schmidt's Strawberry Farm and the CFA's local brigades have permits to withdraw from the Waterhole. The Yack Fishing Club, Albury-Wodonga Triathlon Club and the



John Maddock, President and Ken Nichol, Secretary/Treasurer at the Allans Flat Waterhole



The much loved Waterhole

carp are also becoming a problem with erosion in the waterhole, and there is an on-going push to keep their numbers under control.

The Committee of Management have been lucky to recently secure a grant to put some signage around the Reserve about the eco-systems there, and what bird, plant and wildlife you may expect to see if you are lucky. Out of season times are best to enjoy the birdlife in particular, as it can be a busy and bustling place during the hot weather. This brings its own problems with a very small number of people driving 4WDs and trail bikes around, eroding some areas and leaving litter around. The Reserve is also designated as a dog-free area due to the wildlife that consider the Reserve home, and users are asked to please leave their dogs at home when they spend time there. Overnight camping is not permitted, and visitors are asked to please respect these very minimal requirements.

The current Committee of Management consists of John Maddock -President, Ken Nichol – Secretary/ Treasurer, Peter Chandler, Garry Reid, Sue Lamour, Jessamy Anderson and Phillip Greenwood. New committee members are always wanted and further details on how to join the Committee of Management can be requested from Ken Nichol on 0418 593 806. It's a good way of showing your appreciation for this asset, and the Committee members are enthusiastic and enjoy their work in keeping the reserve in good working order.

Allans Flat Tennis Club are all regular and enthusiastic users of the reserve.

There are always many things to spend money on with a reserve such as Allans Flat. Rubbish disposal becomes more of an issue year by year, with some people using the skips there as their own personal property, removing padlocks and dumping all sorts of rubbish there rather than doing a tip run of their own. The toilet blocks are now ageing and will require significant work on them in the near future. Fortunately, vandalism has generally been restricted to three tables having to be retrieved from the water, but two have been stolen and the Committee is looking at ways of securing them to the ground to prevent this. European



An oil painting of the Waterhole by Judy Stephens, property of Indigo Shire Council



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'Capturing History – Bruarong Stories Remembered'

The Bruarong Community Centre Committee are pleased to announce the culmination of the first part of their history gathering project, 'Capturing History – Bruarong Stories Remembered', funded by a Foundation for Regional and Rural Renewal (FRRR) grant. All are invited to the **Bruarong Community Centre at 1.30 pm on Saturday the 26th of June** to see the display telling the history of the small hamlet now known as Bruarong.

Cathy McGowan OA, will be speaking at the unveiling of the display, followed by an afternoon tea. (Please bring a plate to share). The Community Centre will also be open on **Sunday 27th June** for people wishing to discuss the project and make further contributions.

As with many projects undertaken during the last year, a fair amount of ducking and weaving has been needed to collect the stories, documents and photographs that tell the history of Bruarong. However, the research team managed to interview many older residents who were most generous with both their time and family information. A huge thank you goes out to all involved.

The aim of the project was to use the words and images from members of the Bruarong community to tell the stories of their lives and the lives of their families who lived in Bruarong before them. This proved very successful, so successful that mid-way through the project it was realised that it would be impossible to do justice to all of the wonderful stories and images on the limited number of interpretive history panels to be hung at the Bruarong Community Centre.

In order to solve this problem further funding was sought from the FRRR to take all of the information from the first project and preserve it in the most accessible way possible. In partnership with the Yackandandah Library, the research material gathered will be curated and compiled into **'The Bruarong Research Resource'** which will be stored on a hard drive and available to borrow or view at the Yackandandah Library.

It is expected that following the unveiling of the historical panels at the Bruarong Community Centre more information and images will come to light. This will be included in both the Research Resource, and also in a **'Bruarong Remembered'** book, planned for publication in 2022.

This project has been designed to celebrate the lives of all who lived at Thillingananga, (Sutton), Hillsborough and Bruarong.

By preserving precious memories and providing easy public accessibility to the story of the people who called this place home, they will not be forgotten.

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THE ARTS IN YACKANDANDAH

The Maes

Yackandandah is being treated to a double dose of The Maes during May! Many in the community will know Maggie and Elsie Rigby as the purveyors of harmony-drenched folk pop, following several performances at the Folk Festival and solo shows in Yack. People may not be so familiar with their role as the leaders of the 'walk-up' choir "One More Chorus", an all ages, all abilities choir that learns contemporary Australian folk songs in four part harmony.

On **Saturday, May 29**, Maggie and Elsie will be leading a vocal workshop in the style of One More Chorus at 2.00pm in the Public Hall, then performing as The Maes at 7.30pm. For tickets to both the concert and the workshop, visit arts.yackandandah.com.



Calling local musicians!

Every year, Arts Yackandandah assists touring artists to stage a number of concerts and live music events in town. We do this to add to the already rich live music scene in town, to ensure a diversity of high quality concerts and performance styles, and to provide opportunities for travelling artists to form ongoing relationships with our community.

This year, Arts Yackandandah has sought to widen this remit, and where it's appropriate to do so, will be using these performances as a platform to support emerging or lesser known local musicians.

If you play an instrument, or play in a group, and are looking for a performance opportunity more suited to an indoor, listening audience, we want to hear from you! Whether you are a student making progress on your instrument, an established musician with a quirky side project, a band ready to hit the stage for the first time, or a straight edged bureaucrat with a secret hobby and alter-ego, we would love you to call Chris on 0421 981 740, or to email arts@yackandandah.com



YACK WRITERS AT WORK

The Coming and Going Project

Creative ideas and getting words onto the page are the first steps on the path to a theatrical performance. A group of Yackandandah writers took another step forward on 8 May with their work on "The Coming and Going Project". Their main task on the day was to take some of the original pieces submitted and look for the entry



Bev Lello and Margie Gleeson finessing works submitted for "The Coming & Going" project



Yack Writers at work - Michael Metzger with Leisa White

points in the written work that might arouse the interest of a viewing audience. Coloured highlighters played a big part here. We had some amazing material to work with and feel confident that the Theatre Company production towards the end of the year will be a memorable event.

If you have a story to tell – long or short – about arriving or leaving Yackandandah contact Bev Lello at beverley.ello@gmail.com or Margie Gleeson at margie56@bigpond.net.au

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Things of Stone and Wood

Character enters struggling to carry a large stone. He places it on the ground and sits, obviously exhausted. Drinks from a water bottle. Wipes away sweat.

Character: First stone, last stone, they've all been heavy buggers. All local, river washed smooth and coloured. I've developed muscles moving them from there (gestures in one direction) to here. That's part of the history of this place though. Stones, trees, even whole hillsides have been picked up and repositioned. That happens when gold is discovered. Nothing stands in the way of a man's desire to plunder. The gold's long gone but that wasn't the end of the town. Lots of tents, of course, but there were some solid buildings. Now, what am I doing? Simple. Creating my mansion of gold, a place to rest my dreams.

(an excerpt from a longer piece by Rex Little)



Margie Gleeson and Rex Little doing battle with the words



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YACKANDANDAH WOMEN'S SHED



The Yackandandah Women's Shed is now open for business!!

With much excitement the Steering Committee welcomed a group of ladies to the first meeting held in the Men's Shed meeting room on the 18th April. It was decided that the Women's Shed would meet each week alternating between Friday and Sunday mornings so we can cater for working and non-working women.

A list of dates for upcoming meetings is as follows:

Sunday 30 May	10.00- 1.00 at the Men's Shed
Friday 4 th June	9.30 – 12.30 at the Men's Shed
Sunday 13 June	10.00 – 1.00 at the Men's Shed
Friday 18 June	9.30 – 1.00 at the Men's Shed
18 th , 19 th and 20 th June	Mosaic Workshop At the Jam Factory (bookings essential)
Sunday 27 June	10.00 – 1.00 at the Men's Shed
Friday 2 July	9.30 – 12.30 at the Men's Shed

We are busy working on gathering various guest speakers, workshops and activities, and members are encouraged to check our Facebook page (Yackandandah Women's Shed) or email us at yackwomensshed@gmail.com for further information. Activities in the pipeline are board/card games (including Mahjong), cloth doll making, weaving, permaculture, preserving, cheese making, car maintenance, using power tools,

wooden spoon carving, women's health issues plus much, much more.

The YWS was very fortunate to have obtained a Yack Community Centre (YCC) Community Grant which allowed us to purchase a small storage shed, metal cupboard, sewing machines and craft materials to get us started on a great assortment of projects. Thankyou YCC!!

Our first fundraiser was a huge success when a group of members set up a stall at the recent Garden Club Expo at Osborne Flat Hall. New aprons were sewn by our ladies for the day and hundreds of sausages in bread were made and sold. Many thanks to the Lions Club for allowing us to use their BBQ trailer. What a wonderful fun day and such a great way to bond with the community.

We have over thirty women who have recently joined our Shed and the enthusiasm and talent amongst us is powerful. We welcome new members with open arms. Come along to one of our meetings, the kettle is always on! Bring along a project that you may be working on, meet some new friends and perhaps pick up some new skills.

We look forward to a great year of fun, frivolity and friendship!

Lynne Davies (on behalf of the Yackandandah Women's Shed... proudly auspiced by YCC)



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Enjoying Nancy's morning tea at Upper Gundowring - hot sunny weather hence the hats

URBAN SKETCHING WORKSHOP WITH CHARLES SLUGA

A week of exceptional Autumn weather at the end of April was the first workshop of Charles Sluga's in well over a year.

Charles regularly puts on a series of exceptional art workshops which run over 5 days, but with COVID-19 acting as wrecking ball for so many businesses and events, 2020 slipped past with not a single workshop.

Charles was delighted to kick off his 2021 series of workshops with this little beauty, which saw 10 budding artists take to the streets of Yack, Wodonga, Albury, Beechworth and to Upper Gundowring where Charles's father-in-law is an inveterate collector of things agricultural. There was certainly no shortage of items to draw.

Charles's wife, Nancy, provided the crew with amazing morning teas and shipped the whole outfit to wherever we were at the time, be it the Botanical Gardens, Albury or the new eclectic area by the old railway station in Wodonga. It was a terrific week and a small group of nearby participants have set up a monthly Urban Sketching dates on the back of Charles's great workshop.

Urban Sketchers is a global community of artists that practice drawing on location in cities, towns and villages they live in or travel to. The Urban Sketchers movement was started on Flickr in 2007 by journalist Gabriel Campanario. In 2009 Campanario established Urban Sketchers as a nonprofit organization.



After a few test runs in March, the Year 5/6 team from Yackandandah Primary School have really swung into action and are producing a regular stream of lively, naturally buoyant radio shows. These shows go to air on Mondays and Wednesdays from

4-5pm.

Mondays sees two teams alternating, Flynn Creamer and Emma Pinard take turns with Stella Brinsdon and Indie Barker-Powell. On Wednesdays, Ada Tracy and Irena Purnell do their show each week.

We are now also podcasting these shows, so you can catch up on their shows over the past 3 weeks or so along with a host of other Indigo FM shows. You'll find them here www.indigofmradio.podomatic.com/

In 2021 we have been keen to get more regular Yackandandah presented shows to our podcast site. We started the year with Scott's Everyone Deserves Music and Chris' Horn Chowder being regularly podcasted. Now as well as the bunch of regular Yack Primary School shows now being podcast, Harvey's excellent Sunday afternoon show Asleep At The Wheel can now be caught up on via podcast. Bron and Angela are also producing excellent radio shows every month or two and they are next on our list to get to podcast.

Live streaming hasn't been forgotten about, it's still a major priority,

but we have been a bit waylaid with operational matters the past month or two. We did explore it briefly over Easter and hit a couple of roadblocks. Such is the way with our voluntary run organisation. We're aiming to get back to it by the time you read this.

We always enjoy partnering with Arts Yackandandah and in April were excited to present their radio play, "A Clog In The Wheel" written by Bev Lello and directed by Margie Gleeson. I'm sure many of us can relate to some of

the characters in that amusing production.

We also were pleased to be able to support Yackandandah Garden Club with their recent Garden Expo.

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Stella Brinsdon (left) and Indie Barker-Powell (right) excitedly discuss the upcoming Canberra Camp in the Indigo FM studio. Catch them along with other Yack PS students from 4-5pm each Monday and Wednesday during school terms.

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Please check what's happening via their Web page:
yackandandah.vic.lions.org.au

Indigo Shire Council has again thrown its support behind IDAHOBIT (International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, Intersexism and Transphobia).

In a small but powerful ceremony on Monday, 17th May, the rainbow flag was raised, followed by a speech from Mayor Jenny O'Connor and special guest Archer Irving from the North East Pride Collective. Archer thanked Indigo Shire for its ongoing support in celebrating diversity and said that IDAHOBIT presents an opportunity for global recognition of the challenges LGBTQIA+ people face every day.

"As the level of government Council holds a key inclusive environment represent the people they of raising a rainbow flag of local government is a larger scale," Archer said. a moving story about growing up in the North Nine, I asked a member I could attend my high partner of the same sex. The was one of uncertainty and know." It was: "Maybe if one of you wears a suit."



Indigo Shire staff and councillors celebrate IDAHOBIT with Archer Irving

closest to the community, role in cultivating an and representatives must liaise for. The simple act in front of an institution marker of pride on a much Archer's speech included her personal experiences East. "When I was in Year of staff at my school if school debutante ball with a response I was met with discomfort. It was: "I don't

Archer said IDAHOBIT is pride in action and that the support Indigo Shire is showing in flying the flag is bigger than just a single day, a sentiment echoed by Mayor Jenny O'Connor.

Councillor O'Connor acknowledged the importance of celebrating IDAHOBIT, not just every year, but every day of the year. "We want all members of our community to feel safe and supported and we hope that by doing simple things like today's event, we're showing that Indigo Shire is no place for discrimination and hate. We are shining the light on our commitment to creating a safe and welcoming environment."

Indigo Shire's Directory of Community and Economic Development, Mark Florence said he was proud of the steps Indigo Shire Council had taken over the last few years, and in particular, the key role staff members played in supporting the North East Pride Collective in developing the Rainbow Ball.

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

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RECIPE OF THE SEASON

APPLE CRISP

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Enough for 6

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A knifepoint of ground cinnamon
Soft white bread - 125g
Light muscovado sugar - 75 g
Butter 75g
Thick cream, to serve

Heat the oven to 190C. Peel and core the apples and cut into thick slices. Drop the fruit into a buttered pudding basin or shallow casserole and toss gently with ground cinnamon. Don't overdo the cinnamon or your crisp will taste like a sticky bun.

Whizz the bread to rough crumbs in a food processor - not too fine, more of a soft rubble than a fine sand. Mix breadcrumbs and sugar and cover the apples loosely with the mixture. Melt the butter and pour over the crumbs, making certain to soak them all. Bake for thirty five minutes, till the apples are soft and melting and the crumbs on top are good and crisp.

Serve with thick cream.

A useful hint with breadcrumbs is to reduce all stale or old bread to crumbs and pack them into freezer boxes and keep them in the freezer. They are great to use with a stuffing, or to make fishcakes or gremolata, and also to top a crumble. Storing breadcrumbs is a great habit to get into and one to be recommended to anyone whose heart sinks when they see the line "50g fresh white breadcrumbs" in a recipe!

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A break-even budget that focusses on rebuilding the local economy with a big capital works spend are among the highlights of Indigo Shire's 2021-22 draft budget, which will soon be placed on exhibition for public comment.

Council at its May meeting endorsed the draft budget along with the draft Council Plan 2021-2025 and draft 10-year Community Vision as well as a number of other strategic documents. While the draft budget deals with the next 12 months, the draft Council Plan sets out the key priorities for Council to concentrate on over the four years of its term.

Under the new Local Government Act 2020, all Victorian Councils must also develop a Community Vision, which has an outlook of at least 10 years and describes the community's aspirations for the future of the Shire. Mayor Jenny O'Connor said both the draft Council Plan and the Community Vision have been developed in partnership with the community. "Through drop-in sessions, online feedback, submissions and surveys we received constructive and well considered feedback from more than 220 individuals and organisations which has been used to shape both documents."

In delivering the draft budget, Councillor O'Connor said economic recovery and helping local communities return to a new 'normal' have been front of mind. "We're proposing to invest an additional \$110K to assist in COVID recovery activities and our capital works budget is one of our biggest ever, with a proposed spend of \$15.9M. This increase is largely the result of grant funding to progress a number of major new projects," Cr O'Connor said. "These include the Chiltern Community Hub, Wahgunyah Multipurpose Hardcourts and Lighting Project, Kergunyah Hall upgrade and Beechworth Courthouse Kelly Trials Experience as well as a number of road and footpath improvement and safety projects. We'll also complete the 30 km Beechworth to Yackandandah Rail Trail as well as continue to deliver the range and quality of services our community expects, as well as maintain our many community assets and infrastructure."

The draft budget also includes funds to support initiatives that address climate change, including progressing the key

priorities from Council's emissions reduction plan, the purchase of a second electrical vehicle and implementing more energy reduction initiatives in Council buildings and facilities. Residential rates will be capped at 1.5% and increases in fees and charges will be in line with CPI.

All draft documents endorsed by Council will be placed on public exhibition and available to view and download from Council's website, with hard copies available on request from Council's customer service centres.

Anyone wishing to make a submission should address their submission in writing to the CEO by 5pm on Friday 11 June and email to info@indigoshire.vic.gov.au or by mail to PO Box 28, Beechworth 3747. For those who wish to be heard in support of their submission, an Additional Council Meeting will be held at 6pm on Tuesday 15 June 2021. Council will then consider all submissions prior to adopting the final Council Plan and Budget at its meeting on Tuesday 28 June.

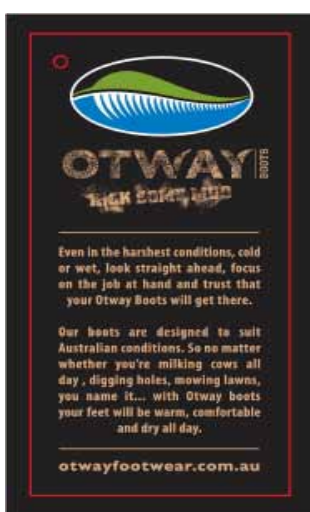


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Yackity Yak always welcomes new articles from our readers. Clearly, some of us are getting cycling-overload, so it's great to have a new section suggested from our horse riding friends.

Steve Pearce has started the ball rolling with his story on one of his favourite riding spots in the nearby locale. He says:

My name's Steve, a mad keen trail horse rider and camper. This is the first of hopefully a series of articles written by country people about their favourite horse riding experiences and activities. Hopefully, we will get some youngsters' perspective on this popular and diverse field as we go along.

AVONDALE GARDENS, NEAR SHELLEY

These are situated some 10kms south of Shelley and about 2 hours maximum from Yackandandah when driving with a float and horses. To get there, travel down Avondale Road, left into Betoomba Road. These are gravel forestry roads. The 60+ year old gardens of two acres are the remnants of a large defunct sheep and cattle stage owned by hard, tough people eking out an existence through agriculture and timber, in at times a very harsh environment. There are now left twenty hectares of cleared land and an airstrip which surround the gardens, where there are 2 new toilets, picnic tables and fire pits. It's come a long way in the 15 years I've been visiting. Although I cart my own water, there is a tiny creek and a sizeable clear lagoon within 20 metres. Horses appear happy drinking it. It's an area with a mixture of pine and native forest out in the boondocks! It does have great mobile reception though due to the nearby "Hunters Hill" phone tower.



Walkers Hut, near Avondale Gardens, Shelley

There's plenty of birdlife around the gardens and you might spy a lyre bird if you are quietly mooching around in the native forest area. While you are stoking the coals in your night fire, you might also hear "out where the wild dogs chorus nightly". Although it doesn't seem to concern my mare, I'm barricaded in my float trembling! When I arrive, I like to set up and get my horse out for a short ride at least. Ride between the pines and the lagoon (about 1 hour) – beautiful!

To ride to Walkers Hut, drive further out along Avondale Road, turn right into Cravensville Road. The first track on the left is a lovely little used unnamed track which runs through stunning bush for 2-3 kms emerging at some pines. The hut is 200 metres downhill. It's a bit hard to explain but there are alternative tracks back.

Further out along the Betoomba Road, you will get a great view of Burrowa - Pine NP, the main range and Kosciusko, then you are back in the bush again.

Make sure you check out the Shelley train station on the way in. The railway used to be the supply line to isolated people of the region. The train ran behind our house in Wodonga while I was

growing up – it was a steam train. Surely I'm not that old? Okay – I am!

Whether riding a horse or just checking it out shows even our region can be remote.

A big shout out to Helen on her road to recovery.

Steve Pearce

Definitely worth checking out your route before heading off particularly with unmarked tracks. We would hate to hear of people going missing! Thanks Steve, definitely looks worth investigating Ed.

STOP PRESS: Many congratulations to the Yack Golf Club's Ladies Team that very recently won the North East District Golf Association 2021 pennant, Yackity Yak also learnt that the Yack Golf Club's Men's team reached the grand final but alas were beaten on the day by Bright Golf Club. Great to hear of our local sports people doing so well in their competitions - congratulations to all involved.



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YACK RIDING CLUB

The members of the Yack Adult Riders Club are back out in force this year and are loving being able to hold their monthly rallies once more at the Sports Park. Rallies are held on the first Sunday of every month.

The club has just under one hundred members ranging from 18-70 years of age and it caters for all levels of riders. We have group lessons in dressage, show jumping, 3 phase equitation and natural horsemanship.

There are also plenty of our members who just love to go for the occasional trail ride but come along to enjoy the social aspect of the club.



Allison Pritchard on her mare Lou, competing in Yack Riding Club's recent dressage competition

We have had a busy year already, having run the Wangaratta Saddleworld Shield, the first of a 3 part, in-club dressage series. Club member, Allison Pritchard organised our inaugural Normac Cup show jumping competition in April, which was a huge success.

The club is one of the largest in Victoria and has been running for 22 years. Those interested in membership, please email us at yackandandahrc@gmail.com.

Donna Picton



Member Ros Hooper participating in 3PE (obstacles and equitation)

YACK COMMUNITY BOWLING CLUB

The annual Community Challenge hosted by Yackandandah Community Bowling Club has been won yet again by the Police with Luke, Craig and Ben. Well done guys. Yackandandah Community Bowling Club extend a huge thanks to the sponsors and bowlers and hope to see you all again next year.

A reminder to all keen bowlers we have a roll-up every Friday afternoon from 4 o'clock and invite all to stay and join us for nibbles afterwards.

Recently one of our most popular members Reg Muller passed away. Reg had been a member for a number of years and fittingly won the Mens Championship last year. We all say thank you Reg for your participation in all club events and all your work behind the scenes. You will be missed.

*Anne Corcoran
Secretary*



Wayne Furze of the Yack Community Bowling Club presents two of the winning Policemen, Luke and Ben with the Challenge Shield

YGC Yackandandah Golf Club

The time for getting down to business has truly begun at the Golf Club. The



Pictured: L Serpell, C Ward, G Marshall, R Davies, A Bishop

Ladies Sunday Pennant team has reached the grand final to be played against Yarrowonga Mulwala GC on 16th May (at Mytleford.) We wish our combined Yack/Beechworth ladies all the best and congratulations for taking us into the final, a mighty effort

from sand-scrappers against the 'grass-green' clubs.

The full team consisted of; C Ward, J Lang, G Marshall, D Tully, (BGC) and M Northey, P Crosthwaite, R Davies, L Serpell & L McCrystal (YGC.)

The Golf Club is always ready to welcome new players, whether coming from zero experience or on scratch! If you would like to try first, a friendly member will assist by explaining the basic principles of golf and take you around the course. Ladies play club competition on Wednesday mornings and socially on Fridays and the men play their comp on Sunday mornings and currently, socially on Wednesday afternoons. See the contact details below to arrange a visit.

You just never know what you will find in an Op Shop! Recently one of our members, Marg Scanlan got very lucky when a relative found this hand knitted vest for her; it must be lucky as Marg came home on the first outing wearing it, in front of everyone else.

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

Email: yackgolfclub@gmail.com

Find us on FB: Yackandandah Golf Club

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Robyn's face says it all after sinking the winning putt!



Marg with her natty golfing vest

LOOKING FOR A VENUE??



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

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

email: sportspark@yackandandah.com

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

Winter is always a great time for fencing. Whatever your fencing needs, we can provide it. Please phone us with your wish list and we will give you a competitive price and arrange to deliver, if necessary.



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Winter's nearly here!
Make sure you have all your woodburner products. Don't get caught short or cold - come and see us for Yack Men's Shed kindling, firelighters, log splitters and the like.

LAST OF THE CAPITAL WORKS FOR 2020/21

We have had a busy year upgrading the YCDco facilities, and during the month of June, we are having the main shop upgraded. So we must apologise in advance for any inconvenience. We expect the works to take around four weeks and we will retain our service as near to normal as possible, but please be prepared for a slightly bumpy ride whilst this happens. It will be worth it!

