

Your local Post Office has a new contract, a new team, and a new mode of transport.

Chris Horton and Kim O'Brien have, from 23 September 2021, been joined by Posties Dave Norman and Chris McGorlick, in a new business development.

The Yackandandah Post Office team has taken over the mail sorting and delivery responsibilities for Yackandandah township, restoring a significant part of the local business that in recent years has been operated by the Personnel Group.

In an important shift to a 21st Century low-emissions future, Dave and Chris will deliver mail in the township on a modern NCM-Prague Electric Mountain Bike, referred to by reviewers as 'the ute of e-bikes'.

Additionally, the staff have taken over the primary mail sort for all parcels and letters in the Yackandandah Post Office district, which includes Allans Flat, Bruarong, Glen Creek, Osbornes Flat and Staghorn Flat as well as the township. With a current population of just on 3,000 people, and four separate delivery contracts in operation, this is one of the largest non-city postal service districts in Northeast Victoria.

Chris and the team take pride in their recent achievements, including upgrading to a 10kW solar power system, which has received very public acknowledgement from Solar Victoria - <https://www.solar.vic.gov.au/together-were-having-big-impact-across-victoria>

"We have been energetic supporters of Totally Renewable Yackandandah and of Indigo Power" Chris Horton said. "It's a great move to have the town's mail delivered by a 'clean green machine'. And we have all been fully vaccinated! Give your posties a 'hoj' when you see them."



GPO Postman circa 1934



Yack Posties and E-bikes circa 2021

Posties plug in and take off!

With the mysterious appearances of baguettes round and about the lanes and post boxes of Yack and district, the Yackandandah Writers were invited to give their spin on the why and how of this extraordinary event. Enjoy their spin on it within this edition of Yackity Yak

BAGUETTE

Ah, how you have unwittingly lived up to your name, Madame Baguette! You think you can deceive me? You know I know you come from ancient Rome where you are baculum, the walking stick. Not just a prop for walking, but a stick that walks. And so you have been afoot of late, traipsing the pre-dawn hour through the lanes and byways of Jiatmathang country, confounding the good people of Yackandandah. I'll admit it's a clever disguise, that paper bag with its deceptive tag. But you're a master of metamorphosis, a shape-shifter, a bacchio, a long-poled nut-hook, a bacchietta, a little stick, even a recumbent Bacchetta bicycle all the way from St. Petersburg in Florida. You could have fooled us all with your tricks, but you wanted to be famous, if not the rare baguette-cut gemstone then the iconic ever-longer and crustier French stick inhabiting the boulevards of Paris, the villages and the laneway cafés of La Belle France.

Cleverer still, you divided and multiplied, propagating a whole



colony of baguettes, an alien invasion usurping the domestic bread-making machines, inveigling your way into the homes of the innocent, the gullible, the romantics who would enjoy the crusty delight and your bewitching interior lavishly buttered and topped with confiture de figue or fraise by Bonne Maman, or accompanied by a coupe of aromatic coffee. Maybe even with a soft fromage, a brie or camembert, a pâté de foie gras and a glass of Mourvèdre or Viognier. Lead me not into temptation, Madame Baguette, for I am vulnerable to the delights of the gourmand, la vie en rose!

However, if we are to have a plague, let it be a plague of baguettes to push away our cares and unite us in the desire to break bread together in whatever language or guise we possess.

Vive la révolution - Liberté, Égalité et Fraternité! Et une baguette.

Michel

YACKITY YAK

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A RAMBLE WITH THE EDITOR

With our umpteenth lockdown coming to an end, we thought it would be a good idea to have a version of Yackity Yak in full colour, with minimal mention of the dreaded "C" word. We have all just about had enough of hearing endless reports about this, so...

In this edition, we have gone for the light and frivolous. The Yack Writers group were invited to submit stories about the Mystery of the Milawa Baguettes which by its almost daily appearances, have now unfortunately swamped us all to the point of ennui, but the 4 writings all take a different slant on it, and may offer some insight into this local mystery.

Whilst many events have had to be cancelled or postponed, our intrepid Arts Yackandandah are still ploughing on regardless and have some great activities underway for us, and there are Kirby Flats Pottery Annual Exhibition and Fresh and Unframed booked for some much needed art events.

There are a number of AGMs coming up in the next couple of months so please make sure you try and support your community groups by rocking up and even standing for committee membership. It's a great way to get involved in your amazing Yack community and to have an input into its life.

There are some great stories in this edition - life is definitely on the up and we congratulate two new businesses up at Yack Station - Backwoods Distilling Co. and The Happy Baker. Our businesses can only be as successful as their customers' support, so please make sure you offer all businesses in Yack your financial interest and keep them viable. All Mod Steel, great philanthropists, have produced an amazing, out of the box scheme to help our local township businesses over this trying period. Thank you Terri & Mitch - you are legends...

Spring marches on, and boy, has it been a cold and wet one so far. Huzzah, we hear you say! There's plenty of time for the hot summer months and it has been lovely to see the grass grow, the lambs springing about and not have to worry about bushfires for the time being. The CFA as ever, offer some great support so check out their page and see what they are doing to help Yack homeowners get their properties ready for the summer.

In this edition we have a cryptic crossword thanks to Bill Buchanan, and with Kelvin Schultz's wonderful bird photos - a competition for all you keen twitchers with a \$50 YCDCo voucher as a prize. Enjoy the Spring.

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The Yackandandah Bush Nursing tradition is still evident in Yackandandah Health's

model, as Yackandandah Health continues to adjust to the times and the circumstances as the organisation had done since the 1920's. While the hospital is not currently operating as an acute care or general ward hospital, Yackandandah Health's commitment to meet the needs of its local community has continued. It has grown and diversified at a rapid rate.

As Yack Health, demand for aged care and respite beds has continued to grow from sixty six residents three years ago to eighty four residents today. The aged care home offers respite, couples' packages and palliative care provided to locals in the community and district. Our CEO and leadership team are always happy to discuss community and individual family needs.

Yackandandah Health provides ten independent living units, offering assisted living packages and services.

Little Yacks Learning Years, the organisation's childcare facility, has grown from a centre with capacity for thirty four students to now being able to accommodate forty four young learners and their families. This year Little Yacks offered a funded, unique, small intergenerational three-year-old kinder program to the Little Yacks family community.

A Men's Shed that now includes a Women's Shed. Both these services aim to improve the health and wellbeing of all participants by making friends and sharing meaningful activities whilst feeling safe in their environment.

A Medical Centre which currently has three part time doctors, a women's health nurse practitioner and a midwifery service. Our Centre is actively looking for a full-time doctor to join our existing team.

Yackandandah Health has been successful in gaining a number of government grants, including the Business Improvement Grant & the Commonwealth Special Circumstances Grant in the past 12 months. These have supported a number of major changes in our services. The Board recognised the need for greater compliance and efficiencies resulting in significant digital systems planning and implementation in aged care and childcare. The grants have also supported upgrading of internal furnishings, resources and equipment.

The grants have been utilised to renovate sections of the old hospital for our young learners and grow our Inter-Generational Program in recent years. This was due in large part to the advice and support of Dr. Helen Haines, our Federal Member for Indi. In a speech to the House of Representatives in 2020, she said 'Little Yacks run a terrific, fun, relaxed and educational inter-generational program with the local aged care centre....and this could be rolled out

right across this country if we were committed to innovation and vision for this sector.'

The John Reid Philanthropic Foundation has provided Yack Health with funds to develop pathways, fencing and passive & active recreation spaces so that all in their care can move freely and safely around the facility. Planning is in its final stages with work expected to commence soon on accessibility instalments.

Constitution and AGM

This year Yackandandah Health Board of Management have been working towards a more appropriate legal and corporate structure to ensure that the community's assets and services are best governed into the future. As such, a **Special General Meeting will be held on Monday, 4th October 2021 at 6.00 pm in the Senior Citizens Rooms** where a proposal will be presented and voted on. This proposal is to convert Yackandandah Bush Nursing Hospital Incorporated (Association) into a public company limited by guarantee. The proposal was recommended to align with the increase in the size of our business and the increasing complexity of Yack Health's diversified services.

Yackandandah Health boasts an extraordinary number of volunteers, who have worked tirelessly to support their facilities and services and are excited to have them back in new and innovative ways very shortly. If you can support with new ideas and fresh

strategies in a voluntary capacity, Yack Health's CEO and Lifestyle co-ordinator would love to hear from you.

The Yack Health Annual General Meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday, 18th November 2021 at 7.00 pm at the Senior Citizens Rooms. At this meeting, there will be a number of current Board directors retiring. These directors have held positions on the Board for a number of years, ensuring Yackandandah Health maintained the community owned 'not for profit' vision and values many people have worked tirelessly for over the last 93 years.

The Board recognises that as YH has grown, there is a need to continue to attract skilled professionals with the energy and wisdom to continue the community work so many have nurtured for so long. Benefits of being on a Not For Profit Board include providing an opportunity to meet and network with community leaders. You can learn a lot from a NFP about education, health, finance or whatever interests you. Of course, the primary reason for serving on a NFP Board is that you care about the cause. However, serving on a Board and bringing your knowledge, energy and expertise is something that can benefit both Yackandandah Health and you as well. Current Board directors are available to chat with interested persons.

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WHY DOESN'T SOMEBODY DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT? WHY DON'T WE DO IT OURSELVES?

Originally known to the locals as Yack Hospital or Yack Bush Nursing Hospital (YBNH), one could say the locals had a motto that still exists today- "we can do anything if we work together".



The original Yackandandah Cottage Hospital

The Victorian Bush Nursing Association (VBNA) was established in 1910 as small rural communities remote from established hospitals set about providing their own, when either a horse, a horse

drawn gig or walking are the options for getting around. The concept was simple. Get enough members together contributing an annual subscription and that would support a fully trained "Bush Nurse" to attend to the needs of the community to the best of her ability.

The first Bush Nursing centre was opened in Beech Forest in the Otway ranges in 1911.

The VBNA was led by Sir James Barrett, an ophthalmologist with distinguished war service, and provided centralised support to the otherwise independent associations that were established by communities.

Each Bush Nursing Association was self-help/self-funded with the State contributing limited free rail travel for nurses on duty and a pittance for performing health checks on school's children.

Membership was typically £1 pound a year (or crudely converted to 2021 prices, \$200 per annum).

Members had access to free or concessional treatment.

At least one 'private hospital' of sorts had existed in Yackandandah since 1887 operating under a variety of arrangements. Following the death of Dr Mueller in 1898, Yackandandah Shire Council bought the existing building. In 1901, the Yackandandah Ladies Sanatorium Committee saw the need and set about raising money for a new hospital and on June 8, 1903, the original "Cottage Hospital" was opened to be operated by nurses as a private business.

Twenty years later, this was at risk of closing due to high cost of meeting new standards. With the assistance of the VBNA Central office, renovations were undertaken at a cost of £600 and on April 24, 1926, the Yackandandah Bush Nursing Intermediate Hospital was opened by Sir James Barrett as a community owned 'Cottage hospital.'

By 1928, the need for more modern and extensive facilities was apparent and in 1929, land was purchased from Miss Hobbs on the Racecourse Road corner and planning began. Miss Hobbs helped by donating another parcel of land making an acre and a half in total.

In July 1930, the architect was instructed to proceed with a budget of £3,500 with almost half still to be raised. The foundation stone was laid on February 25, 1931, and the new eight bed hospital was officially opened on June 20, 1931 by Sir James Barrett.

The Allans Flat community donated £184 from their Memorial Fund on condition that one ward be dedicated to the Allan's Flat fallen soldiers which occurred on Anzac Day 1932.



(Average staffing being two or three.)

The only ones remaining in our region are Walwa, Euroa, and Nagambie. And Yackandandah Health has kept its registration up - just in case there is a need in the future. What with all these world class mountain bike trails and new bike trails that are being developed, who knows what the future holds?

One local lassie could spin a yarn or two in the early 60's. She and a girlfriend decided to visit Australia after seeing an advertisement in a nursing journal in her home country. Irish nursing sister Pat Beatty's arrival from Ireland to Yackandandah Bush Nursing Hospital was met with shock and trepidation. Having worked at a 1000 bed hospital in Dublin to work in a 25



Dr. Pat with nursing friend

bed hospital in Yackandandah, Northeast Victoria, Australia did not dampen their young spirits. Day 1 and they commenced shift work - one slept while the other worked!

Who would have dreamt she would be given the grand title of Dr. Pat in a sleepy little town in Northeast Victoria- Yackandandah? (www.yackandandahhealth.com.au/documents/reports/Yackandandah-Health_Annual-Report_2020.pdf)

Is Yackandandah Health fundamentally different today than it was in the past?

Most of the services that surround Yackandandah Health are government owned and operated. Yackandandah Health maintains its community ownership and is the largest employer in the area. Over time, purpose fit buildings and services have been planned, funded and developed for and by the community. The local initiative and the workforce over many generations are to be congratulated on the legacy they have provided for our town. Col Barnard, our local historian, has documented this history over many years.

Trish Glass, Chair, Yackandandah Health



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From the Captain, Yves Quaglio

"Hello Yackandandah,

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

Over the last two months we have followed the CFA guidelines with regards to the COVID-19 restrictions with some additional directions and precautions put in place to help keep us safe and healthy. Under the current guidelines [at the time of writing this article] we are again allowed to do our usual training activities and maintenance of equipment such as testing hoses. However, the safety



Yves Quaglio

since he was a child. He officially joined the CFA as a junior member at 11 years of age.

Other than a few years' absence while he was working in the mines as an electrician, Andrew has always been a keen and active member of the brigade. He is also in his second two-year term as the Brigade's Equipment Maintenance Officer.

Andrew was just 20 years of age when he experienced firsthand Victoria's devastating Black Saturday fires in 2009.

He was in the Dederang slip-on as a member of a taskforce at the Central Gippsland Fires (Churchill complex) "when the Kinglake-Marysville fires first kicked off," recalls Andrew. "We saw the plume of smoke start and take off. We were then asked to make our way back through Marysville and Buxton on our way home to check on the destruction...it would have only been a few hours after the fire went through."

Andrew says what struck him most was "the sheer devastation. One thing that really sticks in my memory is that you could tell that the trees had been really tall forest trees but there was very little left of them."

He returned home late that night only to have the Beechworth fire (which started at 6pm, Saturday February 7) burn through the property where he was living the next day. Fortunately, the house

operational fireground leadership roles such as strike team leader and sector commander.

Andrew's wife Jess has also been a member of the CFA for nearly 15 years and with the Yackandandah brigade for five years. Despite having a young family – Macy is 3 and Stevie 10 months – the couple say they are able to juggle firefighting and family. "Jess and I are a good team," says Andrew. "We work together to find a way to both parent and be firefighters."



Andrew Padbury and daughter Macy.



Testing fire hoses for leaks



Andrew Padbury

of our volunteers remains paramount, now more than ever.

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

Challenging times indeed, still, all of us in the Yackandandah Fire Brigade are committed to continuing to deliver the best fire service to our community. Thank you all for your support. Do the right thing, please adhere to restriction guidelines, get vaccinated, stay well and healthy.

Yves"

Third-generation firefighter – Andrew Padbury

At 33 years of age, Yackandandah Fire Brigade's recently elected First Lieutenant Andrew Padbury has already notched up nearly 20 years of service with the CFA.

A third-generation firefighter (Andrew's late grandfather was a long-time member of Mansfield CFA and his parents, April and Neil, are both active members of the Yackandandah brigade), Andrew (like his sister Lauren) has been around the fire station

was undamaged. At the time Andrew was on a Yackandandah appliance fighting the fire at Bruarong. Andrew says the experience didn't deter him from being a firefighter "but it did give me a greater awareness of the damage a fire can do."

What he finds most rewarding about being a firefighter is helping others in the community, and not only the Yackandandah community but other communities as well; meeting and becoming friends with other Brigade members from all walks of life; and learning personal and practical skills that you wouldn't get outside the CFA.

For the future Andrew aspires to follow in his father's footsteps and become Captain of the Brigade at some stage and take on more

Getting ready for summer by Community Engagement Officer, Brinley O'Brien

Yackandandah CFA will be hosting a **Community Bushfire Planning workshop on Friday, October 22nd at 7:00pm, at the Public Hall.**

This session will cover Landscaping for bushfires. To register your interest, please ring Brin on 0474 786 164.

Summer's not too far away, which means now is the perfect time to get your property ready for the fire season.

Cleaning your gutters of leaf litter and debris, cutting grass, pruning trees and moving flammable items (including doormats) away from the house will significantly decrease the chance of your house catching alight during an ember attack.

Make sure to also test your sprinklers (if you have them).

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Since the start of the year more than 71,900 calls have been made to the helplines. The NDH has received 70,183 calls and the SBDH, which is a relatively new service, has received 1,768 calls. Demand has increased dramatically over the past few months, with 80% more calls in July than May. The top five calls are, in no particular order:

- Uncertainty about government grants and how to access them,
- Commercial leases – people unable to pay due to insufficient income during lockdowns,
- Issues with debt collectors,
- Problem with personal guarantees – risks and lack of understanding,
- Overall financial stress – most callers are in a state of distress and frustration.

Demand on the phonenumber has not increased dramatically but visits to the website from the start of the year to the end of July are 25% higher than the same period last year. There were more than a quarter of a million website visits from 1 January to 31 July. The top five calls are, in no particular order:

- Mortgage arrears – difficulty paying, how to get hardship arrangements, catching up on arrears, some owners handing keys over to the banks,
- Rent arrears and homelessness,
- Credit card debt and personal loans, including car loans,
- Struggling to afford utilities, such as electricity and water,
- Separation and family violence.

Financial counsellors are different to financial planners or advisors. They don't provide investment advice nor are they lenders. Anyone who is struggling financially can contact the National Debt Helpline on 1800 007 007 or visit ndh.org.au. Small business owners and sole traders can call the Small Business Debt Helpline on 1800 413 828 or visit sbdh.org.au.

"People are really struggling during these lockdowns. It's great so many are reaching out for free help from financial counsellors, but we know there are many more who are suffering in silence or don't know where to turn. We want people to know that financial counsellors care and are here to help. They provide free, independent and confidential advice to people in financial hardship.

"Assistance is only a phone call away. That initial conversation is likely to take a weight off your shoulders because financial counsellors are trained to help you get back on track financially," said Fiona Guthrie, CEO of FCA.

2021 YACKANDANDAH COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS LUNCH

As the Covid rules are constantly changing we are uncertain, at the time of writing, what numbers we will be able to host. At this stage we are working towards holding the event as close to normal as possible. Working on the assumption that this year may be similar to last year, it is anticipated that we will likely have to be capped again. To this end, I'm initially taking bookings for up to 50 people. Ideally I'd like to push that out to 70 if allowed. Bookings will be taken on a "first-in, first-served" basis. A waitlist will be created once we reach 50. At this stage there may be no walk-ins on the day (unless there are seats available). We have the ability to spread our tables out and last year comfortably catered for the 40 people who attended.

Once again, in the event that we are unable to have our normal lunch, we are considering the possibility of being able to provide a take away meal to be collected on the day. This is to ensure that the food doesn't go to waste and people can still enjoy a little Christmas Cheer. This will need to be confirmed closer to the day if required.

There are a lot of possibilities and "what-ifs" at play at present. Hopefully we will be on track closer to Christmas time and we can proceed with our lunch without any restrictions.

If you'd like to register your intent to attend please email carmelkelley@bigpond.com or message on 0418 242 105. Please provide the number of people wanting to attend, along with a contact email or phone number.

Anyone who would like to help in any way is more than welcome to contact me as well on 0418 242 105. I'd also like to hear from any businesses, or individuals, interested in supporting this day either financially or by way of donating goods for under the tree.

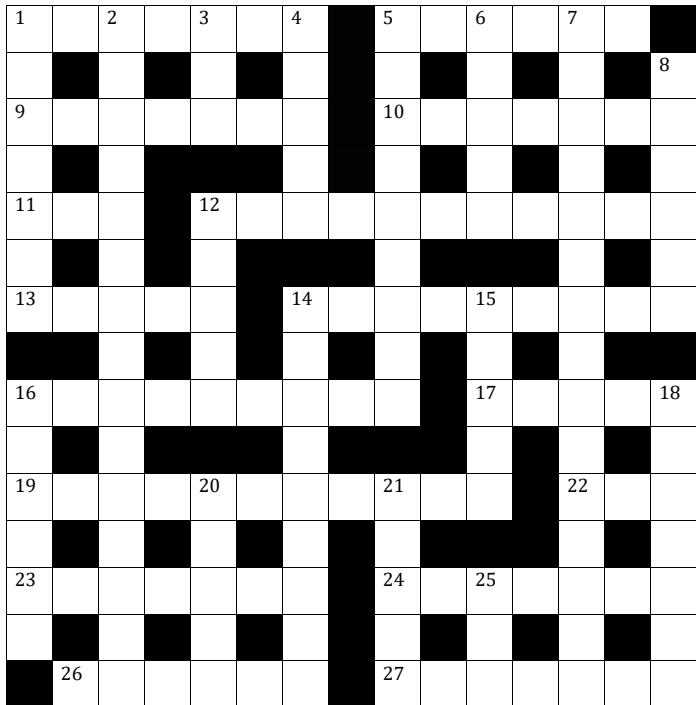
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- 9 Things don't go we if you pay for old model with old currency we hear! (7)
- 10 When chewing on it, follow Eric Idle's advice and pucker lips (7)
- 11 Best Uber meals come in a plastic container (3)
- 12 Backward fool twists French to be getting lunchtime treats (3,4,4)
- 13 Situation spotted, apparently (5)
- 14 You'll find most riches come from Africa (9)
- 16 Capital loses direction initially after every upstart makes old library (9)
- 17 Stroke Jupiter's moon on deck (5)
- 19 'E received 'is twitch and lied initially about being self absorbed (11)
- 22 Barrel comes back on fruit (3)
- 23 At first girl get thinner, but picks up anyway (7)
- 24 Caliper duplicate! (7)
- 26 Turns on French afterthought, then grabs power (6)
- 27 Join in hospital crisis centre and came out differently (7)

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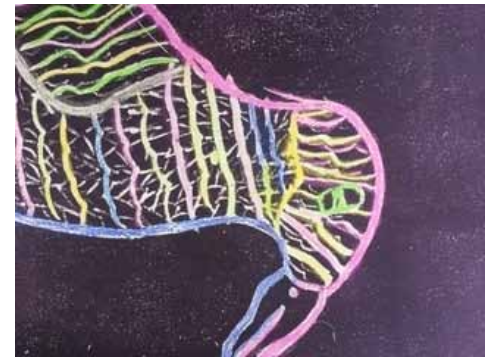
- 1 Rosetta stone translation turns heads! (7)
- 2 Harass fusiliers, though they may fix things (11)
- 3 Hamlet thinks 'Aye' it's there (3)
- 4 Chaste Amy has tendency to fog up windows (5)
- 5 Maths rule tell gangster to leave and feel the beat, apparently (9)
- 6 Verdi composed music with intense passion (5)
- 7 Lacking in social status (15)
- 8 Stiffens in the present and past (6)
- 12 Nearly all energy creates envy (5)
- 14 Open turn about Southerly approaches (9)
- 15 Mischievous child has the Spanish drive (5)
- 16 Get retribution in Geneva! (6)
- 18 Hospital precinct for poor cricketers! (7)
- 20 Good shot for You Tube (5)
- 21 Blanche takes it for total freedom (5)
- 25 Archimedes looked eastwards developing his principle of circular comestible (3)

All thanks to Bill Buchanan for the inaugural Cryptic Crossword in Yackity Yak. Answers can be found on page 30.

"OVER THE FENCE"



"Over the Fence" is a project sponsored by Regional Arts Victoria and the Creative Workers in Schools program that is currently being undertaken by Yackandandah Primary School.



The vision is to create a whole school, collaborative "nature map" of Yackandandah where students can explore their own understandings of where we live through the media of drawing, painting and printmaking with local artist, Kirsten Coates.



The final works will be displayed in the Yackandandah Library over the school holidays, and everyone is welcome to drop in and take a walk through the images of our town as seen through the eyes of the students.



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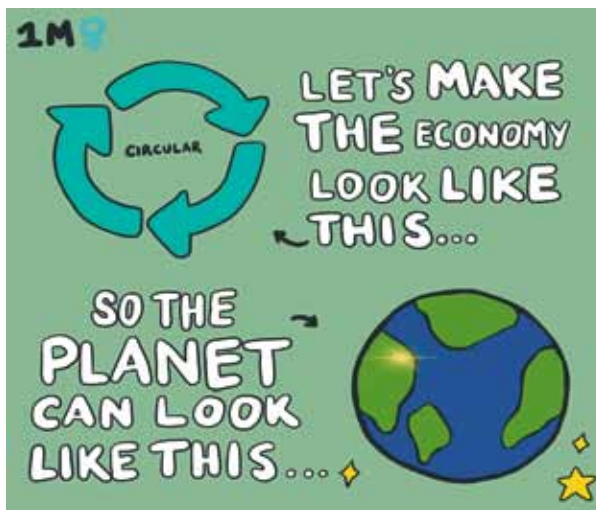
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For more info please email us at:
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YACKANDANDAH GOLF COURSE AND RECREATION RESERVE COMMITTEE INCORPORATED

What is most commonly known as the Golf Club is in fact the responsibility of a Crown Land Reserve Committee of Management, appointed by the responsible Minister every three years. The term of appointment of the current Committee of Management expires on **17 December 2021**.

A public meeting to elect no less than three (3) nor more than nine (9) persons for nomination for appointment as the Committee of Management, will be held in early November. COVID permitting, the meeting will be held at the Reserve; if that can't be done, an on-line meeting will be conducted. DELWP encourages nominations to the committee by women, Aboriginal people, people with disabilities, young people and people from culturally diverse backgrounds.

If you have any interest in the management of the Golf and Recreation Reserve, please consider nominating for the Committee. If you would like to discuss anything about these matters, please feel free to contact Trevor Matthews: trevmat1@bigpond.com, 0407 271 450. I would be pleased to put you in contact with current Committee members if you prefer.

A notice giving details of the meeting time and location will be published in a local newspaper in October. If you would like to receive notification at that time, please email Trevor Matthews at trevmat1@bigpond.com

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www.indigoshire.vic.gov.au/engagedindigo

As the sun begins to warm up and nature readies for spring, it is an exciting time to tune in to the natural world around us. The wattles, with their cheery yellow blossoms, and the birds that you might have been lucky enough to spy seeking out nest sites or collecting nesting material are both signs of the warmer weather to come.

Happily, as nature gets busy, our Birds in Backyards Spring Survey is here! Time to spruce up your feathers and let us know about your local birds!

Get a spring in your step by doing a Birds in Backyards Spring Survey! Visit <https://www.birdsinbackyards.net/.../Spring-Bird-Surveys> to find out more.

A survey takes just 20 minutes – and helps us better understand Australia’s birds and their daily lives. Over the next couple of months, simply spend 20 minutes in a nearby outdoor space and count how many birds you see of each species and the kind of habitat they’re using. It’s a good excuse to get some quality time outdoors.

Simply log your survey on Birddata, either online or through the app. You can do as many surveys as you like, as often as you like. Every survey counts! Our Urban Birds team uses these surveys to track the



health of Australia’s urban birds – and to monitor the impact of our gardens, outdoor spaces and even our own behaviour on their populations. Importantly, your surveys also contribute to the on-ground conservation work we undertake with our volunteers, branches and partners across the country – everything from planting and habitat restoration projects to national advocacy and campaigns.

What’s in it for me? When you complete a Birds in Backyards Survey in Birddata, you help us to

understand our local birds and give us invaluable insight into their daily lives. You can also win great prizes! We will be giving away Birds in Backyards prize packs and even some extra special goodies throughout 2021, but to win you have to enter your surveys in Birddata. Follow us on social media for more details.

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

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

Why do these surveys? Your surveys are used by BirdLife Australia and us in the Urban Bird team to track the health of our urban birds, and to monitor the impact of our gardens, outdoor spaces and even our own

behaviours on bird populations. We can learn a lot from Birds in Backyard surveys, like how different types of gardens can attract different types of birds, and which features birds may be avoiding or are negatively affected by. In 2021 your surveys will also be used in the very first Urban Bird Index for BirdLife Australia’s State of Australia’s Birds Report

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

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

Centenary Event Postponed

Unfortunately, due to the uncertainty of the Covid situation statewide regarding large gatherings, a decision has been made to again postpone our Centenary celebrations for this year. **The new dates are Saturday 19th March, 2022 for the Centenary Ball & Supper, and Sunday 20th March, 2022 for the Open Day.**

All ticket holders will be notified via email of the changes to these plans and updated on information relating to their tickets.

To the wonderful group of local “vintage” car enthusiasts from Yack and surrounds that offered to bring their treasured wheels to the Open Day display on the Sunday, we will be in touch early in the New Year regarding plans. We do hope you will consider joining us!



The upside of the extra time allows us to keep working on our display. If you have any photos of the good times had at the hall that you would like to share or would like to contribute to the Time Capsule, please contact us on 0439 855 297.

We look forward to marking this significant milestone in our wonderful hall’s history and sharing the celebrations with you all. Updates will be provided in future editions of Yackity Yak.

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Horses are prey animals and when frightened, their first defence is to run. When they have a rider on their back, they are prevented from doing this. Experienced horses learn to trust the rider and to feel safe in unfamiliar situations. Younger or inexperienced horses may panic and resort to behaviours that allow them to flee, for example bucking, rearing or bolting. Obviously, this is very unsafe for the rider. The only way you can teach a horse to feel safe is to expose them to new experiences slowly and safely.



Wonderful riding in local forests. Photo Credit: Parks Victoria

relaxes both the horse and rider. Again, if the rider asks you to stop, please do so. The rider will let you know when it's safe to pass or you may need to hop off your bike to let the rider pass.

Please do not hide, stay visible at all times otherwise the horse will think you're a predator trying to sneak up on him/her. Again, engage with the rider.

I hope these simple tips help you to feel more comfortable when approaching a horse and rider. We can all enjoy the forest in safety, so stay safe and hope to see you out on the trail sometime.

Chris Chambeyron

YACKANDANDAH PUBLIC HALLS S86 COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

will be holding their Annual General Meeting in the Gallery at Yackandandah Public Hall

Friday 22 October, 2021 at 5.30 pm

All members of the public are invited to attend.

Please RSVP to 0448 803 411 via text or message or email: publichall@yackandandah.com

So, here are some tips to ensure your safety and theirs when you meet them out on the trails.

If the rider moves off the track, then generally it is safe to pass without stopping. Do so slowly (at walking pace) and cautiously. If the horse starts reacting, please stop.

If the rider or riders put up their hand, it means please stop. Stop at a safe distance away, turn off the engine and engage with them. Either in conversation as they approach you or watch for their hand signals as to what they would like you to do. Remember to wait until they are a safe distance away before you start the engine again.

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WHAT'S GOING ON IN YACK?

We know from experience that All Mod Steel has one of the best community relationships with a village that Yackity Yak has ever heard of. The company run by Terri and Mitch has an incredible history of supporting local organisations and has been exceptionally generous to local groups. As part of All Mod Steel's corporate citizenship each year, they donate profits back into not-for-profit community groups in the broader region. A way of saying thanks and spreading the love for the support their business receives.

With COVID-19 testing our businesses and community groups to the very limit, Terri and Mitch have yet again come up with a great plan to assist our businesses who have been doing it incredibly tough with endless and unremitting lockdowns which have tested everyone's patience to the absolute limit.

This year they have continued to support community groups in the region but have decided to ramp it up for their hometown of Yackandandah. They have invited their customers to participate in a "Yack Cash" promotion that they will be running from September 2021.

From September to December every person that buys a building from All Mod Steel will receive a gift of a customised "Yack Cash" EFTPOS card with values of between \$50 - \$200. These are not VISA/Mastercards. These are a customised EFTPOS card that can be used only at participating

Yack businesses using standard POS terminals. Just like a Bunnings Card that you can only use at Bunnings!

All Mod's client base comes from Holbrook to Harrietville, Corryong to Corowa and everywhere in between. With regional travel the gold star choice at the moment, Terri and Mitch are expecting that this promotion will generate another cohort of visitors to our beautiful village and entice them to open their wallets a little further and support local Yack businesses. These cards can't be used for on-line purchases to ensure that Yack businesses reap the benefit of this. The cards will expire after 12 months so people will be encouraged to nip out between lockdowns to get out and use them quickly.

This is All Mod Steel and Terri and Mitch's contribution to the amazing Yack community this year, which has supported them so loyally this last 12 months. The total value of cards to 'be released' during the promotion is estimated to be around \$7,000 and if All Steel don't hit their sales target, they will do random 'hand outs' to release the balance of cards at the end of the promotion period. Participating businesses have been issued with a poster to put up in their windows and the project should start around the end of September 2021.

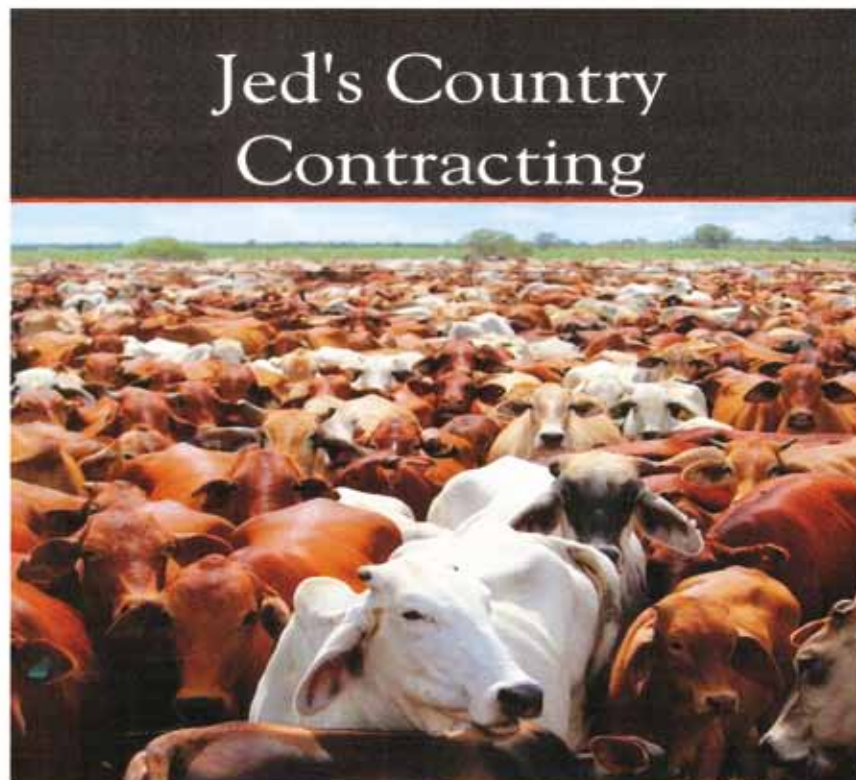
What a brilliant way for a local company to say thank you to the Yack community who have supported their business over the years, and a thank you to all Yack businesses for continuing to serve the amazing local community through this unbelievably difficult time.



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The Baguette Bandit of Yackandandah or The Tale of a Local Wag

Deep in the doldrums of lockdown fatigue,
Contact tracers out of their league,
Faces like concrete, all a-frown,
On every citizen, in every town.

Then manna from heaven, bread of mystique,
A clever ruse ~ 'très magnifique!
An intrigue, debated on every verandah,
Was visited upon our Yackandandah.

First there was one, then appeared two,
Pretty soon a whole flamin' slew!
Like the virus itself, it quickly spread.
Where did the bandit get all that bread?

Baguettes in the open, baguettes indiscreet,
Baguettes on the roadside, baguettes on the street,
Baguettes surreptitiously on various verges,
A baguette from someone's mailbox emerges!

Their appearances were weirdly ghostal,
Half the town was going postal.
Soon Facebook comments caused quite a congestion,
As every citizen had a suggestion.

Were they woman, were they man,
Or gender oblique ~ a different plan?
And what was the impetus for this saga,
Just a lockdown loner and too much lager?

Some suggest we follow the crumbs,
To discover from whence this ninja comes.
But others say let them remain unfound,
This bread stick guerrilla, this baguette hound.

And once it began, did others join the fray?
Is it a reincarnation of the YRA?
Is an out-of-town business causing a fakery,
To counter the local brand-new bakery?

Are there clues in each baguettes' placement,
The position of droppage, the angle of facement,
Directing us, like a conductor's baton,
To where the arty dropper came from?

And what would complement this gifted bread,
Olives and cheese, or lemon curd spread?
Will the baguette fairy grant these wishes,
Or after the loaves, do then come the fishes?

Now what's next... baguette songs, baguette races,
Baguette duels at eleven paces,
Baguette fashion, baguette dances,
Baguette jewellery... what are the chances?!

So, here's cheers for this timely distraction,
From covid angst and lockdown inaction.
Whether one or many, who knows the truth,
If the Banksy of Indigo was themself out-sleuthed?

And was it all a mere bagatelle,
The trick for which so many fell,
And will we ever get a gander,
At the Baguette Bandit of Yackandandah?

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Yackandandah Writers



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YACKANDANDAH COMMUNITY INITIATIVE DURING COVID LOCKDOWN

In March 2020 with the introduction of COVID-19 lockdowns in Victoria, the Yackandandah Community Centre (YCC) led the establishment of the Yackandandah Community Initiative (YCI), a group made up of the town's leading organisations, community networks and groups. YCC took on the role as the lead agency to establish and coordinate regular Zoom meetings of the group.

The concept was to create stronger, and more readily accessible, connections between the organisations so that the Yackandandah community could work together, rather than individually, to identify and cater for the needs of all people in our community. At the heart of the concept was the need to develop ways of maintaining contact and connection between community members during the lockdown stages. Our focus was on reaching out, in particular, to vulnerable people, those with limited or no digital skills and those living on their own or the elderly. For example, we were able to find links to elderly or vulnerable people through existing help groups, and with the assistance of the local supermarket we promoted free grocery deliveries. Our aim was to empower a cohesive community approach to ensure everyone was able to access the help they needed on every level.

The organisations involved in the group included:

Indigo Shire Council - Community Development Officer and individual councillors, Yackandandah Country Fire Authority (CFA), Yackandandah Community Development Company (YCDCo)-This community owned company runs the local service station and hardware store., Yackandandah Men's Shed, Yackandandah State Emergency Service (SES), Yackandandah Chamber of Commerce, Yackandandah Lions Club, Yackandandah Primary School, Totally Renewable Yackandandah (TRY), Member for Indi - Helen Haines, Yackandandah Post Office, Indigo North Health, Beechworth Health, Gateway Health, Arts Yackandandah and Yackity Yak (the local bi-monthly newspaper)

Our initial aims or ideas included connecting with vulnerable or isolated people, developing a register of vulnerable or isolated people, creating a volunteer register, creating and distributing a communication flyer, YCC website - creating an

Ideas and Volunteering Portal as well as presenting COVID-related information, assessing the need for and coordinating food deliveries, medical - mental health, health checks, Indigo Shire - liaise with the shire's *Call Connect* program, create a What's Open register for businesses still able to trade, considering entertainment and creative outlets, initiate a parcel collection service, developing an I'm ok/I need help system, Indigo FM (our local radio station) - community information, considering broader networks to link with.

A key outcome of the project was the establishment of a lasting collaborative group which could quickly be called together in a crisis. It would have the capacity to meet in-person during non-COVID times. Zoom sessions were held weekly initially. And from those sessions key goals were agreed which directed our action. Through collaboration we developed a number of projects for the benefit of the community.

Volunteer Hub and Ideas Portal - The YCC website (www.ycc.org.au) was redesigned to create a Volunteer Hub where community members could register their willingness to, and in what capacity, they were able to assist. The website was also redesigned to create an Ideas Portal where people were able to identify community needs or propose initiatives which could be addressed by YCI.

Business Listing - With the assistance of the YCI group, YCC developed a listing of all the businesses in the local area which were able to provide services or products during the stages of COVID-19 lockdown. The concept was to provide community members access to all goods and services available to them in the local area, which helped support local small businesses. With the assistance of the Yackandandah Post Office, 1,200 hard copies of the list, printed by YCC, were distributed to mailboxes in the area.

Yack Chat - YCC established a live-to-air, radio talk-back program, *Yack Chat*, in collaboration with Indigo FM, aimed at giving community members access to discussion and information. It addressed a YCI concern that many people, especially the isolated and elderly, had limited access to digital technology and communication channels. It was proposed that a radio talk-back show would be a familiar vehicle for people to connect with a presenter

for discussion or information. With the help of a local technology firm, YCC acquired the equipment needed to enable live-to-air discussion via phone on Indigo FM. It was the first time the station had live-to-air talkback via phone. The YCC manager and committee members stepped in to take on talk show host duties when it was discovered COVID restrictions barred others from entering the building. Yack Chat will continue post-COVID lockdown in the form of podcasts which explore diverse and interesting topics which relate to Yackandandah.

Hand sanitiser - The Yackandandah Lions, with the assistance of the YCI group, purchased bulk hand sanitiser, decanted it into small bottles and distributed to various locations around Yackandandah. At the time supplies of hand sanitiser was very limited in retail outlets. Prices were also escalating at an alarming rate. The concept was to provide hand sanitiser to Yackandandah residents, free or for minimal cost to ensure access to the product for all.

Post-COVID - YCI met following the easing of COVID restrictions to discuss the future of the group. The meeting agreed YCI had been a very worthwhile collaboration which had provided a number of key benefits to the Yackandandah community. It was decided to maintain contact to ensure the structure is in place to recall the group as needed.

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Over the years YCC has adapted to community needs and the organisation is again looking at how it can best serve Yackandandah people. The Committee of Management has embarked on updating

YCC's Strategic Plan and as part of that process it conducted a community survey during August. Chair, Bill Dee said the survey was an ideal way for community members to have their say about how YCC best meets their needs and aspirations. He said responses to survey questions would help inform decisions for developing a new YCC Strategic Plan, which will guide the direction of the organisation and what it offers in coming years.

"We distributed 1,200 printed copies of the survey to all mailboxes in the area as well as making it available online," Bill said. "It is really important that we understand how and why people connect with YCC, what are the community's needs and are we meeting them, services that are needed, what education opportunities people want, and how relevant our website is to people's needs. We also wanted to know what values and traits people expect of YCC when we engage with the community, and if there were other resources people need."

Mr Dee said responses would help shape the way YCC engages with the community and inform

choices for programs, activities and resources developed by YCC for the community. "One of the features of the responses was the lack of understanding by some responders to the YCC's brief and its resources as evidenced by their suggestions," he said. "The committee has decided, as a result of this feedback, to better communicate YCC activities and available resources, such as through the website. We have also initiated a new YCC notice board at the front of the Yack newsagent



YCC chair, Bill Dee with the new YCC Notice Board in front of the Yack Newsagent. Photo credit: David Thorpe

which will give us a place to promote what the centre does and upcoming activities. This is in addition to the website information, and it assists those who are not digitally connected."

Mr Dee said while two thirds of respondents indicated YCC met community needs, the committee would take on board suggestions for improvements to ensure the organisation remained in sync with community need. He said in general respondents were asking for a broad range of educational opportunities, increased community information sources, improved accessibility, social connection and interaction. Other ideas included the provision of advocacy services, community lunches and intergenerational gatherings, support for carers, youth activities, ideas sharing forums and support for local businesses.

"It should be noted that both in 2020 and the year to date, that COVID has played havoc with scheduling and running courses and events," he said. "The committee also notes that some other organisations are now providing courses/workshops previously conducted by YCC. Another challenge in this digital age is that many courses are readily available on You Tube. Matters that will be taken into account include the availability of suitable experts, whether there are better alternatives, costs of the course and overall community support for the course."

Mr Dee said the YCC committee was determined to develop a new Strategic Plan which ensured the organisation's future goals are relevant to community needs and aspirations. "By having goals which match the community we are then able to develop ways to achieve those goals, to ensure we are serving the community in the best way we can. Yackandandah has a very unique community; I'm really looking forward to the YCC Strategic Plan helping us all get the most out of our fantastic community."



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Action for Afghanistan

On 15 August 2021 heavily armed Taliban fighters took control of the Afghan capital Kabul, bringing down the government of President Ashraf Ghani. The final collapse of the 20-year western mission to Afghanistan took only a single day as Taliban gunmen entered the capital. Despite Taliban leaders claiming that the organisation has changed, there is a great fear that the Taliban will reimpose the harsh rule of the 1990s. Current reports of violence and murder legitimise this fear.

Spurred on by the news of the Taliban regaining power in Afghanistan, and conscious of Australia's involvement in the war in Afghanistan, a small group of Yack residents have been meeting online to discuss actions that we can take to support the Afghan people.

For some, this has meant sponsoring a Humanitarian Visa for an individual or family to escape Afghanistan. Five families are currently being sponsored by Yack locals, around 20 people. We are working with the local branch of Amnesty International and Rural Australians for Refugees and taking this step as a community. If any visa is successful, we will fundraise to meet the requirement of paying for the airfares to Australia. This is a long journey for the people sponsored, even if they succeed in securing a visa, they still must find a way out of Afghanistan in a highly chaotic situation.

As well as our local networks, we are fortunate to have a personal connection with a small not-for-profit foundation based in Sydney, the Hope and Wish Foundation, that is working directly with Afghan people to help sponsor refugee visas and offer wide ranging support to refugees in Australia, Afghanistan and other countries. They have local knowledge and prioritise women, single mothers and those from the historically persecuted Hazara ethnic group.

As well as sponsoring visas, there is a desperate need for people to contact the Australian government to call for greater action. If you feel moved to raise your voice on this issue, please contact your representatives and convey the following message:

- Commit to an additional humanitarian intake of at least 20,000, prioritising the most vulnerable Afghans, similar to Canada's announcement on 14 August 2021, and similar to Australia's response to the Syrian conflict in 2015 (commitment is currently around 3,500).

- Expedite the resettlement of Afghan interpreters, guides and other personnel involved in Australia's mission in Afghanistan.
- Grant permanent protection to Afghan refugees, predominantly the historically persecuted Hazara ethnic groups, who are currently on temporary protection visas in Australia, or are in immigration detention. (More than 4,200 Afghan nationals are living in Australia on temporary visas.)
- There are many Afghan people stuck in transit nations where they are illegal immigrants with no right to work or seek government support (including Indonesia and Malaysia). Their visa applications need urgent attention.
- Grant amnesty to all Afghan nationals in Australia who fear returning to Afghanistan.



*Women and children walk along the Nadir Khan hilltop overlooking Kabul.
Photo Credit: Rahmat Gul/Human Rights Watch*

- Prioritise the family reunification visas of Afghan-Australians, including those who are prevented from reuniting with their families due to a government ministerial directive that requires the Department of Home Affairs to de-prioritise family reunion of hundreds of Afghans in Australia.

Australia has been part of the US forces in Afghanistan for 20 years and we have helped them rebuild their country, but this has left them vulnerable to reprisals from the Taliban. The stories of atrocities committed by the Taliban are now widespread, even if we don't see evidence of this from media in Kabul. Many people who have worked all their lives no longer have a job and have no way to provide for their family. Women are in a particularly vulnerable position; many have lost jobs, are single parents and can no longer support their family.

If you would like a list of MPs to contact, are interested in being a sponsor or would like content for a letter (or to discuss other ways you can help) please email michelletcroker@gmail.com

A few ways to help:

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Indigo Shire Libraries now have a seed library too

This is a free resource aimed at encouraging people to grow healthy food and getting more people active in the garden. It's easy to participate – come in to the library and 'borrow' some seeds, grow them, save some and return your saved seeds so someone else can benefit from them. Donations of seeds are also welcome.

What's on

Check out what's on at Indigo Shire Libraries by visiting www.indigoshire.vic.gov.au/Community/Libraries/Whats-On-at-our-Libraries or by picking up a brochure in

the library. There is always something interesting coming up!

Online resources

You can take advantage of your library membership at home by checking out our online resources. Borrowbox allows you to read ebooks and eaudiobooks on your own device. Beamafilm gives you access to hundreds of free documentaries and indie features. *Ancestry.com* library edition means you can begin your own family history research.

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THE HAPPIEST MAN IN TOWN

Herman lived in a comfortable house in a quiet street and had everything he thought he needed to live a happy life. That is until one day he realised he was lonely. He didn't stop to talk to people, and no one bothered to speak to him. Herman was an artisan, a blacksmith. He took pride in his work and could make anything out of iron. He had learnt the trade from his father, who had learnt it from his father, and he was still using the same workshop on the edge of town that his grandfather had built. Then, one day when he bent down to pick up a tool, he felt a sudden pain in his arm. The Dr told him if he didn't stop working his bellows, he would risk a serious heart attack.

The warmth of the fire from his furnace on a cold winter morning was a joy to Herman. How could this not, be part of his life? He loved it just as much in summer. Working alone he decided, was why no one bothered to talk to him. If he had to change jobs, he needed to think of one where he could meet more people. Herman thought long and hard about this, and then one morning, it hit him, right fair and square in the middle of his thoughts as he made his toast for breakfast. He would become a baker. The warmth of the oven would bring him the same joy that his furnace did, he liked rising early, and he could sell the bread in his shop and meet lots of people. He would become a man who everyone wanted to talk to.

Herman realised he would have to learn how to make bread and cakes to become a successful baker. Two years he gave himself to learn the trade. He set about converting his smithy into a bakery, turning his furnace into a wood-fired oven. Hard work never bothered Herman, and every day he practised his recipes. Then the day arrived, he was ready. There were many ways he could do this. First, he could post an advertisement in the local paper telling the village that Herman the Baker was ready to open his shop. Or, he could open his shop without the fanfare, people would come, or would they? To be honest with himself, Herman was not overconfident in any of his plans. What had he got himself into? The moment of truth, was he capable of baking goods that people would buy? He thought there must be some way to find out without anyone knowing what he was planning.

Lying in bed that night, he couldn't sleep. He lay quietly, thinking and thinking until he sat bolt upright and whooped so loud, he thought he might wake his neighbour. He liked Rose and the ritual they had sort out over many years of living next door to each other. Every morning they left their homes at the same time to go to work. Never a single word ever passed between them, but every morning they looked for each other and

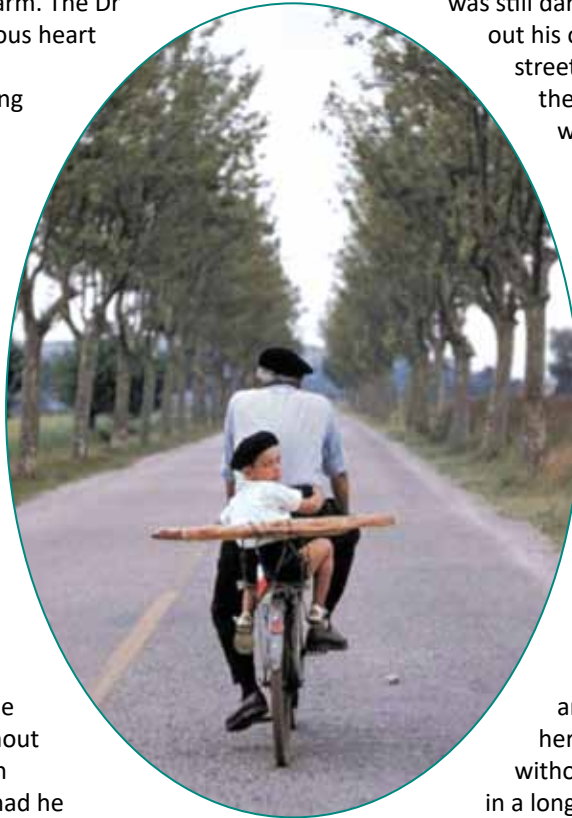
waved. The following morning, Herman baked something special, a French baguette. That evening he wrapped it in brown paper and left it on Rose's front porch.

The following day he left his house and waved to Rose, just as he did every day. He stopped, looking for a sign. Before waving back, she too stopped, then hurriedly got into her car and drove off. Well, that didn't work, he said to himself. He needed to expand on his plan and he baked more baguettes and an almond croissant. Then, while it was still dark and not wanting to wake up the townsfolk, Herman pulled out his old bicycle and, loading it with his goods and set off through the streets. His first stop was to Rose's house, where he carefully placed the croissant in her letterbox. Then he stopped in front of an old weatherboard house he had always liked, on footpaths, on the main road into the town, on a driveway, one after another he offloaded his breadsticks until they were all gone.

That afternoon when he was buying his steak for dinner, as he did most afternoons, he saw a shopper showing the storeowner a breadstick he said he had found on his footpath, someone must have dropped it he said. The store owner shook his head and told the man he didn't sell bread like that. Herman was pleased and so he baked more baguettes and delivered them incognito to his neighbour's houses again the following day. After that, the whole town started talking about the beautiful French baguettes popping up in the most unlikely places. It was time to take the next step.

He waited for Rose to leave for work, he thought to himself he didn't even know where she worked. Then, although he was not good with words, he did the next best thing and waved a breadstick at her. This made Rose laugh, and instead of waving back, she walked towards him. He offered her the baguette, still without speaking a word. She accepted it without saying a word and bringing it toward her nose while drawing in a long breath, she savoured the irresistible smell.

That was enough for Herman, and he blurted out his plan to open his bakery. Rose was intrigued and said she would help him if he wanted. In fact, she told him, today was her last day working as a cook at the hotel. Herman and Rose became partners and opened their shop, "La Baguette". Herman made lots of friends and became the happiest man in town.



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In this challenging time when we're facing so many hardships in responding to the COVID pandemic, I'm committed to working with you on this great challenge of climate change as well. In the middle of August, 230 of the world's leading climate scientists issued the most distressing report yet. The world is on track to reach the 1.5 degree of warming threshold in the 2030s - a decade earlier than previously thought. In Indi we see the impacts of climate change. That's why I called on the Government in Parliament to stop the excuses and take action now to reverse the trend.

I was proud to speak up on behalf of young Indi residents who are wearing the costs of decades of inaction. Young people like Charlie Paterson, Lachlan Sands, Cheyane Vaughan and Jessica Patterson - the school captains from Benalla P-12 College who led a climate protest in May with community members of all ages. And Declan Thomas from Yea who's leading an Indi Youth Advisory Panel to advise me on issues like climate change. I am proud to take the fight for our young people's future to Parliament. That's why I'm fighting for the Local Power Plan that would supercharge the transition to renewable energy and make sure that regional communities aren't left behind. And it's why I was proud to second Zali Steggall's push for net zero emissions by 2050.

The leadership shown by the young people of Indi stands in contrast to the actions of the Prime Minister. Even in the face of the urgent report from the IPCC, he's failing to act to protect regional communities like ours from the harshest impacts of a changing climate. In Question Time I asked him why he would not show leadership and commit to net zero by 2050. His answer showed he doesn't hear what is being said by many across regional Australia, including the young people of Indi.

The Prime Minister's response could not be more in contrast with what I see in Indi every day: young people and older people working together to take action on climate change, fighting each day for climate change to be taken seriously. Bringing solutions. Showing innovation and leadership. And I will fight too. Every day, every hour, for real action and leadership on climate change.

*Dr Helen Haines MP
Independent Federal Member for Indi*



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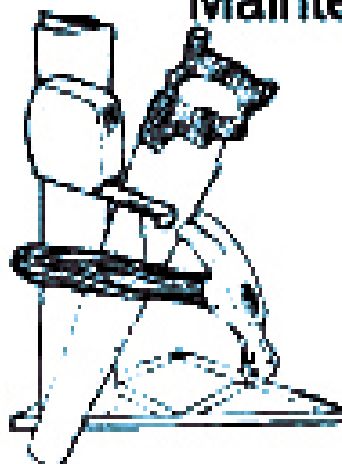
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Voices for Indi Story

It started with a small group, meeting in a side room at the Wangaratta Library to talk politics in June 2012. Now, almost ten years later, the Voices for movement has produced three independent MPs, and 'Voices for' groups in every state across the country, hoping to change the face of politics in Australia. The story of that meeting of community members to a movement across the country is set to be told in a book, the definitive story of the journey that has led to breaking the shackles of party politics in Indi and beyond.

The book will cover the journey from that first meeting where the local grassroots community group Voices for Indi was formed, determined to improve representation in the Australian parliament and to encourage more people to get involved in their democracy. To have their voices heard. The book, to be published next year, will coincide with the 10th anniversary of the first tentative meeting convened by Cathy McGowan, that ultimately led to a change in who and how Indi is represented. It will go behind the scenes of three successful, history-making federal elections, as well as detailing the campaign ahead of the next election which is due by 22 May next year. To help fund the production of the book, Voices for Indi have launched a crowd-funding campaign at <https://chuffed.org/project/v4ibookfunder>



Putting the people back into politics

Today, there are close to 38 'Voices for' groups in electorates across the country, inspired by Voices for Indi and what has been achieved with our two federal independent MPs, Cathy McGowan and Helen Haines. With growing dissatisfaction of mainstream party politics, people are organising kitchen table conversations to share and hear the views of others in a respectful way and for some, to identify community independent candidates to stand for election.

'Voices for Indi has always been a group that involves a community of people contributing and making decisions about their preferred future. This book is being written by a team of authors and contributors with a deep knowledge of what went on behind the scenes. It will be a story that our community participated in over the last 10 years' said Rob Carolane, the current convenor of the group. "The contributing authors are volunteering their time to work on the narrative, but funding is needed to produce a quality book that does justice to a remarkable story that has changed Australia's political landscape".

Cathy McGowan wrote a compelling personal story last year, including her experiences as the Independent Member for Indi, but there's even more to share, and who better to tell the definitive story of Voices for Indi than the people involved?



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INDIGO SHIRE COUNCIL Business Support Program

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into aggregated themes, from there developed into effective programs, plans, policies and advocacy with the most demand. Each interaction under this approach builds a detailed profile and plan that is used to develop solutions for every business in the Shire. Direct surveying informs qualified and aggregated insights into particular areas of the local economy and on specific business types that go on to help curate programs as diverse as facilitated training sessions, online resources and forums and group networking events, for example.



Congratulations to Indigo Shire for this award from LGPro. We have to confess that even after reading it twice, we were none the wiser about the project or its outcomes... sorry! Ed.

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YACK & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

While the recent lockdown halted business as usual at the Museum, behind the scenes has been a hive of activity. Realising the need to step out of the past, the YDHS has instigated several new projects embracing technology.

Mark Greal, Committee member and ardent supporter of the Historical Society, has been working during lockdown on a search engine specifically for our data base. We are looking to form a team of people supporting Mark with indexing items from the collection. This project is not ready to start yet, however if any YDHS member or anyone in the community, is keen to participate, please contact the Museum, and we'll be in touch. Mark will provide all the information needed if you are interested in joining this worthwhile community team. (See contact details below.)

Our Museum is noted for the varied and informative exhibitions that we stage and our current display, "From Top to Bottom," has been wound down making room for our newest exhibition. If you haven't already visited the Museum to view the hotel display, you can still read about the first and the last years of operation of The Star, The Yackandandah and The Bridge Hotels.

In staging our exhibitions, we are keen to show some of the 10,900 items in our collection, and with this in mind we bring to you a display that you can see and hear: "Filling our homes with music – a small sampling from our collection". This will show four sources of music which may have been heard and played in Yackandandah homes, two instrumental and two recorded, all from our collection. Sheet music will include "Daisy's Birthday Album," "Roses of Picardy" and a Jack O'Hagan melody "I've been wasting my dreams over you." An Edison cylinder player, a number of cylinders, as well as a Columbia 78 player and records will be part of the exhibition, and sound



Joyce Leitch (who died on 22nd July 2009) with the nose flute, which is from our Collection and in the current exhibition

recordings of several pieces of sheet and recorded music are included. One very curious musical instrument is a nose flute, donated to the Museum by local, Joyce Leitch.

Another very special exhibit we have currently on display at the Museum is the Staghorn Flat Honour Roll (re-creation). The board hung in the Staghorn Flat State School building from 1918-1969 and after the building ceased to operate, it eventually made its way to the Yackandandah Museum for safekeeping.

Mr Ian Touzel, a volunteer at the Museum, began the project to reconstitute the board which featured thirty-three photographs of the men of Staghorn Flat who enlisted and served in WW1 as well as separate portraits of five soldiers who did not return. Ian was assisted in his work by Mr Alf Sutherland, a veteran of WW2, who organised the restoration of the original frame. After Alf's death in 2015, Thelma Buchanan, who had conducted research on behalf of the Historical Society, consolidated and clarified the earlier work by Ian and Alf, leading to a definitive list of the men on the roll being established. The extensive work done by Thelma incorporates a brief profile of each of the soldiers and their stories come to life by using the QR code dedicated to each soldier.

Our third display, to be held in conjunction with a Cemetery Walk (scheduled for 7th November), is 'The Men of the Bullock Hide.' To celebrate the



Coronation Celebrations Committee, 1902

Coronation of King Edward V11, a Yackandandah Festival Committee was formed and photos of the twelve men were displayed in a frame made from a bullock hide. It was the same beast who donated his hide, which was feted to become the roast dinner enjoyed by the whole town at a feast held at the Recreation Reserve (now the golf course) as part of the festivities. The complete story of this remarkable community event can be viewed in the Museum along with the restored photo frame. Many thanks to Nancy Sluga for repair work to the original photo.

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Volunteer Jim Ralston hangs frame for new exhibition aided by Nancy Sluga

UPCOMING EVENTS

CEMETERY WALK #14 – 7th November, 2021 at 2pm, meet at the Cemetery gates (subject to COVID restrictions). The walk will feature the Men of the Bullock Hide. If you don't know the story of the Bullock Hide, this will be a fascinating way to discover this unique part of Yackandandah's history.

The YDHS Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday, 15th October, 2021 (pending COVID restrictions current on the date).

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Around the country, as much as here in Yackandandah, events have had to be cancelled or postponed but, thankfully, nothing can postpone springtime! When just weeks ago it was getting dark too early to finish jobs in the garden, we've now got extra hours to rake and mulch the last of the leaves, prepare beds for new planting or mow the grass before the next rains make it too wet.



Magnificent Prunus persica, the double flowering peach welcomes visitors to Yack

of which are native to Australia, the Golden wattle *Acacia pycnantha* being the most prolific.

Wattle seeds are eaten by birds and here in the northeast we have yellow-tailed black cockatoos, gang-gang, crimson rosellas, wattletbirds (named for the 'wattles' on their cheeks), fairy wrens, honey eaters and king parrots among others.

Spring Jobs

Once winter flowering shrubs such as camellia and quince have finished, it's time to start pruning to shape.

To extend the flowering show, it's time to sow annuals such as celosia, marigold, petunia and zinnia.

Azaleas, rhododendrons, magnolia and camellia should be fertilised to encourage healthy growth through the spring.

Time to re-pot any root bound indoor plants, wash the leaves and apply liquid fertiliser.

If you have a vegetable garden, plant or re-pot Mediterranean herbs such as thyme, rosemary and oregano for better spring and summer growth.

Refresh mulch after tidying up flower beds or around strawberry plants.

Plant gladioli bulbs at fortnightly intervals to spread out their blooms over summer and into autumn.



Wonderful Wattle - an early harbinger of Spring

Warmer weather, more sunshine and already there's been an eruption of blossom, cascades of white and pink, azaleas are pushing out their colours, magnolias are looking magnificent, irises, daffodils and tulips are nodding their heads and we've only just started.

Native wattle

Many will have noticed the plethora of wattle in flower at this time, though there are so many varieties that there can be wattle in flower throughout the year.

Worldwide, there are some 1,350 species, 1,000

Reg's Rain Report



2021	Millimetres	Days of Rain
January	128.2	8
February	63.8	4
March	55.6	8
April	6.2	4
May	98.4	9
June	106.2	12
July	190.6	20
August	59.8	11
Sept to 16th	69.4	5
TOTAL	778.2	81
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From Jill Whitford

'WOOLLY BEAR HERO' *Grevillea lanigera*

I recently removed two overgrown straggly Grevilleas from my garden. My original choices had not been good ones. I spent years trying to keep these plants to a suitable height but they became woody at the base and not pretty so it was time to go.

I went to Peards and chose 2 small grevilleas, one was 'Winter Delight' which has proved itself elsewhere in my garden as a long flowering low growing bush to about 30cm height. The other was *Grevillea lanigera* 'Woolly Bear Hero'. The term *lanigera* means woolly and refers to tiny hairs on the leaves which make the plant very hardy to extremes of weather.

The Woolly Bear Hero referred to is Mary Hutton, who founded 'Save the Bears' in Perth some 25 years ago after she heard of the cruel practice of bear bile farming in Asia. Mary contacted various international animal welfare organizations and sanctuaries have been established in Cambodia and Vietnam for bears released from a miserable life of confinement in small cages while being subject to harvest of their bile through a tube into their abdomen. The sanctuaries have become a great tourist attraction and a source of employment for locals, not to mention the happy free life the bears now have. There still remain many 1000s of bears in captivity in China, their bile is considered useful in medicine, even though there is a synthetic form available.

Another practice Mary tackled were the dancing bears of India, the bears being led around by a rope through their nose and made to 'dance' when it was pulled. Mary gave these bear owners, who had no other means of support, money to start up a small business in exchange for the bear who was then released into a sanctuary, often needing veterinary treatment.

In 2009, Bill Molyneux, from Austraflo Nurseries, contacted Mary and offered to name a little grevillea he found in NE Victoria 'Woolly Bear Hero' and sell to raise funds for the cause. Initially the whole sale price went to Save the Bears, now a small proportion of each sale goes there.

It looks very similar to the Grevillea Mt Tamboritha, a worthy garden variety which flowers over a long period and forms a dense groundcover to a metre in width.



'WOOLLY BEAR HERO' *Grevillea lanigera*

(October 2021)

Always full of interesting reading and ideas, this month's issue contains suggestions for growing a passionfruit vine now that the weather is warming. They like plenty of sun. Tips include:

Select a fence or trellis, or even better a pergola



Passiflora edulis
- well known as
Passionfruit

Vines need to be protected from frost and wind.

Compost heavy soils for better drainage and water with seaweed solution.

where they can spread horizontally to maximise sun exposure.

Allow 6-7 m² for spreading growth, remembering they can be cut back each spring before taking off again.

A second plant as a pollinator increases the pollination rate.

The 'Ned Kelly' variety is best for our climate. (Who would have thought?!)



A great way to grow your passion fruit

Michael Metzger
Communications & Media Secretary

From
Gardening
Australia
magazine

As keen gardeners, Jack and I have planted a number of passionfruit over the years, and have found that Nellie Kelly is one of the worst passionfruits for suckering. Some 15 years after the main plant died, we still have infertile suckers running rampant through some of our shrubs and they appear to be completely indestructible! Please use caution when choosing your passionfruit varieties! Ed

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is a destination for visitors to see production first-hand, experience tastings and purchase bottles.

The tasting room sits alongside the production area, so while you're tasting the whisky and gin, you can also enjoy the aroma of a ferment bubbling away and the trickle of the spirit running from one of the stills (affectionately named Stillvester and Stillvia!)

Visiting the tasting room is also the best way to get your hands on a bottle of Backwoods internationally acclaimed spirits.

Recent awards include a silver medal at the World Whiskies for the Rye whisky, and another silver at the London Spirits Competition for the Rye whisky and High Country Gin. The Single Malt

backyard to produce small batch Australian Single Malt and Rye whiskies and a High Country gin.

Backwoods Distilling Co. was founded by Leigh and Bree Attwood in 2017. Both raised in

Myrtleford, they returned to the region with their young family after years of city-living, working and travelling. A love of whisky, science and craftiness soon evolved into a dream to open a distillery. Backwoods Distilling Co. is the culmination of this dream.

"We are passionate about creating high quality spirits that vividly capture the flavours of Victoria's High Country, and we aim to put Victoria on the map as a premier craft spirits destination," says Bree.

The distillery operation was set up on the Attwood's property until February 2021, when Backwoods moved to a new site in the Yackandandah township. Backwoods Distillery Door, located at the Yack Station Precinct,



The distillery equipment in the Production Area

whiskies sell out in record time, with travellers visiting from all over the country to secure a bottle.

You can visit Backwoods Distillery Door from Thursday – Sunday each week. Visit the website for open hours and to book for tasting sessions.

www.backwoodsdistilling.com.au

The Happy Baker

Michael and Terie Quealy have opened Yack's latest enterprise – the Happy Baker, a delightful artisan bakery which is located up at the Yack Station complex. Yack locals will have been the happy recipients of five practice bakes provided by Michael – to test drive his equipment and check out what the good residents of Yack are likely to buy! A great marketing strategy...

Michael had a sea-change of career at the age of 52 making the quantum leap from a director for Cosgraves Valuers to taking out an apprenticeship in baking with Lou at Silver Creek Sourdough. He has also spent four years working with Thor and Filippa of Nord Bakery in South Albury. With such credentials up his sleeve, Michael clearly won't go wrong in Yack.

The Happy Baker will be concentrating on sourdough breads, pastries – croissants, Danish, tarts and the like, plus sweet biscuits and seasonal goodies. The Bakery will initially be opening on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 8.00 am until sold out. And judging by the queues that the new business sees, Michael will be having some early marks as his produce moves like proverbial hot cakes! If the demand is there, Michael will look to being open four days a week.

Michael is using local trades and suppliers for his business, including his son Oscar who is working at Steel Road, Yack. He and his partner, Courtney, have helped Michael enormously – Oscar with the fit out

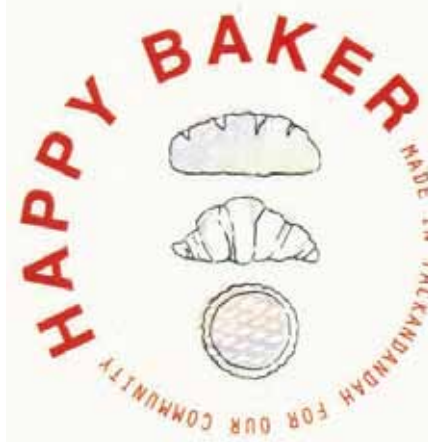
of the bakery, and Courtney who is driving the social media. The Happy Baker uses Australian sustainable and organic flour, and Michael particularly likes to use wholegrain.

He has a number of favourite recipes, but always welcomes suggestions from his customers.

The Happy Baker uses whisky from their neighbours, Backwoods Distillers, and Michael intimated that there is a café due to open up when things look up from the pandemic, so that will make the complex a great one to visit.

There has been fantastic feedback from Yack residents about the produce of the Happy Baker, clearly leading to many Happy Customers.

When asked about the mystery baguettes that seem to be flooding Yack and district, Michael said "Baguettes? No. I haven't heard anything about them at all..."



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Indigo FM Yackandandah has been ongoing throughout the nature of

lockdowns. Although presenters haven't been able to physically do shows during these periods, there is an ever-evolving playlist and podcasts of past shows to listen to.

Our regular shows and presenters - Chris with "Horn Chowder" (Wed 8:30am), Harvey with "Asleep at the Wheel" (Sun 2pm), Scott with "Everyone Deserves Music" (Sat 10-2pm) and the Yack Primary School crew (Mon / Wed 4-5pm) have been firing on all cylinders and producing some enthralling shows of late.

Yackandandah Primary School presenters Emma, Ada, Irena and Flynn are a dedicated bunch and are doing a great job, leading to them being featured on ABC Radio Goulburn Murray on Thursday, 23 September. Additionally, Emma, her sister Charlie and cousin Eadie decided to beat the school holiday blues by presenting an impressive one hour show on 21 September about Climate Change and its impacts as seen through their eyes. You can check out the podcast for this show via the link at the end of this article.

We're always keen to add more local shows to our schedule. They can be regular programs - as in weekly, fortnightly or occasionally. An example of the latter is Bron and Ange's recent show with a

duets theme.

Indigo FM is always keen for more presenters to join the evolving nature of this unique and local radio station. Getting your own radio show on the airwaves is easy. It's free to be trained as we like to keep it accessible to all AND it doesn't have to be music specific. One example we are currently exploring is a nature themed sound show that one of our behind the scenes volunteers (Nigel Jones) is currently exploring. Watch this space for more info on this innovative idea.

Recently we debuted a new presenter - Gary Browne with his show "Just Press Play". Gary has a background in community radio on the Mornington peninsula and describes his show as - soul/funk and blues with a little Appalachian spice!!! Sounds made to order for a Yackandandah audience if you ask me!

Other news is our annual Radiothon which will run throughout November at all sites. Yackandandah will showcase all that is unique about our great little studio on the 20th & 21st November in conjunction with the Lions Club Market. This event is a good opportunity for recruitment of new presenters, membership renewals and highlighting what Indigo FM is about and how it has evolved.

Subscribers will go in the running for some super prizes including a custom-made hat by Cat Leahy of Feather and Drum, gift vouchers for MEGAS / Musicaccessories.com.au in Wodonga, CC's Quality Meats & Smokehouse, a framed High Country

photo from acclaimed NE Vic photographer (and community radio folk legend) Kev McGennan, to name just a few.

Throughout the week-end various presenters will do shows, chat to individuals and community groups. Maybe you've got something you'd like to share on-air? Drop us an email at indigofmradioyack@gmail.com

All going well, the return of a familiar and much appreciated performer by the name of **Daniel Champagne is planning to do a concert on Saturday 4 December at the Public Hall.** Tickets are strictly limited and \$30 per head - see Daniel's website to purchase: danielchampagnemusic.com/shows.

Another place you can catch us is at the Yackandandah Women's Shed's Christmas Fun Fair on **Sunday 5 December.** See their report for details regarding that on page 26.

To view Indigo FM programs, you can check out the Yackandandah Program Guide here www.indigofmradio.com/listen/program-guide/yackandandah/

And to check out our podcasts, head to the site www.podomatic.com/podcasts/indigofmradio Enjoy tuning in on 88.0 FM Yackandandah

Bronwyn Howlett

RECIPE OF THE SEASON

LEMON POUND CAKE

Ingredients

250g unsalted butter, cubed, at room temperature (see note)
220g (1 cup) caster sugar
1 tsp vanilla essence
4 large (59g each) eggs, at room temperature (see note)
250g (1 2/3 cups) plain flour



3 tsp baking powder

2 tbs lemon zest

1 tbs lemon juice

Glaze:

1/2 cup icing sugar

1 Tbsp lemon juice, plus more, as needed

Method

Step 1 - Preheat oven to 170°C. Measure all your ingredients.

Step 2 - Beat butter in a medium bowl with an electric mixer until smooth. Add caster sugar and vanilla essence and beat until very pale (almost white) and creamy. Scrape down the sides of the bowl occasionally to make sure the ingredients are evenly combined (see note).

Step 3 - Add eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition, and scraping down the sides of the bowl frequently. If the mixture starts to curdle, stand the bowl in a sink of warm water, stirring constantly with a wooden spoon so the butter doesn't melt, for 15-30 seconds, then continue beating.

Step 4 - Sift together the flour and baking powder. Gently fold the flour mixture into the butter mixture with a spatula or large metal spoon until combined. Be careful not to over-mix or the cake will develop a tough texture. Add the lemon zest and juice.

Step 5 - Spoon the cake mixture into the loaf pan and smooth the surface with the back of a spoon. Smoothing the surface will help the cake rise more evenly.

Step 6 - Bake in preheated oven for 50-55 minutes or until cooked through. When ready, the cake will start pulling away from the sides of the pan and a skewer inserted into the centre of the cake will come out clean. Stand the cake in the pan for 5 minutes before turning onto a wire rack. Turn the cake the right way up and cool to room temperature.

Step 7 - While loaf is still a little warm, prepare the glaze by stirring together all the glaze ingredients in a small bowl, adding enough lemon juice to make a pourable glaze. Place a baking tray under the cooling rack to catch any drips and spoon glaze slowly over top of loaf, allowing it to drip down the sides a bit.

Notes -It is important to have both the butter and eggs at room temperature before you begin making the cake. The room temperature butter will transform to a light, creamy texture more readily when beaten with the sugar, and the eggs will incorporate more air and give a lighter texture. If these ingredients are chilled, the mixture will curdle when the eggs are added and can give the cake a heavy, coarse and uneven texture. The final texture of the cake will be affected by the type of beater/s you use. It is best to use a regular beater/s as opposed to a whisk attachment. The idea of beating the butter and sugar is not only to combine the two but also to incorporate air. A whisk attachment can be used but you will find that it won't beat the butter as vigorously and the resulting texture of the cake will be coarser and less even. Beating butter and sugar until almost white in colour also softens the butter enough to incorporate the eggs without the mixture curdling. If the eggs are added too quickly or as mentioned in step 1, if they are too cold, the mixture will curdle and in turn will affect the texture of the cake. Make sure you beat the mixture very well after each egg is added.

This recipe comes from Jane Grigson's "Book of Fruit".



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Really Fresh and still Unframed 2021...

Fresh & Unframed: It's back for 2021!

Friday, 29 October to Tuesday, 2 November, 2021

Opening night celebration Friday, 29 October, 6pm

Arts Yackandandah is super excited to welcome back our Fresh and Unframed art exhibition this year after a three-year hiatus.

A celebration of human creativity and community, Fresh and Unframed showcases artworks by current and emerging artists at affordable prices. This year's event will take a new direction, with entrants encouraged to enter works that reflect the theme, "To everything there is a season." The theme can be interpreted in any way the artist chooses and entrants vie for the \$500 Haldane Slatter Memorial Art Award as well as the People's Choice Award.

To enter your artwork in Fresh and Unframed 2021, download the terms of entry and an entry form at <https://arts.yackandandah.com/fresh-unframed/> or email helenmacalman@gmail.com for further information. Entries are due by 20th October, 2021 at arts.yackandandah.com/

Get in the mood at The Big Draw!

There will also be a free, community "Big Draw" workshop the weekend the exhibition to help the community get in the mood! No prior artmaking experience is necessary, just a willingness to join in and have some fun in a safe and supported environment. The Big Draw will be on Sunday, 24 October from 10am to midday in the Courthouse (Children will be permitted to attend in the company of an adult). Some art materials will be provided. Register for the Big Draw at events.

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HotHouse

In 2022, HotHouse Theatre turns 25!

Starting out as the Murray River Performing Group in 1979, for almost two decades MRPG created and presented extraordinary theatre, circus, cabaret and street performance. From the MRPG womb came two very special siblings - HotHouse Theatre and the Flying Fruit Fly Circus! Twenty-five years later, HotHouse Theatre is still a creative powerhouse, an adventurous producer and presenter of high quality Australian theatre, a centre for artistic retreat and development, and still best pals with our siblings across the river!

We are planning a bumper 25th birthday celebration and we can't wait to share it with you!

A chap goes to the doctor and says "Doc, I can't stop singing 'The Green, Green Grass of Home.'"
The doctor says "Hmmm. It sounds like you have Tom Jones Syndrome."
"Is it common?"
"It's not unusual..."

I Confess

I stalked her
in the grocery store: her crown
of snowy braids held in place by a great silver clip,
her erect bearing, radiating tenderness,
watching
the way she placed yogurt
and avocados in her
basket,
beaming peace like the North Star.
I wanted to ask, "What aisle did you find
your serenity in, do you know
how to be married for fifty years or how to live
alone,
excuse me for interrupting, but you seem to
possess
some knowledge that makes the earth turn and
burn on its axis—"
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nowadays. So I said, "I love your hair."

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Yackandandah Theatre Company 2021: Into The Future!

We may appear to have been quiet this year, but like the proverbial duck gliding across the dam we have been paddling fiercely under the surface.

At the end of 2020, Arts Yackandandah received funding from Regional Arts Victoria to transform 'Living Memory' and 'From Here to There' into radio plays for Indigo FM (to listen go to <https://www.podomatic.com/podcasts/indigofmradio>). We followed this up with 'A Clog in the Wheel' by Bev Lello, also on Indigo FM.

All the while we have been looking to the future and searching for a new show.

In 2020, The Yackandandah Writers Group wrote stories about Home for the Write Around the Murray Festival and after consultation we hatched a new plan. With the remaining

Regional Arts Victoria funding, we created a number of workshops (in between lockdowns) where these stories could be transformed into performance pieces for one or two people. Leisa Whyte, local drama teacher and playwright, was invited to share her experiences in creating work for the stage from Hothouse Theatre's Outposts and Celsius projects, where she was fortunate to work through the playwriting process with renowned playwright and dramaturg, Lachlan Philpott.

Through these workshops with some local writers, Bev Lello and Leisa Whyte we now have the rough outline of a show which we aim to stage in 2022.

What is it about?

The new show is about us. It is about those that come to live in this

valley and township. It's about the reasons we come here, the reasons we leave and, in some cases, the reasons we return. It will include poems, audio pieces, music, photos and of course performance (in the Public Hall, with food and wine!).

We are not sure what this should be titled. Can you help?

We have loosely called the piece 'Comings and Goings' or 'Arrivals and Departures' - but you might have a better idea. Send your ideas to arts@yackandandah.com or DM the Arts Yackandandah Facebook page.

Keep your eyes and ears open for the announcement of a performance. We'd love you all to come and enjoy the show.

Margie Gleeson, Leisa Whyte
and Bev Lello



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THE ARTS IN YACKANDANDAH

Sadly, the entirety of Arts Yackandandah's late winter/early spring program of events has become casualties of lockdown. A double bill of French films, a musical and poetry performance by Folk Festival alumni, Maja Puseljic, and two performances by the Melbourne Chamber Orchestra were cancelled due to ongoing lockdowns.

Arts Yackandandah is undeterred, however, and continues to plan artistic and cultural events for 'best case COVID scenarios', and to make plans to ensure great events take place in our community in the most COVID responsible way.

In place of the 'Young Mozart' performance by the MCO, Flickside screened the 1984 film Amadeus as an alternative way to honour his life and work. Although the screening was restricted in capacity, the intimate crowd was treated to the enjoyment of shared experience.

ARTS YACK ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Save the date - 14 October, 2021

The Arts Yackandandah annual general meeting is actually more of an annual general soiree. After the business of reporting on our year's activities is done, and a committee for 2022 selected, attendees are given the opportunity to showcase their creative chops and present a song, sonnet story or some other artistic spectacle. It all goes down on October 14, so to secure your place on stage or in the audience, send your RSVP to arts@yackandandah.com.

2022 will bring significant challenges, and the committee is looking for enthusiastic people who can help find new and innovative ways to bring creative content to our community. If that sounds like you, or someone you know, or you are curious to find out all about what Arts Yackandandah has been up to the last year, we want you there!

This year Arts Yackandandah will be saying farewell to Bev Lello, who has been a stalwart of the committee, a driving force in the Yackandandah Theatre Company and the founder and leader of the

Yackandandah Writers Group. Let me be the first to thank her for her years of enthusiasm, service, and dedication, without which the Yackandandah arts landscape would have been much barer.



In the short to medium term, Arts Yackandandah events will be navigating a fine path between the availability of touring artists, capacity of venues, and the ever-changing rules governing public gatherings. As such, events will be promoted with less lead time, so for the most up to date information, stay tuned to Facebook, the Arts Yackandandah website, our newsletter (check your 'promotions' tab in gmail), and posters in the street.

We look forward to seeing you at an event in the near future.

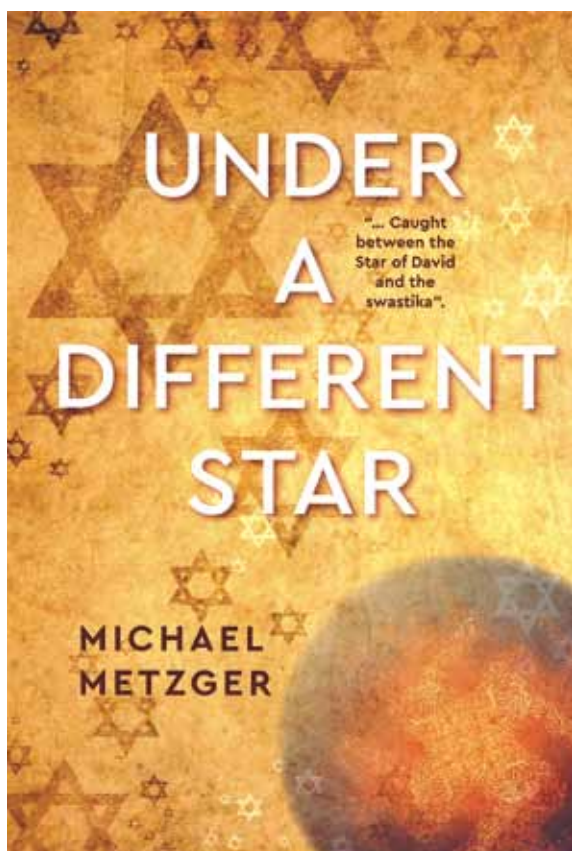
YACK WRITERS AT WORK

While opportunities for meetings have been curtailed, various members of the group have still been busily tapping away, giving free expression to their creativity. After all, what better way to capitalise on the additional hours at home?

Michael Metzger's new book *Under A Different Star* was released by Streamline Publishing on August 19, 2021 with the intention to stage a launch for the community. Instead, a Covid 'launch' took place on social media with an enthusiastic response from friends and family. Events in Albury, Sydney and Melbourne had to be cancelled, but the intention is still to have a 'meet-the-author' occasion with wine and nibbles in the Courthouse once restrictions are lifted and the calendar clears. Notices will be posted locally.

The book crosses genres of historical fiction and memoir, a family history set in Nazi Germany and ending on the other side of the world in Australia. The blurb describes it as "a compelling story of real people facing questions of perverse political ideology, unspeakable cruelty, fractured families and cultural dislocation."

Signed copies are available from the author or later at the public event scheduled for October / November, but may also be purchased from the Post Office, Newsagency, Beechworth Books or on-line.



POSTCARD FROM KAKADU

Hello to folks at home

We're many weeks into our travels and have just spent an amazing hour watching the crocodiles at a causeway called Cahill's Crossing in Kakadu National Park. From a safe lookout point we could see at least thirty very big salties. They're usually territorial and wouldn't normally tolerate another croc in their domain, but the causeway, at the tide surge, is a natural fish trap so there's food in abundance. We were marvelling at their steely semi-submerged bodies and eyes like two searchlights above the waterline, when we saw a fish leap. There was thrashing and twisting of a sinuous body, a view of cavernous mouth and teeth, and wedged in its elongated jaw was ...



'That's a weird fish,' someone said.
'No, it's not a fish ... it's a ... baguette.'
'It can't be.'
'It's gone.'
'Swallowed.'

Was it ... ? A baguette? This far north? Impossible...

Bev Lello



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To keep in the loop or for further details, please contact

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Yackandandah Women's Shed News

Yackandandah Community Centre has passed the management of the Annual Christmas Fun Fair over to the Women's Shed this year. Unfortunately, the event was unable to go ahead last December, but fingers crossed it will be full steam ahead this year!

The event will be held at the Yackandandah Soldiers' Memorial Gardens on **Sunday 5th December**. It will feature beautiful handmade gifts by local artisans and craftspeople, just in time for you to stock up for Christmas. We will be directing many of the activities towards the children with a variety of entertainers, culminating in a Fancy Dress Parade themed "Pirates and Fairies". We are encouraging the whole community to be involved and will be approaching the High Street Shopkeepers to participate (more info to come!). The ideas of "Buy Local- by Locals" and "Zero Waste" will be high on our agenda.

Lockdown has meant that many of our planned Women's Shed activities have had to be postponed this year, however we did manage to have a very interesting guest speaker last month, Karen Keegan, who spoke about the importance of making a Will. The amount of knowledge Karen was able to share with our group was gratefully received.

Our members had a fun and profitable morning at the Lions Club Markets where we cooked up a storm under the leadership of our own BBQ Queen, Jo Mitlehner. Thanks to all who helped out.

Earlier this year some of our ladies attended a Mosaic workshop mentored by Liz Serpell. There was so much interest that a group has now been formed to continue this activity on the last Saturday of the month at the Yack Jam Factory. Thank you Rex Little for allowing us to use your shed for our messy workshops.



Nicky making tote bags for the Christmas Fair

Cheesemaking with Marilyn Webster was another great workshop held recently where the participants learnt how to make haloumi, ricotta and feta. Thanks Marilyn... what a fun day!

The Men's Shed is working with us to present a string of workshops featuring the use of power tools and carving a wooden spoon. Thank you to the men who have offered their time, skills and patience!

The Women's Shed meet on alternate Fridays (9.30am-12.30pm and 2.30-5.30pm) and Sundays (10am to 1pm) at the Men's Shed Meeting Room.

The members have been busy sewing cloth tote bags to use at the Christmas Fun Fair. Lyn Henderson has done a fantastic job cutting them all out... a mammoth task. It has made things much easier now that we have been able to purchase some sewing machines from the YCC Grant that we were given some months back. We appreciate being auspiced by them.



Cheese making workshop

Our members will be busy in the coming weeks making a variety of gifts to sell at the Fair. We are always keen to have helpers. Even if you can't manage to come to our Meeting Days, one of us would be happy to show you what you can do from home if you are interested.

Like all groups we have struggled to keep the momentum going with so many lockdowns, but it seems we now have a keen core group of ladies eager to enjoy each other's company and learn some new skills.

Please email us for any information at yackwomensshed@gmail.com

Stay safe and keep busy.

Lynne Davies



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TRY Spring Round Up

As we've exited another lockdown and head towards the end of the year, hopefully with fewer lockdowns on the horizon (fingers crossed), the thought of getting together is both exciting and slightly anxiety inducing! TRY, like everyone, has been working away, mostly via zooms and phone calls, with face-to-face meetings where we can.

Even the community battery Yack01 has had to take its share of remote engagement: its commissioning occurred remotely with the help of some local technicians, as the battery manufacturer technicians were in lockdown in Sydney! The battery is now fully commissioned, storing energy from the solar array on the Agency of Sculpture roof during the day, and providing power to Indigo Power customers in the evening.

Now that the buzz from the Yack01 launch has



Clare chatting with the locals.
Photo Credit: J Milbank

subsidised, we've been working away at the 100% Feasibility Study, and it too is drawing to an end. The final report is drafted and we're about to let you know the outcomes, so keep a look out for our table outside the supermarket on the weekend, and posts on Facebook and the website letting you know when events are happening. There will

also be a survey and some focus group interviews too, with some TRY incentives for participation!

The federally funded Feasibility Project has been a big undertaking, with an investigation of Yack's energy consumption, energy generation, and growth for the next decade or two, all defining the options that we could take to reach 100% renewable energy. As part of that we can confirm that the solar installation density on Yack rooftops is now at 58%!! And we know what renewable energy percentage we're currently at... but you'll have to participate in some of the events to find out!

A project that slipped under the radar amongst lockdowns and the Yack01 launch is our new website. After many delays due to COVID-19, we have revamped our website with a new look, an events calendar (which is awaiting restrictions lifting), a blog, and a donation page. Check out the pages on the Feasibility Study and Yack01 community battery with all the info any school project could desire and coming soon will be more stories of the community on our blog.

And it's that time of year again, with the **TRY AGM happening on 13 October at 7:30 pm. Check out the TRY website for the AGM notice, nomination forms and RSVP link (responses due by 11 October). It will of course be by via Zoom again this year.**

<http://totallyrenewableyack.org.au>

Even though a few projects are drawing to a close, we are very excited that we have a few new ones popping up. So, keep an eye on our website or Facebook page and come and have a chat with us. It is good to get out once again!

TREES

Trees are vital on this Earth,
They come in many shapes and size.
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YACK LIONS CLUB

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

21st November 17th October 19th December



The Lions Club happily donate a free site to a Yack community group at each market. So if you're a community group wanting to do a fundraiser - this is a great way to do it. Please check what's happening via their Web page: yackandandah.vic.lions.org.au

BOOKING THE PUBLIC HALL OR COURT HOUSE?

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

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

The hire rates are extremely reasonable and haven't been increased for a number of years.

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

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As "bird nerds", Jack and I love the wide diversity of incredible bird life in and around Yack and the Chiltern Iron Box NP. We truly are spoilt for brilliant bird watching and also having the likes of Kelvin Schultz in our midst to document these birds in the most spectacular way.

Kel has very kindly supplied Yackity Yak with these great photos on the opposite page, and we thought that it would be fun to have a competition to see who can identify these glorious birds. If you can let us know what the names are of these birds, and as a tie-breaker, let us have a title for Photo 12, then you could be up for a \$50 voucher to spend at your community fuel station on produce or fuel (but not cigarettes!)

You can visit Kel's website at www.kelofyack.com where he has his magnificent photographs for sale.

BIRD IDENTIFICATION COMPETITION Yackity Yak - Oct/Nov 2021

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| Bird 3..... | Bird 4 |
| Bird 5..... | Bird 6 |
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| Bird 9..... | Bird 10 |
| Bird 11..... | Bird 12 |
| Bird 13..... | Bird 14 |
| Bird 15..... | Bird 16..... |
| Bird 17..... | Bird 18..... |

NamePhone No.

Title for Photograph 12:

Please submit your entry via email: yackity_yak@yackandandah.com or by post to: Yackity Yak, PO Box 188 Yackandandah VIC 3749. **The competition will close at 5pm on Friday, 22nd October 2021.** The winner will be notified by phone and announced in the Nov/Dec 2021 edition of Yackity Yak.

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Drop off of green waste will be free at the Beechworth Transfer Station (1620 Diffey Road, Beechworth) and Rutherglen Transfer Station (53 Cornishtown Road, Rutherglen) on the weekends of:

- Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th October, 1-5pm
- Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th October, 1-5pm

Green Waste includes: tree prunings/branches, leaf litter, lawn clippings and raw timber off-cuts and will be





Photo 1



Photo 2



Photo 3



Photo 4



Photo 5



Photo 6



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Photo 10



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Photo 12



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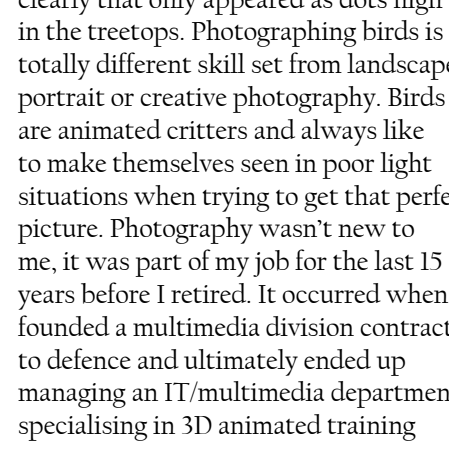


Photo 6



Photo 7



Photo 14



Photo 15



Photo 16



Photo 17



Photo 18

KELVIN SCHULTZ

My interest in bird photography really came about in earnest only about five years ago, however I certainly have bird photographs dating back many years. My wife Karen has always been my inspiration because of her interest in birds. She is my reference point in most cases when I can't identify a new bird. I often get asked bird questions, however it is Karen that should be the go to point, I just take the photos. I am learning all the time now but still can't quite match her knowledge.

This obsession actually started when Karen bought me a 150-600mm telephoto lens. This opened up a whole new world to me. I could now photograph birds clearly that only appeared as dots high in the treetops. Photographing birds is a totally different skill set from landscape, portrait or creative photography. Birds are animated critters and always like to make themselves seen in poor light situations when trying to get that perfect picture. Photography wasn't new to me, it was part of my job for the last 15 years before I retired. It occurred when I founded a multimedia division contracted to defence and ultimately ended up managing an IT/multimedia department specialising in 3D animated training

material on a national scale. Photography played an important part when scoping out projects.

Since retirement I am able to devote more time to this hobby and I always find an excuse to put the big lens on and visit new locations. When we head off in the caravan, wherever our travels take us I always manage to find wetlands or a renowned birding location; however, most of my photos are actually taken within 1km of home. Yackandandah is truly an amazing place for birding and wildlife in general. Lately I have been trying to get action shots just to take it to the next degree of difficulty. Thank goodness for digital cameras! It's not unreasonable to take up to 500 shots in one day.

Unfortunately, some days most photos can be rejected. Other days the success rate is extremely rewarding and that is what I bombard Yack folk with. Other days I remove the big telephoto lens, attach my macro lens and concentrate on fungi photography. This is nothing like birding, as most of the time is spent laying on the ground in some damp spot in a gully covered in moss and creepy crawlies.

As for the future, as long as there are birds to photograph, I'll be around somewhere snapping away.



HORSE RIDING IN THE REGION

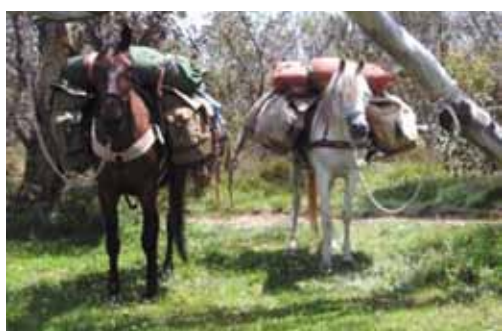
The best horse riding adventure - packing, riding, camping with your best horse, and your best friends.

I have always loved and had horses. Still do. My first horse I remember was a Hodgkin (Mighty Mitta Mitta Muster) broken-in Welsh pony, when my family lived in the Mitta Mitta Valley at Eskdale. My Dad was the Primary School Principal. Back then we'd walk, push a bike, or ride our horse to visit friends or go for a swim. You can guess which I took.

We followed Dad to wherever he was employed. When I was a teenager, he was assigned to Yackandandah Primary School, so I got to ride through this beautiful valley with my friends. It was nothing to ride around the gravel pits, or to Stanley through the forest, and ALWAYS in summer, to the Allan's Flat Waterhole.

I was fortunate that my husband and I, after a few years, found our way back to settle in Yackandandah running the Post Office. I immediately grabbed the chance, acquiring a horse (of course, my husband was overjoyed), and joined the Yackandandah Horseman's Association. Meeting liked-minded people was a great experience, and I began to enjoy trail riding and day trips into the Victorian high country.

Then! It happened! I discovered 'Packing'... My great friends Gary Carne and Geoff Seymour introduced me to a whole new world of horse appreciation. With guidance from Gary, I trained my own pack horse, and started to make made-to-specific pack saddles. There was no stopping me now. So many great adventures through the magnificent Victorian High Country. Dederang to Tallangatta Valley.



The Stockman's ride to 'The Man from Snowy River Festival'. Tom Groggin. Biggarra, The Domain, Bogong High Plains, Mt Sterling, Long Plain, brumbies, you name it. Exploring the Snowy Mountains and the upper reaches of the Murray on horseback is so beautiful. Especially when you bed down for the night in a hut, or in your swag with a campfire, a few samples from the

cellar, and a good old 'chin-wag' especially with the outrageous Glenda Hall and legend, Harry McAuliffe. It just doesn't get any better...

Actually... did I mention packing through the Kimberleys? What a highlight. Trundling through that great red rocky expanse and witnessing mind boggling Aboriginal Cultural sites. I cannot thank the guys at 'Diggers Rest Station' enough for showing us through. It was sensational, again shared with two great friends and a million stories to tell.

And then... My son Charlie was to marry... In Canada. I wasn't going to let this go by. I guess I have to admit it was my best packing trip ever. Two weeks in the Canadian hinterland on horseback, and yes, packing. The mountains were just magnificent, totally different scenery, with snow in summer, and bears, and wildflowers and... I could go on. I will never forget my friends at Tsylos Chilko Lake Pacific Ranges. I still keep in touch and always will.



I implore you never to forget. All this is right here, right now at YOUR doorstep. I was just a little girl, with a little horse. Once.

Vicki Norman

YACK COMMUNITY BOWLING CLUB

Members of Yackandandah Community Bowling Club are awaiting the lifting of restrictions to allow the new season to commence. A small number of events have been held over the winter months, but now the sun is shining we can hopefully swing into action soon.

Members of the community interested in the sport of Lawn Bowls are invited to attend our Beginners Sessions to be held Friday afternoons at 4pm. Bowls will be provided.

All members extend our congratulations and best wishes to our member Ray Melbourne on turning 90 years young recently.

We say a big thank to all our sponsors for your continued support.

A reminder to members of our community, our clubhouse with modern amenities and Bar facilities is available for hire. Please contact Wayne Furze for bookings on 0417 685 886 or email yackbowls1@gmail.com for further details.



Inside the upgraded Community Bowling Club - a great place for a party

Anne Corcoran, Secretary

YACK RIDING CLUB

Winter was a busy time for Yackandandah Rider's Club members. Aside from our normal monthly rallies, we held working bees, in-house dressage and jumping competitions.

Our grounds at the Sports Park received a makeover and we installed a fire pit/seating area which has already been put to good use. Groundworks were generously carried out by Mitch May Excavations and Nelson Macintosh donated our gorgeous, rustic bench seats. We feel very spoiled, and very grateful. We are now able to rest and warm our old, sore saddle butts! Our neighbours, the Scouts, have also been able to use the fire pit for campfire building practice. Special shout out to club member Eliza Goyne for bringing the project to fruition.



Enjoying the fire pit!

L to R: Jump Judge Jess Bertram, Eliza Goyne, Allison Pritchard (with back to camera). Sitting: Alison and far right - Club President Shaneen Mills



Louise Berg's memorial. Gone but most definitely not forgotten.

We commemorated the life of our former, long-time Club President, Louise Berg, a lovely horsewoman and well-respected member of our club. She passed away from cancer early 2019. We would like to assure her family that Louise is much, and well-remembered.

numbers and already have a waiting list for 2022.

Covid permitting, we are hosting a large dressage competition on 17th October, which will be a great day out - spectators welcome (hopefully!).

Donna Picton



Melinda Johnson and Solo competing in a recent show jumping competition.

Our club is going full steam ahead. We have reached maximum membership

YACK TENNIS CLUB

The Thursday night tennis competition is due to commence in October. I look forward to welcoming current teams & players along with new faces to join in a fun & social season.

We generally play 18 games during 2021/22 ending around April. For further information, please email Julie at jmkyack@bigpond.com

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Alas, the most recent lockdown has meant another halt to playing golf or using the facilities. This situation, however, presents the perfect opportunity to appreciate the course in all its glory if one cares to walk for the sake of exercise. The

M'Crystal, Greg Doughty, David Meehan, Ross Hillary, Pete Colee and Pete Billston volunteer many hours each week to ensure the course is in prime condition. Work carried out over the last few months has involved re-shaping several scrapes, oiling the sand,



The ladies 2nd tee under repair

magnificent gums that line the fairways are genuinely worth a visit, and they are also home to many nesting birds.

As we go to press, competition golf is not allowed under the current COVID restrictions. It is hoped that this will change soon, and the season can re-commence where we left off. In the meantime,

non-competition practice is allowed, and the members have welcomed being allowed back on the course to dust off the cobwebs. Please note that COVID restrictions are signed around the building for members and visitors alike and anyone using the course is reminded that you must check in using the QR Code that is placed around the clubhouse.

It is a good time to mention the work done by our ground maintenance team. The course would not be so pleasant to play golf or walk on if were not for the tireless work they put in. Led by Terry Glass, the team of Don Crosthwaite, Hugh

fertilizing the grass, re-grassing areas in need and not least of all, watering and mowing. We really do appreciate the effort and hours you put in.

Visitors are always welcome, green fees being \$15 for both 9 and 18 holes. Competition is open if you are an affiliated member of Golf Australia; ladies play Wednesday 9 for 9:30 am, and the men tee off on Sundays 10 for 10:30 am.

The Clubhouse is available for private bookings – please phone Marian Barnard: 0438 271 324

For more information, visit the YGC web page – golfclub.yackandandah.com
Email: yackgolfclub@gmail.com / FB: [Yackandandah Golf Club](https://www.facebook.com/YackandandahGolfClub/) / Ladies: chris.zerbst@gmail.com



Greg Doughty & David Meehan find the job's not done till the Jacobsen mower is given a good hose down

YACK TABLE TENNIS CLUB



Great facilities for the Table Tennis Club

Did you know we have a vibrant group of ladies and men who play Table Tennis in Yackandandah (when we are allowed)? The group comprises a diverse range of members; we have the old brigade and also a few spirited young men, as well as several fun loving ladies.

Yes, unfortunately we have been a bit hog-tied over the past few months, but regardless we are looking to expand our group. No level of playing

ability is required. You may have played on the kitchen table as a child or at your boarding house when you started work.

What sport can you pay \$2.00 for to be a part of? Apart from the table tennis activity, it is also a nice little venue to meet socially and to enjoy a cuppa. We would like to invite anyone who meets this criteria to come and join us.

The tables are erected at around 10.30 am each Monday morning at the Sports Park, in what is known as the Scout Hall at the Northern end of the pavilion.

Looking forward to seeing some new faces.

Our contacts are: Jan 0427 783 821, and Kath 0488 271 011



Socialising is as important as the table tennis!

LOOKING FOR A VENUE??



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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/>

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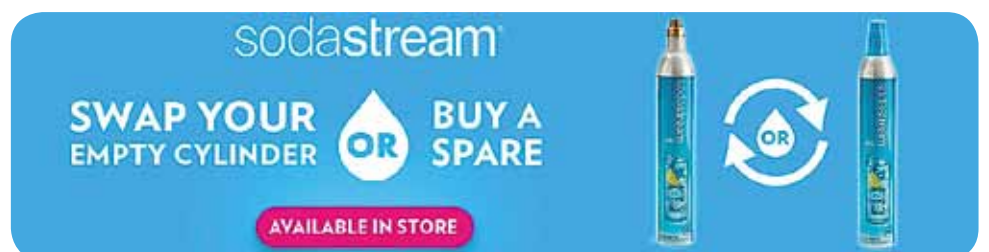
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