

## YACKANDANDAH CITIZEN OF THE YEAR 2022

### Carmel Kelley



Yackandandah Lions Club congratulates Carmel Kelley awarded Yackandandah Citizen of the Year 2022, in recognition of her ongoing services to the Yackandandah Community and the much needed and valued Yackandandah Community Christmas Lunch.

Carmel was raised in country NSW where at 16 she embarked on her first volunteering role. She wanted to attend the local B&S (Bachelors & Spinsters) ball, but you needed to be 18 to get an invite. Carmel took on the role of secretary for the Ball committee responsible for those invitations – guaranteeing her own invitation.

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## YACKANDANDAH LETTER FOUND?

Experts are analysing a letter recently found in a disused cellar in a Yackandandah shop.

“I really didn’t know there was a cellar” said the finder, who prefers not to be named in this article, “it was only that the floorboards had become a bit creaky, so I decided to take a look”. What was uncovered may shed light on a previously unaccounted period in the life of the infamous folk hero, Ned Kelly, whose whereabouts over a three week period in 1879 have baffled scholars now for over 140 years.

Those “creaky floorboards” proved to be a trapdoor which led down into a small cellar via a rusty, but otherwise sound ladder. “It took a while before I was able to explore it properly,” the finder explained. “I really wasn’t sure about that ladder and, of course, there were no lights, I doubt anyone had been down there since power came through. Also, there were spiders!”



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Yack is never afraid to put its best foot forward, and it was great to see people out and about on a lovely summer afternoon/evening, checking out the best of Yack’s community groups and organisations. It has been a long old two year slog coping with COVID-19 and all the restrictions it has put on our collective lives, so the chance to catch up with friends, neighbours and colleagues was too much to say “no” too, and there was a lot of chat going on. Some great entertainment, food and refreshments were also there for everyone to enjoy. Great to see the younger Yackites out and having fun again!

Congratulations to all the organisers and groups that put on this great event and thanks also to the Shire who found funding for it. It can be a lot of hard work for many people. Hopefully some of the groups will have recruited more members, and you can read the full article on page 7.



## Yackandandah On Show February 25, 2022

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## A RAMBLE WITH THE EDITOR

Another edition of Yackity Yak, and that bit closer to winter. As I write this I am looking out over a garden bright with roses and mauve New Zealand hibiscus, plus so much greenery for this time of year. It will be interesting to see if autumn and winter are as benevolent as the summer has been. Perhaps too much to hope for!

Things have freed up a lot lately, with restrictions almost gone although there have been more than a few casualties including the Folk Festival for the third year running. Great that they are putting on a day of festivities instead, but not quite the same... Arts Yack are busy getting lots of events up and running for Yack to enjoy and there should be something for everyone in the next couple of months.

The bike trail from the new roundabout at the top of the Yack-Beechworth Road is cracking on, and sadly has seen the pulling out of the flowering deciduous trees just on the entry to the town. Let us hope that the Council have something up their sleeve to replace them. The trees made a very quick departure after various Facebook posts... see page 29.

Lots to interest you in this edition. Our continued thanks to everyone who contributes advertising and articles. YY continues to be the envy of many a town and principally because of everyone's contribution to this great little paper.

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## YACKANDANDAH CITIZEN OF THE YEAR 2022

### Carmel Kelley

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After moving to Yackandandah, Carmel took on the treasurer role at the Yackandandah footy club in 1984 – their centenary year. While the club had a ladies committee responsible for running the canteen, she was the first female on the football club committee eventually becoming the insurance officer. As her children became older she took on a range of roles (treasurer, president, vice-president of the netball / night netball committees). Many years later she returned to the football committee for another stint as treasurer.

While her involvement with the football/netball club committees continued, Carmel also setup an under 3's weekly playgroup which operated at the Church of England in Church Street involving about 10 families, providing an opportunity for the preschool kids to play and socialize and their parents to have a support group. By the end of the year, the playgroup had raised enough funds to purchase an instant gas hot water service for the Church updating the need to boil a kettle for all hot water needs.

Carmel's volunteering ran parallel with her kids' activities. After the playgroup she took on the treasurer role at the kindergarten for several years, then she moved on to minute secretary for the primary school then school council president. Her term as school council president was memorable as she was responsible for handing out graduation certificates to the year six students, including her eldest. Carmel also spent time on the Scout committee in addition to taking a lead organising the 7-8 Debutante balls in Yack-between 2002 and 2013.

Carmel recalls that the idea for the Yack Christmas Lunch started with a conversation among friends over New Year drinks in 2016. Discussions centred on what Christmas might look like as they aged with children living away. Carmel's mother had said that if all her kids were too busy on Christmas Day that she "would just stay at home and have a ham sandwich". Carmel decided that should she be in that situation she would prefer to spend Christmas Day serving lunch to others. A number of the ladies present said they'd love to be involved in something like that and a seed was planted for a Community Christmas lunch.

Carmel had worked with Rafferty's Catering and his workers over many years through the football club and organising the local Debutante Ball, so she approached John Thurgood to gauge his availability, and cost, to provide the main meal. She mentioned the idea to his workers, Sam & Jono,

who immediately offered their time and services.

It is Carmel's experience that once you have a band of willing workers it's not too difficult to make things happen. She got in touch with Indigo Shire to find out about grants available to fund the lunch. They connected her with Anna Mackinlay (Beechworth Health Service) who provided invaluable information and support, as well as assisting with funding. Carmel recalls Anna's words of encouragement "If you only serve one person on Christmas Day that's one person who isn't home alone". That was the purpose – to have people feel they could share some time and a meal with other people on what can be a very long and lonely day for some.

It was unknown how many would attend the inaugural Yackandandah Community Christmas lunch in 2016 so Carmel and her team catered for 100 people. That first year 48 people attended so they not only got a hot lunch but were provided another meal to take away. The first year was a learning experience from which much was learned, and changes made in subsequent years. Sadly, Carmel's mother passed away in the September prior to the first Christmas lunch. She would have approved.

In 2017, 80 people came to the lunch followed by 62 in 2018 then almost capacity in 2019 with 92 attendees. Then COVID hit in 2020 and it looked like the lunch might not be able to proceed or proceed with limited numbers. Following a RSVP process 37 people attended a very relaxed event. Insisting on an RSVP worked well, and it was decided to do the same in 2021 when 65 attendees were able to be accommodated when COVID restrictions were eased at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour. There are some locals who have attended every year. Others come every 2<sup>nd</sup> year which is what you intend to expect with young families alternating between both sets of parents.

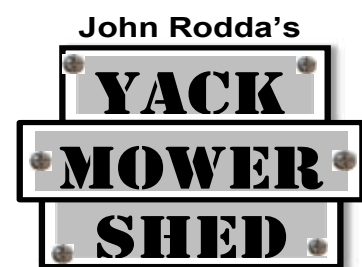
Every year the team of volunteers – Sam & Jono (Rafferty's), Denise & Wayne Maybury, Jenny Anthony, Fiona Greiner, Jack Kelley – have turned up and made this event happen. Each year others have joined in to help either set-up, serve on the day, or clean-up. It's heart-warming to see people just pitch in and do whatever is needed, no questions asked. Carmel is extremely grateful for all the volunteers who have committed to providing this ongoing annual event. She feels blessed that her family have supported her need to put their Christmas on hold to make this day possible for others.

Over the six years since 2016 Carmel has received amazing support from individuals and local businesses and cautious about naming entities in case some are overlooked, she would like to acknowledge just a few in Rafferty's Catering, Yack Lions Club, Yack Primary School, YCDCo, Yack Holiday Park. WAW Bank have sponsored the lunch twice and Shire grants have supplemented when funds were dwindling. There are others not named that have all been wonderful. The continued support from all these sources ensures that the community Christmas lunch will be able to be run the following year.

Carmel feels extremely humbled, and honoured, to have received the Yackandandah Citizen of the Year 2022 Award. She gets tremendous satisfaction from seeing the gratitude on the faces of those attending the Christmas lunch, plus everyone has fun on the day!

The Yackandandah community has benefitted greatly from Carmel's service over the years and deserves recognition for her dedication and drive to assist where needed and improve the lives of others where she can.

Thank you Carmel.



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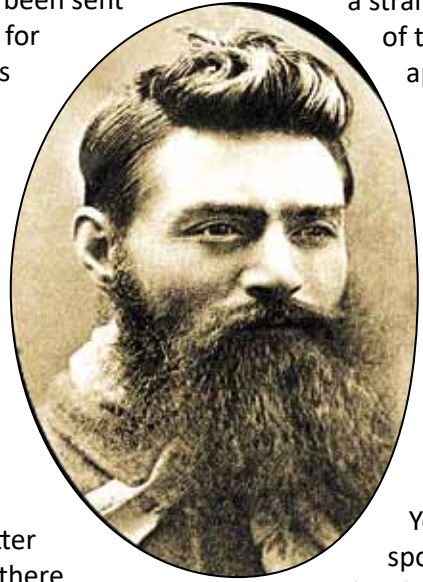
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a strange sequence of these pies appearing on roads and fences in the late 1870s, in the Racecourse Road area, around the time of Ned Kelly's "missing" weeks.

Your correspondent will be closely monitoring developments in what could prove to unearth a previously unknown link between the infamous bush-ranger and our town.

Anyone with further information, even legend or gossip, about Ned Kelly's time in Yackandandah is invited to contact your correspondent via Yackity Yak.

All discussions will, of course, remain confidential.

Yackity Yak can reveal however, that the letter may have included a recipe for a type of pie/quiche hybrid, thought to have been first brought to Australia from Ireland by Mrs. Grace Kelly.

This is significant because of

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CRYPTIC CROSSWORD #4 Compiled by Bill Buchanan

**CLUES**



**ACROSS**

- 1 Bank ledger shows joint account (5)
- 4 Fourth play division confuses date to put in motion (9)
- 9 To lose big money promises problems (7)
- 10 Union movement is followed by a railway assessor (7)
- 11 Involvement in this could harm your health (4)
- 12 The chef starts pickling every scallop to make the sauce (5)
- 13 Eye problem in the past year? (4)
- 16 Howzat? (6)
- 17 Beautiful canyon has nothing for us (8)
- 20 According to the story, the mother has a persistent twitch (8)
- 21 Norwegian blue longing for the fiords! (6)
- 24 Osculation comes from broken winter sports gear (4)
- 26 Shortened street leads to meeting place (5)
- 27 We take responsibility after extreme operation (4)
- 30 Went swiftly back with speed to talk about (7)
- 31 Short of support hold empty help for daring act (7)
- 32 In a material way, large vehicle reverses the position (9)
- 33 Mopes about romantic lines (5)

**DOWN**

- 1 For stealing fruit, restraining order is placed on rotter with nothing to say! (7)
- 2 Standard length has weight first (9)
- 3 For example, good spelling encourages progress (4)
- 4 Extreme adventurer circumnavigates all points in reply (6)
- 5 Old engine used to treat broken leg (8)
- 6 Number the squares to do this (4)
- 7 Stoat is hunted for breakfast! (5)
- 8 Loch with no water - monstrous aridity! (7)
- 14 Dared to be terrified (5)
- 15 Another profit? (5)
- 18 Align the East with mixed hot drink (9)
- 19 One underscore (8)
- 20 Thank the monarchs for the business returns (7)
- 22 In this state, oxygen and nitrogen get regular bonus (7)
- 23 Oddly true, doctor the French roll (6)
- 25 Quiet massage in the bush! (5)
- 28 A bit of gin knocked back! (4)
- 29 Dogs feet trampled stinger (4)

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## MR. FIXIT

Like so many other members, the Brigade's 5<sup>th</sup> Lieutenant, Glenn "Salty" Mailey, has brought his own set of skills and knowledge to the Brigade. As Salty, a fitter and turner, says one of the reasons he joined the CFA in 2015 was that he thought he had a lot of "technical know-how of equipment" that could be handy for the Brigade. As indeed it has been. As well as his role as 5<sup>th</sup> Lieutenant, Salty is also the Brigade's asset maintenance officer; our "Mr. Fixit Man."

Other reasons why he joined the Brigade was to be part of a community group and to meet more people. "When I first moved to Yack in 2002, I joined the local footy club as a way of getting to know the locals," says Salty. "I did that for two years, in the reserves for one year, and then as a trainer for another year. But the only local people I really knew were through football."

Salty has been impressed with the Brigade's *esprit de corps*, or camaraderie as well as the time that many members, including former captains, put into the Brigade and their commitment. "Being in



Lt Glenn "Salty" Mailey

the Brigade has given me more confidence in talking to people in the community because you know them," says Salty. "Also, when you are wearing the uniform, people look to you for

advice and help, to start the process of what needs to be done."

Incidents that "stick in his mind" included instances where first aid has had to be administered (such as motor vehicle accidents) and the Buffalo Valley fires in 2020. "With the Buffalo Valley fires we were out at night, and it was very interesting to see how it all works," says Salty who is in his first term as a lieutenant. As for his ambitions within the Brigade and the CFA, it's "to be there to help others and to learn."

Salty, who is 57, grew up in Wantirna South in south-east Melbourne which, back then was still very "country" with apple orchards and the like. As a kid he had a range of part-time jobs including selling chico rolls at VFL Park (now Waverley Park) at Mulgrave when he was 12 years old. His secondary schooling was through Knox Technical College, followed by an apprenticeship with Repco (PB Industrial) as a fitter and turner. In 1985 he joined the army as a fitter and armourer and in his 11 years with the defence force had postings in Hobart, Brisbane (with the 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion) and from there got posted to Cambodia with the United Nations in 1993. From there he went to Darwin and then got discharged out of Melbourne. He worked for a short time back in Wantirna South but "got sick of suburbia" and moved to North East Victoria in 2001, initially to Wodonga before moving to a 2.2ha block just on the outskirts of Yackandandah.

For close to 20 years Salty has worked as a fitter and turner for a defence contractor (initially Tenix

but now Ventia). He has two daughters, Nancy, 16, and Tess, 14... plus a golden retriever "Sally" and a three month old whippet "Slappy."

And as to how he earned the nick-name Salty, that harks back to his army days "when my sergeant thought I looked like Salty the Pirate in the old whiskey posters as I always had a beanie on and a dirty face on bush exercises."

## Burning off safely

With the lifting of the Fire Danger Period restrictions, people may be wanting to burn off piles of garden waste or branches/leaves before winter sets in. However, every year we do get called out to burn-offs that have got out of control. To help ensure this doesn't happen:

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

More information at <https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/how-to-prepare-your-property/burning-off>



Time to check/clean your chimney or flue

flues. Each year CFA firefighters responded to some 150 chimney fires; fires which can quickly turn into house fires.

Have chimneys professionally cleaned annually to avoid the build-up of creosote – a highly flammable black tar-like residue – that can clog chimneys. Creosote is not only caused by general use, but can also build up quicker if you are using incorrect fuels, such as green wood or treated timbers. Check for creosote build-up or obstructions by shining a torch up the chimney/flue if possible.

## END OF DAYLIGHT SAVING AND SMOKE ALARMS

The end of daylight saving (Sunday, April 3) serves as a reminder to check you have a working smoke

alarm. Check the battery and if the unit is more than 10 years old. If it is the unit should be replaced.

Tips:

- Smoke alarms should be installed in bedrooms and all living areas, where most fatal fires start.
- Each month, test smoke alarms by pressing the test button.
- Each year, vacuum all smoke alarms to clean the vents, and change batteries in any 9 volt battery-operated alarms.
- After 10 years, replace smoke alarms regardless of the type.
- Get a smoke alarm powered by a 10-year lithium battery so you don't need to change the battery every year.
- Consider installing interconnected smoke alarms, so that when any alarm activates, all smoke alarms will sound.

For more information go to [www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/smoke-alarms](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/smoke-alarms)

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



Brigade member April Padbury talks about fire

The Brigade was one of several community groups that took part in the successful and well-attended Yackandandah Community groups on Show event on Friday evening, February 25. It was great to see our local

community come together to check out the various displays and stalls and learn more about what the groups offer and how to become involved.



The Brigade's Community Education and Information officer Brin O'Brien chats with Marijke Mascas.



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# YACK ANDANDAH WOMEN'S SHED



We have started the year off with some great workshops and many new members. The special "Yack On Show" event held recently generated lots of interest from ladies wishing to find out more about our group. Committee members had the opportunity to show our community the types of workshops and activities we are planning for the year. It was also a good opportunity to find some locals who were willing to run talks and workshops for us.



Recently we had the long awaited "Using Hand and Power Tools" safety and theory talks. These will soon be followed by some 'hands on' sessions where participants make a timber bird house. Many thanks to Steve Henderson from Yackandandah Men's Shed, for his well thought out

presentations. We have many keen ladies looking forward to learning how to use tools safely and productively.

A Wet Felting workshop by Albury artisan, Vivien Naimo, was another fun activity recently completed by a group of six ladies. They each made a felted poppy brooch for ANZAC Day and a felted pod that is both functional and decorative. It seems that they are now very interested in doing another workshop to make beautiful hand felted scarves. Vivien has also agreed to running further workshops on a Saturday for those members who work.

We are delighted to welcome a group of Yack Health residents to our meet ups. We wanted to offer these ladies a place at our table where they can join us for a chat, afternoon tea, a game of cards



*Felting with Vivien Naimo*



*Making felted poppy brooches for ANZAC Day*

Recently we cooked up a storm at the Lions Sunday Markets and we have

or to perhaps learn a new craft. This will commence over the coming weeks.

As a group we like to involve ourselves in many Community events.

been asked to cater for the upcoming Anzac Day Community Sing-along to be held in the Public Hall.

happy for members to pop in for as long they as want. Bring a project you may be working on... patchwork and crochet were happening on my last visit and a group of ladies were learning how to play Rummy-O. It was lovely to hear laughter and chatting... this is what Women's Shed is all about!

Upcoming activities for the Women's Shed are Hand Building Ceramics, Plant Propagation, Patchwork for Beginners, Silk Screen Printing, How to Change a Tyre and How to Reverse a Trailer.

We are also looking into some fun social activities and day trips. Please consider joining us, we are a friendly group of women who wish to extend the hand of friendship to all ladies in our Community.

You can contact us by email: [yackwomensshed@gmail.com](mailto:yackwomensshed@gmail.com) or visit our Facebook page Yackandandah Women's Shed and.... SOON TO ARRIVE..... our exciting web page full of information!

*Lynne Davies*

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What happens when you assemble a group of people from very diverse backgrounds who have different skill sets, to help organise a community event? I would imagine you'd get something along the lines of Yackandandah on Show - a free Community Comeback get together, funded entirely by Government Grants for bushfire recovery in communities like ours throughout the state, administered by Indigo Shire Council.

The working group for this event went through several phases over its time with Council staff members and some committee members tasked with overseeing its implementation changing several times. Finally, after much debate, it was decided we would hold an event in Yackandandah

which would be accessible to everyone, would involve local community groups and sporting clubs and include children's activities as well. Whilst Chloe Powell, Indigo Shire's newest Events Coordinator would have overall control, she made it clear as did her predecessors, that it was up to the community-based committee members to decide the format and design the event from the ground up.

Several locations were considered, with the same site as the Lions Club Sunday Market being the preferred choice for its proximity to the centre of town and ease of access for stall holders. Members approached people in local organisations to see if they wanted to be part of the festivities as we wanted the evening to have a party atmosphere, where those new to town could find out what local organisations were available that may be of interest to

them in Yackandandah as well as serving to remind others of their existence. Stall holders were encouraged to decorate their street sites in colourful and interesting ways. Children's entertainers, The Ladybirds, were engaged to provide entertainment for the younger locals, along with face painting and fishing games. Stefan from Scoop 21 proved very popular given the rather humid evening, doling out his delectable ice cream and the hard-working volunteers from Yackandandah Primary School, were kept very busy feeding the assembled multitude with delicious food throughout the evening. Those seeking a nice cuppa and something sweet to munch on were also well catered for by the good folk from Yack Senior Citizens. Beechworth Bakery kindly donated bread and rolls for the food, North East Water provided their water fountain trailer and free reusable water bottles, Kiewa Milk

donated a heap of flavoured and plain milk for the tea, coffee and scone making and Billson's Brewery donated cordial for mixing with the water.

ISC Councillor, Diane Sheppard, delivered the Welcome to Country and officially opened the event. Live music was also provided in the rotunda at the Memorial Park by an all-local line up of musicians featuring Geraldine Hall, Forgotten Land and the Indigo Creek Band, which kept everyone tapping their feet and saw some very enthusiastic dancing from some young ladies from the audience. Things concluded around 9pm with loads of positive feedback being received by committee members. Thank you to everyone who took part for helping to make Yackandandah on Show the success it was.

Craig Ramsey

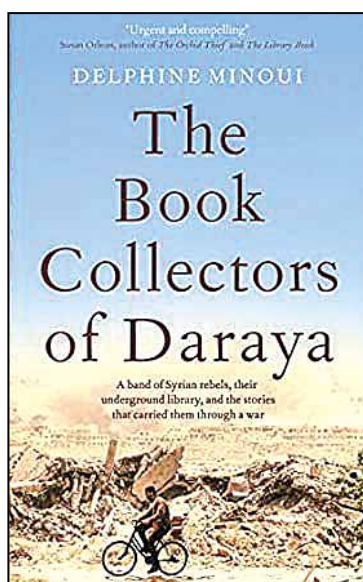
## THOUGHTS ON A LIBRARY

We are so lucky to have a library here at Yack and with the Swift facility, we can access books from so many other libraries. You just go in and mention a book title or author and our helpful librarians will do their best to locate it for you.

I have just finished a book obtained this way called *The Book Collectors of Daraya*, which tells about the siege of Daraya in Syria in 2012, when the dictator government of al-Assad brutally besieged and destroyed the town with bombs and chemical gas.

In this man-made hell, a group of Syrian rebels collected books from bombed out homes and created an

underground library which helped sustain them mentally. They faithfully recorded the name and address of the owner of each book inside its cover, hoping to return it when peace came.



This book is a testament to freedom, tolerance and the power of literature and reinforces my appreciation of our library and the value of books.

And now we also have a little library at 8 Hammond St,

courtesy of Amnesty International local branch where you can borrow, donate or exchange books.

Jill Whitford

## HOSPITAL GIFTS TO OUR HOSPITAL WORKERS



A big thank you to everyone in Yack who recently supported the voluntary gifts of biscuits, cakes, nibbly things and tea and coffee etc. to go to our incredibly hard working hospital workers in both Melbourne and Wodonga.

The organiser of this, Mary, still has a basket to deliver to our local Wodonga hospital. Mary specifically wished to thank and acknowledge Paul Brunec and the staff at Foodworks for their support and for making it possible to collect the donations, together with David Thorpe at the Yack Community Centre for his support.

There are approx 150 + staff in the Emergency Department at the Royal Melbourne Hospital and they were so very grateful. Susan Harding, Nurse Unit Manager in the Department of Emergency Medicine at the Royal Melbourne Hospital said "I thought I would take the time to thank you all for your very thoughtful donations. I have attached a photo for you to share. Please pass on our sincere thanks."



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Some great news for Yackandandah! TRY is set to partner yet again with Mondo on a nationally relevant solar and battery offer. Yet another little 'tile' in the cool mosaic of energy transition taking place in Yackandandah.

The launch will introduce Yack residents and businesses to the opportunity to participate in a 'virtual power plant trial' - Project EDGE. And actually, there are already 43 homes with batteries in Yackandandah participating in an initial phase of the trial. A virtual power plant (VPP) is a collection of properties with renewable energy generation, storage and smart energy control. When done well, VPPs can bring great results for the battery owner, the electricity network operator and the function of the electricity market.

A broader goal of Project EDGE is the effort to build a two-way and dynamic

energy system that can absorb progressively larger volumes of renewable energy into the National Energy Market.

Project EDGE times in nicely for Yackandandah as we set to implement the findings from the recently completed 100% feasibility study and as we set forward on the goal of 100% renewable energy. The clear learnings resulting from the study are that solar panels, batteries and smart controllers are the most powerful platform to achieve a 100% power supply.



The recent Project Edge launch in Yackandandah

EDGE trials are set to occur from August 2022 to March 2023 and support will include an increased subsidy for homes eligible for a Solar Victoria battery rebate as well as purchase discounts and payment for participation in the trial. Equally businesses will be eligible for subsidies and participation payments.

Homes and businesses with batteries have the potential to dramatically increase the proportion of renewable energy they use each day by charging the battery during the day and then using that power on site each evening. At the same time, batteries provide a back-up supply in readiness for outages and emergencies. And crucially, all this helps reduce carbon emissions to help avoid the worst effects of climate change.

You can learn more by visiting the Project EDGE website and keep your eye out for an event coming to a public hall near you real soon! [www.mondo.com.au/EDGE](http://www.mondo.com.au/EDGE) Expressions of Interests can be placed at this website and be sure to reference TRY in your submission!

Matthew Charles-Jones

## YACKANDANDAH SCOUTS



Scouts taking in the sunset from Monument Hill, Eldorado

### Scouting as strong as ever in Yackandandah

Scouting in Yackandandah is as popular as ever, with fun and outdoor adventure the name of the game. The group is currently made up of 60 youth members, supported by 11 adult leaders from in and around Yackandandah.

Scouting is all about putting the needs of young people first in a program that adapts to change. Despite numerous COVID-19 restrictions imposed over the last couple of years, the Yack Scouts have still managed to undertake some incredible camps and adventures, achieve major awards, make new friends and create what are sure to be life-long memories.

As many people in our community already know, Scouting encourages children to participate and lead adventurous activities from as young as five years old. Joeys, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers are all taught that its okay to make mistakes as they challenge themselves and work out how to be successful in adventures and in life. The older they become, the more responsibility they take for themselves and



Joey Scouts hiking in Mt Beauty

others.

Over the last year, camping trips have been held in Wilson's Prom, Eldorado, Elmore, Bright, Beechworth, Gembrook, Caveat, Mt Beauty and Lake Hume with some amazing activities including hiking, sailing, mountain biking, abseiling, surfing and fishing all featuring on our travels.

Over the recent summer holidays our Scouts and leaders attended VicJam in Elmore, which ran in place of a full nationwide Jamboree. VicJam involved 10 days of incredible activities and entertainment for our Scouts in what was a life-changing experience.

This follows an equally exciting event held way back in April 2021 for our Cub Scouts, Cuboree X. Yackandandah sent along 16 Cub to Cuboree, which was the largest contingent in the region. Joined by over 3000 Cub Scouts from across Victoria, it was a truly memorable event for the Cubs and leaders.

Disappointingly in late 2021, our equipment shed was broken into and some valuable items stolen (for the first time in the group's history!). However, in a truly incredible display of support, the Yackandandah community responded by purchasing hundreds of raffle tickets to help our fundraising to cover the cost of

replacing our stolen items. Fortunately, we also had a local winner of a major holiday prize when the state-wide raffle was drawn!!

In a further show of community support, YDCO has also very generously provided sponsorship for the purchase of



Cub Scouts learning how to sail at the Albury Wodonga Yacht Club

a new equipment trailer for the Scout group, which will be an invaluable asset for us for many years. Manufactured locally by NELMAC Engineering, you'll no doubt see our new trailer travelling the region in the coming months.

We're always looking to welcome new members into Scouting, so if you're interested in trying out in any section of Scouting from Joeys through to Venturers you can contact our group via [gl.1styackandandah@scoutsvictoria.com.au](mailto:gl.1styackandandah@scoutsvictoria.com.au) or 0410 220 595.

Joey Scouts (5-7yo) – Thursday 17:30 – 18:30  
Cub Scouts (8-10yo) – Thursday 18:30 – 20:00  
Scouts (11-14yo) – Monday 18:30 – 20:30  
Venturers (15-17yo) – Wednesday 19:00



Cub Scouts setting off on a bike hike at Bright

## NDIS Plan Managers

Congratulations for our wonderful team for a fun 7.5km walk in the City2City event held on 20th February from Albury to Wodonga. Great fun and for a great cause. Thanks for our amazing super7 team members for being supportive in this local community event and had a great achievement!

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# YACKANDANDAH CEMETERY TRUST

## Energy for Life - Recharging the Cemetery Long After Your Battery Goes Flat

The Cemetery Trust is thrilled to be a recipient of the Indigo Shire Council's 2021-2022 Community Sustainability Grants Program. The \$8,000 funding allocation will contribute towards the Cemetery Trust's 'Energy for Life' Project. The project scope includes the installation of a 5kw Solar photovoltaic and battery storage system on the cemetery grounds maintenance shed to charge battery operated grounds maintenance equipment and power tools.

Many within the community would be aware that the Yackandandah Cemetery has no supplied or generated electricity on site, and relies solely on fossil fuels to power all of its maintenance equipment and generators. Trust Member Paul Anderson said "It's been an ambition of the Cemetery Trust is to support the shift toward a

more mindful relationship with energy, building climate change resilience and joining others within the community to help mitigate our climate emergency".

Guided by Totally Renewable Yackandandah, the project will reduce greenhouse gas emissions and enable more energy efficient maintenance equipment to be procured and used by Trust members, volunteers, and contracted maintenance staff. "The new equipment will be lighter, quieter, safer, and more efficient. The Trust is really excited that this transition can now commence". Mr Anderson said.

The Trust has also recently completed a number of other significant maintenance tasks on the cemetery grounds. Parts of the storm water draining system has been placed underground, particularly in areas most susceptible to overland stormwater erosion. And more work is planned to help mitigate

the damaging impact that severe weather has on the cemetery grounds. Trust Member David Lerch said "the works recently completed also make a significant impact on the safety of the site by removing erosion hazards". The Trust is extremely grateful for the work that Graham Britton from GSB Constructions has done installing the underground drainage system.

A number of large tree stumps have also been removed courtesy of Maurice Dunstan from Albury Tree and Stump Removal. The stumps had presented a hazard for some time and were an unnecessary obstacle for grounds maintenance equipment. Trust Member Ian Jenkins said "the equipment used by Maurice was magnificent to see in operation. The stump grinder was very time efficient, and it certainly was an impressive solution for our problematic stumps".

*Paul Anderson*

## YACKANDANDAH'S HUMANITARIAN SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE

The world has watched on with disbelief and horror over the last four weeks as the scale and cruelty of Russia's invasion of Ukraine seems to be plumbing new depths with each passing day. During a time when there is no shortage of bad news stories, between COVID and flooding in Queensland and NSW, it has been incredibly heart-warming to see members of the Yackandandah community raise over \$4,500 in humanitarian aid for some of the worst affected cities across central and eastern Ukraine. With cities such as Mariupol completely cut off in a medieval style siege, where there is no longer access to water or electricity and very limited supplies of food, the Russians forces went as far as to shell a maternity hospital in the city – which seems unthinkable barbaric, but that kind of inhumane terror is becoming a mainstay of the Russian tactics in the war as they are stalling militarily.

While aid organisations such as the Red Cross have largely been forced to retreat to the relative safety of Lviv in the west, community volunteer groups in all the major cities are working tirelessly to get food and medical supplies to displaced civilians who've lost their homes and their families due to the indiscriminate destruction that the Russian forces are throwing down on Ukraine. It's these groups that generous donations from the Yackandandah community have been supporting, in Dnipro, Kharkiv, Sumy and Mariupol.

I remember the first time I encountered Ukrainians, studying in a university in eastern Germany, with strong ties to Ukraine and Russia,

about 30% of all the students were from Poland, Russia or Ukraine. It was 2015, shortly after the Euromaidan revolution, and Putin's annexation of Crimea and the 'little green men' who stoked the seeds of discontent and armed resistance in Donetsk and Luhansk in the Donbas region. Geopolitically confusing and incomplete or one-sided explanations from various media outlets as to what the cause of all this trouble was, I asked one of my first Ukrainian friends – Olga from Dnipro – what it all meant. She had participated in the Euromaidan revolution in 2014, donating most of her \$200 monthly salary to support the protesters, and going to Kyiv whenever she could to take part in person. She didn't get much further than "Russia doesn't want us to exist" before breaking down in tears, and explaining through sobs that Ukrainians are kind, generous and peaceful people, and all they want is to live safely in their own country and to be able to determine their own future.

Though that was seven years ago now, and this sentiment I think is as poignant as ever and has been eloquently expressed by the Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, in his many televised addresses to his nation. While it has been inspiring to watch the spirit of defiance among the citizen of Ukraine, as well as the willingness of Poland and other European nations to support them both in refugee intake and military and humanitarian aid, a lot of the work on the ground is still being done by volunteer groups. These guys are literally risking their own lives and saving others by getting food and medicine to where it needs to

be, and they still need support – donations to them have no bureaucratic overheads, 100% of the funds are used for direct action, not salaries or renting offices etc. If anyone would like to donate to these groups, I would be happy to provide the details, or as I have been doing, to collect AUD donations and then send them over to Ukraine.

Finally, thank you to all the people who've donated money. In the words of one of my Ukrainian friends who helped to get money to one of the community groups in Dnipro "it's impossible to describe in words how grateful each of us is to all of you, your friends, your parents, everyone who is fighting for us from thousands of kilometres away... please be sure to convey to all your people who help us that we thank them endlessly for every action you take to help us here."

*Ry Klöse – ryklose@gmail.com*



*The carnage continues - PC: Serhii Nuzhnenko-AP*

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### Maggie Beer's Boston Baked Beans

#### INGREDIENTS

250g dried cannellini beans  
 1 teaspoon mustard powder  
 2 tablespoons red wine vinegar  
 2 tablespoons treacle  
 1 x 400g tin peeled whole tomatoes (chopped)  
 75g pork speck (chopped)  
 1/2 large onion stuck with 3 cloves (chopped)  
 bay leaf  
 1 1/2 teaspoon chopped mint  
 salt and pepper

#### Pork Speck

Speck is a pork product made from a boned ham that is moderately salted and seasoned, cold-smoked and then well aged according to local practices and traditions.

#### METHOD


Soak the beans overnight. Discard the water and rinse. In a large heavy base saucepan, sauté the chopped onion with the cloves, the bacon and bay leaf. In a bowl combine the mustard powder and a small amount of red wine vinegar to make a paste, then add treacle. Add the chopped tin of tomatoes to the sautéed

onions and bacon.

Add the mustard and treacle mix and combine. Add salt and pepper. Add the beans (that have been soaked overnight). Place a tight fitting lid on the saucepan - or baking paper and then foil and bake at 140C for 2 1/2 - 3 hours (stirring occasionally). Remove the lid half an hour before "doneness" and add the last tablespoon red wine vinegar. When beans are ready, add chopped mint and taste. Adjust with seasoning if needed. If beans are too sweet add some more red wine vinegar, and serve.




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# Yackandandah Community Centre

The launch of its new Strategic Plan heralds a new direction for the Yackandandah Community Centre.

Growth and change have been a feature of the Yackandandah community; the new YCC Strategic Plan reflects those changes and defines its purpose with the statement – YCC is Where Our Community Connects and Grows Together.

YCC chair, Bill Dee said the Strategic Plan was a blueprint for how the centre connects with and communicates to the community. "I'm thrilled with the new Strategic Plan as it helps to guide YCC in a direction which best meets community needs," Mr Dee said. "It outlines our key strategic pillars which include, being an organisation people want to work with, strengthening our organisational capacity, developing a strong and positive profile across the community and connecting people with opportunities.

"We gained some valuable insights with a community survey last year. It showed that we need to do more in terms of communicating with the Yack community. We are also keen to build partnerships with other groups and develop collaborative projects to meet community needs and identify areas where YCC can add value to the community."

YCC vice chair, Karen Keegan said the new plan aimed at connecting with the community. "This really is a confirmation of what YCC does," she said. "It is really going to strengthen our commitment to the community and demonstrate that we are community focussed, and we want to help our community grow together."

Manager, David Thorpe said YCC had evolved through the years, the new plan would initiate a different focus for the organisation. YCC has initiated and conducted a broad range of projects and programs for the community since its establishment in 1992. "In its early days YCC was really the only organisation in town which offered courses and programs, there has been a wonderful array of learning opportunities that have been a huge part of YCC's success,"

Mr Thorpe said. "We will still offer those learning opportunities however, there are now several other organisations in town which provide a wide range of activities and courses.



"And with the advent of the internet you can learn just about anything with a Google or YouTube search. So rather than compete with those other streams of learning opportunities the committee has decided to focus more on a broader approach to community development. One of the ways we will do that is through collaboration with other organisations. For instance, YCC auspiced the Yackandandah Women's Shed last year

and worked with them to get the group up and going. They have had a fantastic start and are now doing some terrific things."

Mr Dee said other successful collaborations in the past couple of years included the establishment of the Yackandandah Community Initiative (YCI) and teaming up with Indigo FM to create Yack Chat during the early stages of the COVID pandemic. YCI brought the town's service organisations together to discuss working collaboratively to provide for community need. Yack Chat initiated live-to-air talkback capability at the Indigo FM Yackandandah Studio.

"Working with YCI, the Yack Lions Club helped provide free or low-cost hand sanitiser to the community when it was otherwise unavailable or very expensive," Mr Dee said. "YCI also developed and distributed a business listing of those businesses which were still able to operate during shutdowns to promote buying local. And Yack Chat brought live-to-air talkback radio to Indigo FM for the first time, aimed at providing another avenue of communication, especially for those people with limited access to technology, during a time that most of us were confined to our homes. The new strategic plan will build on these initiatives and create pathways of connection and communication to benefit our vibrant, creative community."



YCC secretary, Chantelle McConchie and Vice Chair, Karen Keegan outside the Centre. Photo credit: David Thorpe

## AND ANOTHER 20 YEAR ANNIVERSARY



Congratulations to Mick and Ben, the father and son combination who are celebrating the 20th anniversary of Sidoti Electrical Services. 2022 certainly seems to be the vicennial year!

Mick originally came to the area for a tree change. His parents-in-law moved to Yackandandah and Mick followed with his family including three young children. He worked with some of the other local building companies, and then was encouraged by locals to set up on his own and start his own electrical business, which he duly did in May of 2002.

Now in his twentieth year, Mick is looking to step back a bit in due course, and is planning on doing some Aussie travel. Ben has another year of his apprenticeship to complete and then will be a fully qualified electrician.

Ben came back to Yack at the age of 21 and took on a mature age apprenticeship with his father's organisation. He is very settled in the area and enjoys a great social life in Wodonga.

Both the Sidotis said how Yack is such a beautiful place to live and work, and was one of the best places to spend the lockdowns of the last two years. They couldn't begin to think how awful Melbourne would have been.

Thanks Sidoti men, you do a great job in and around Yack and district and here's to many more years work!

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## OSBORNES FLAT EN PETE AGAIN!

A celebration like no other was held at the Osbornes Flat Hall on Saturday March 19<sup>th</sup>. In spite of the adversities of the last 12 months, our plans to

200, our celebration was a true display of the community spirit still thriving in our lovely little part of the world.



Finally got there! One hundred years celebrated at last...

celebrate the centenary of the Hall finally came to fruition on the third attempt!

Whilst maybe not quite the sumptuous affair of the opening gala ball with its sit down supper "of turkey, ham and all the delicacies of the season" for

reminisced about the dances and entertainments of the 70 and 80's, the characters amongst the old timers of the Flat and improvements made to the hall over the years.

Anne Corcoran, whose ancestors came to the Flat in very early days, entertained us with the story of her family and their connection to the community through Church, School and sporting pursuits. She recalled her first memory of the Hall when her family attended the celebration of the arrival of electricity in the district in 1963!

Janien Ferguson briefly outlined the history of the hall from 1917 when fundraising began. It was a huge effort for a small community still affected by the aftermath of WW1 to find the £700 required to complete the building. With the persistence of the inaugural committee, they found the wherewithal and that tradition continues to this day.

The Hall is still looked after by a small committee

Silk and crepe de chine ball gowns have been replaced by more modern fabrics and styles but just as in 1921 the ladies of the district turned out in style for the grand occasion – and, in 2022, perhaps we can mention that the men were very nicely turned out as well!

The formalities of the evening saw mention of the storied history of the hall. Ros Ridgeway

of volunteers on whose behalf Lisa Greenwood thanked the attendees for sticking with us through two cancellations and finally being there for the 100 + 1 party!

Thanks also went to the many involved in setting up for the occasion, along with Maree Roberts and her helpers for the delicious food and to Pete Denahy and his crew, Dave and Aaron for the excellent music and entertainment. Special thanks also to Dave "Postie" Norman for creating the special commemorative sign that hangs proudly in our entry foyer.



Anne and Evelyn in front of Dave Norman's beautifully crafted sign

The Hall Committee are now planning a Hall Open Day with fun activities for all on May 22 so please look out for that and come along to continue the tradition of caring for and enjoying what was described on its completion as "the loveliest small hall in Victoria" - an epithet that we're sure you'll agree still stands.

Janien Ferguson, OF Committee member

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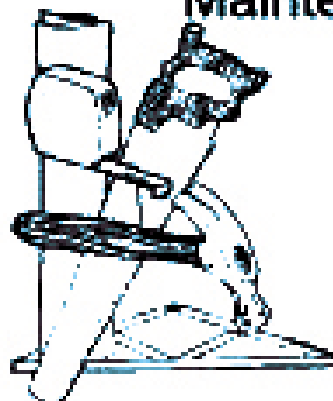
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Our defibrillator will be readily accessible to people in Isaac Isaacs Park, so make a mental note of where it is located. Hopefully it won't be needed, but you never know...



Our new website is now up and running and well worth a look at. Big thanks to Caitlyn Shiel, the consultant who took on the project of rebranding YCDCo - quite a challenge - and particular thanks to well known photographer, Phaedra Rodriguez of Noble Photographic for her spectacular photos of local places, organisations, people and staff. It's a great new clean look for YCDCo which has had a big makeover in so many ways over the past 12 months. We are sure you are not disappointed.

We have quite a waiting list for shares at the moment, so if there are people out there who have moved away or are thinking of selling their current allocation, we can move these on pretty quickly for you.

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scroll down the page to "Selling and Transferring Shares".

We also have a competition on until the end of April 2022, where we are giving away a weekly voucher for \$50 to be spent in-store. Make sure you get your minimum purchase of \$25 done and your receipt in the box with your details on it! A small thank you to all our customers...

To all those great community groups who were out and about on parade on the 25th February, and also those that couldn't make it, don't forget that YCDCo gives away a proportion of its profits annually for grants. Take a look at our website and in specifically - <https://www.ycdco.com.au/community> and complete the on-line form.

We have given the following grants in the last two years:

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Bruarong Community Centre  
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Because of the last two years of COVID-19 and enforced lockdowns, many clubs have not been meeting but are starting to again now.

Have a chat about what your group needs and think about putting in an application for YCDCo funding.

## YACKANDANDAH LIBRARY

### What's happening in Indigo Shire Libraries?

#### Saturday Stories



*Saturday Stories - the importance of reading with your child*

Saturday Stories aims to raise awareness of the importance and benefits of fathers, male role models and families reading with their children. It is also a great opportunity for anyone unable to get to our Storytimes to be able to read together with their children. Saturday Stories occurs every first Saturday of the month at Beechworth Library starting at 10.00am. Everyone is welcome to attend!

#### Recycling tips from Halve waste!

Join Rhiannon from Halve Waste at Yackandandah Library to find out exactly what goes in what bin, how best to recycle household items and get answers to your tricky questions. **Wednesday 11 May at 10.00 am**

#### Lifestest – Health literacy program

We now have new dates for the Lifestest program presented by local doctor Rebecca McGowan which will deliver an actionable, accessible and engaging health literacy program for men and women.

In these crazy times of misinformation and procrastination we don't spend time understanding our health let alone making any positive steps to improve it. What if we were able to understand our own health, understand our blood test results, be able to talk with confidence about our health to professionals and map out an actionable plan to improve our health – physical, mental and relationship?

Dr Rebecca McGowan leads the program and breaks down the barriers, misconceptions and predispositions of health to provide a new formula which drives change through knowledge, connection and action. If participants act on the information they receive in the program, it can help them increase their lifespan by 5-10 years.



Yackandandah Women's session - **Wednesday 18 May 7.30pm** at Yackandandah Library

Yackandandah Men have a program of four sessions commencing on **Wednesday 1 June 7.30pm** at Yackandandah Library with the following sessions on **June 15, June 29 and July 6.**

If you are interested in these programs please register at [www.indigoshire.vic.gov.au/community/libraries](http://www.indigoshire.vic.gov.au/community/libraries) or call Yackandandah Library on 02 6028 1180



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# YACK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Museum has experienced a wonderful number of visitors over the past few months, in January alone we had 549 walk through the door, their delight is reflected in the comments left:

*"Wonderful tour very friendly people and peaceful atmosphere."*

*"Great piece of history of the local area! Thanks!"*

*"Reminder of what we used to use, lovely restoration of a wonderful relic. Thanks so much for all the time and effort in the restoration."*

*"A real credit to a wonderful community."*

*"Fascinating history. Loving Yackandandah."*

It is always a good time to reflect on the work our volunteers do. At the Historical Society a cross-section of men and women bring a wealth of skills to our organisation and willingly share those skills in our research program, the collection room, publications, indexing, housekeeping, sales, jam making, plant potting and front of house where we greet our many visitors. We always welcome new volunteers if you would like to join us, please check our contact details below.

marmalades, and chutneys. They are a favourite for visitors to purchase, but if you are local and haven't tried them, why not stop by and make a choice?

Our second-hand book collection is continually changing. We cover a range of topics, anything from children's books through to biographies, crime, history, young adult, cooking, and there is a range of DVDs on offer as well.

We have a wonderful array of our own published books. Discover the history of our buildings, the gold story, events, and the life and death of the many characters who have shaped our village, some going on to fame and fortune.

Our current exhibition showcases three mini displays: *From Top to Bottom*, highlighting the Star, The Yackandandah and the Bridge Hotels; *Filling Our Homes with Music* - use your phone to scan the QR codes to hear the music from days gone by; *Recreation of Staghorn Flat Honour Roll*, read the story of the restoration of this WW1 memorial. You can also scan the QR code to read the story of the men featured on the board.

We have recently published our newsletter which is distributed to our members bi-monthly. The latest edition features the story of the Yackandandah Golf and Recreation Reserve, created in 1863 and used to this day by golfers and walkers alike. Join the YDHS and discover the fascinating history of this reserve.

## WHAT'S COMING UP

We have a new project coming up and you can be part of the project team. We are reviewing and updating one of our most popular permanent display panels – "Discovery of Yackandandah – GOLD". Please contact the Museum if you would like to be involved.

You can help by:

- Sharing any personal information or details on gold mining in the Yackandandah district.
- Mining photos, particularly early alluvial and

or Fletchers "Myria" and Cameron's dredge.

The Museum will be conducting street tours for visiting clubs. This is a new activity for us and we are looking forward to showing off the heritage of our buildings in the High Street.

Three Masters students from the Grimwade Centre for the Conservation of Cultural Materials, Melbourne University, have undertaken a project to work with us and preserve, catalogue, rehouse and tell the story of the Museum fire of 2006, using the artefacts currently held against the wall of the storage building at the Museum. They will also, at a later stage, interview a variety of people to write



*Items damaged by the fire in 2006, now ready for a new lease of life*



*Yackandandah Show 1890, on the site of the Recreation Reserve*

## WHAT WE ARE DOING

This is the season of bountiful supplies of fruit and vegetable and our jam making team have been kept very busy making a wide variety of jams,

the story.

They have successfully accessed two major funding grants, and made several contacts and visits with us for planning. Josh, Samantha and Madelyn will visit again from **April 7 to 10** to work on the next phase. We will be able to interact with them and watch the work that is happening.

Please join us on-site at the museum and talk with us to understand this project.

For further information contact the Museum:

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The commencement of the school year at Osbornes Flat Primary School has been extremely successful and we can't believe that Term 1 is almost over. Our new and Foundation students have settled in extremely well with smiles all around the school.

The students at Osbornes Flat Primary School have participated in a variety of extra curricula activities such as: senior students attending a swimming carnival, a week of Swimming Lessons at the Leisure Centre, hockey clinic, AFL clinic and tenpin bowling sessions. Despite being busy, we are very proud of the opportunities that our school provides to our students.

Recently the school had the Allans Flat Fire Brigade visit as part of their current Integrated Studies topic "Bushfire Safety." The knowledge and questions that students demonstrated was a credit to their ability to be successful and relevant learners.

At Osbornes Flat Primary School, we offer students the invaluable



**What can be better than a great big fire truck??**

opportunity to self-nominate to be a participant in our Student Representative Council (SRC). We have eight students from across the school that participate in a fortnightly meeting that provides the students at our school with agency over what they would like



**Our great SRC students learning about leadership**

to see improve in our school. The diversity of the SRC promotes student voice from across the school and encourages students to gain and utilise leadership skills. Currently the SRC have been selling Zooper Doopers weekly to raise money for a charity that they will choose as an SRC to donate their funds to. The main value for the SRC is to ensure the students at our school have fun. Another activity that the SRC have decided upon is to have a movie day on the last day of term as they would like to celebrate all of the hard work that students have put into their learning in Term 1.



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The past couple of months have seen many regular presenters back in the studio again making great music for our listening pleasure with shows such as - Gary with "Just Press Play" (Thurs 9-11pm), Harvey with "Asleep at the Wheel" (Sun 2-4pm) and Scott with "Everyone Deserves Music"

(Sat 4-6pm) as well as the weekly shows by the Yack Primary school kids each Monday and Wednesday from 4pm. Although, if you do miss a show, or want

to catch up with those presenters who just have an occasional show, don't forget that they are available as a podcast so you can listen to your favourite local music sounds at any time. In fact, there have been many, many folks downloading the podcasts of fabulous Indigo FM shows; February saw our best ever Podomatic download figures with over 2,000 downloads in one week! If you would like to catch up with any shows that have gone to air recently, just head to the site [www.podomatic.com/podcasts/indigofmradio](http://www.podomatic.com/podcasts/indigofmradio) or through the Indigo FM website.

Live streaming of Indigo FM is currently being actively explored at both our Yackandandah and Beechworth studios which is very exciting for the many listeners who live outside of the small 88.0 low power FM range. Keep an eye on this space in future editions for further updates.

Last year we received an Indigo Shire Community Grant which was used to purchase a Rodecaster Pro. In early Term 2 we will begin training up staff and students from Wooragee and Osbornes Flat Primary Schools. On early tests the Rodecaster is working a treat and it's very rewarding to engage with other

rural schools in the Indigo Shire who are not able to walk to one of our studios to further contribute a fresh, diverse and youthful radio presence to Indigo FM radio.

The Yack Primary School kids are back in the studio for 2022, keen and confident to produce their show on a Monday and Wednesday from 4pm. We welcome 5 new presenters this year: Nate, Zoe, Nyssa, Gabs and Jack who are currently learning the ropes and developing their live to air broadcasting skills. Having listened to them, they are blitzing it! Tune in to the kids; Mon 4-5pm Nate and Flynn (fortnightly), Wed 4-5pm Ada and Nyssa (alternate fortnight), Wed 4-5pm Mietta and Zoe (alternate fortnight), Wed 5-6pm Gabs and Jack

(fortnightly) or catch up with the podcasts after their shows. A notable mention is Nate and Flynn's recent podcast which included a hilarious tribute to the late, great Shane Warne.

Our Internet Radio Station airs the shows of the Yack PS kids from 10am-12noon each Sunday.

Indigo FM is always keen to add more local presenters and shows to our evolving schedule. Getting your own radio show on the airwaves is easy. And very shortly we will be live streaming, so you can spread your vibes to all corners of the globe.

It's free to be trained as we like to keep it accessible to all. Shows can be themed musically or topically, promote your interest group or community group, share information, promote upcoming events (such as the recent Yack Comeback event). All ideas are welcome. They can be regular

programs - as in weekly, fortnightly or even just occasionally. If you are interested, just email us at [indigofmradioyack@gmail.com](mailto:indigofmradioyack@gmail.com) to find out more. To view Indigo FM programs you can check out the Yackandandah Program Guide at [www.indigofmradio.com/listen/program-guide/yackandandah/](http://www.indigofmradio.com/listen/program-guide/yackandandah/)

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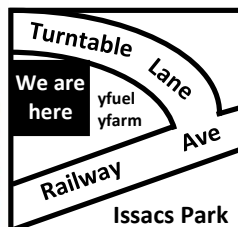


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## A SHORT HISTORY OF THE YACK TO OSBORNES FLAT CYCLE TRAIL

With the completion of the cycle trail from Yackandandah to Osbornes Flat I thought it was appropriate to record the history of the origins of this trail and the various contributions made by many community members over the past 14 years.

In July 2008, Noelene Young convened a meeting in collaboration with DELWP (owners of the land adjacent to Yackandandah Creek) with a view to forming a track or tracks from Yackandandah to Rowdy Flat and on to Osbornes Flat suitable for walkers, cyclists and horse riders. This meeting led to the **Rowdy Flat Track Association Inc** being formed.

Since then, long term committee members have included Gary Britton, a licence holder of land adjacent to the creek, Patricia Nuck who was the initial Treasurer and a Yackatoon resident, and Lyn Dahlenburg who has been a long serving Vice President and remembers a track existing from Osbornes Flat in her childhood. Also, Jill Whitford, Ian Jackson and James Lacey have all been long term committee members fulfilling various roles. Carolyn Martin-Jenkins was a member for some years representing the interests of horse riders. It was generally accepted the horses would need a separate trail adjacent to the cycle/walking track.

Noelene had to resign from her role as President in 2013 due to severe health issues and subsequently, sadly, she died in 2019 just failing to see the completion of the new trail to Osbornes Flat.

A Development Plan was produced by the Shire in 2009 with a view to determining the desired route and an estimated cost. Several Council officers and councillors were walked over the route to Mongan's Lane. Councillors Peter Croucher and Diane Shephard have both been supporters of the track. In 2010 we obtained over 400 signatures on a petition supporting the construction of a shared walking/bicycle track and an adjacent horse trail

from Church Street to Osbornes Flat which was presented to Council and covered by an article in the Border Mail. In 2011 various funding sources were investigated including approaching our local member, Bill Tilley.

Early tasks organised by Noelene, was the clearing of pine trees from the area below Britton Lane opposite Church Street that was done by inmates from the Beechworth Prison and the cleaning up the area on the opposite side of the creek at the end of Church Street.

Also, in 2011, the Indigo Shire was part of a submission to Regional Development Australia to fund a link between the Murray to Mountains Trail with the High Country Trail with a cycle trail from Beechworth to Huon.

Meanwhile, Gary and Graeme Britton ensured the route through their licence area was cleared and maintained. However, the route around the



*The Jackson/Klose Culvert on Back Creek*

Sewage Farm was blocked by the need to cross Back Creek. Ian Jackson took this on as a project and gained DELWP permission to install a large culvert generously donated by Julie and Russell Klose. Therese Davis from DELWP and Natalie Dando from the NECMA were both particularly helpful in helping with this process. The actual installation was carried out by Ian, Gary, Graeme and David McIntosh who also provided and operated his crane for this task.

Mark Burbidge with the assistance of John Fullerton and Chris Lello, over a three year period, sprayed blackberries between Mongan Lane and the Sewerage Farm. Gary and Graeme Britton carried out blackberry spraying between the Sewerage Farm

and Britton Lane as did Ian Jackson and a crew from the High Country Rail Trail Committee. In all these cases the labour was voluntary, and herbicide paid for by the association or supplied by DELWP.

Over the years regular correspondence occurred with the Shire including updating three new CEOs on the importance of this track. First it needed to be surveyed and the Shire take over the management of the land from DELWP. This proved to be a very slow process. Meanwhile Ray Henderson was employed by the Shire to plan a cycle route from Beechworth to Huon and he developed the route from Mongans Lane to Osbornes Flat School. In the end it was announced in 2016 that the RDA submission had been successful and initially a Stage 1 of the Beechworth to Huon Cycle Trail would be funded ending in Yackandandah. No mention of Osbornes Flat. The Rowdy Flat Association immediately put the case to Council that Stage 1 should include the route to Osbornes Flat and subsequently this was included. Note there is still to be a Stage 2 which will complete the link to Huon via Tangambalanga. This will make it possible to ride from Wodonga to Wangaratta and Bright on cycle trails making it a unique community asset that has great potential for high value low impact multiday cycle tourism.

When the trail came to be built, the proposed route in Yackandandah was down Church Street as it was not thought possible for the route to go along the creek either through the Yackandandah Caravan Park or on the south side opposite. A feasible route was subsequently found to exist; however, it went



*Trail below MacCalmans*

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through Helen and Hamish MacCalman's property as their title extended across the creek. Fortunately, the MacCalmans generously gave up some of their property and privacy to allow the route to go through, creating an outstanding section of the trail that will be enjoyed by numerous residents. Also, we were fortunate the Council was able to source some additional funds to complete this section of trail as it provided additional challenges with some steep drop-offs to the creek and an old mineshaft.

Jill Whitford's involvement with the Yackandandah Garden Club led to them making a \$1,000



John Fullerton at work in Agency of Sculpture

donation towards materials for the construction of seats beside the trail. Ben Gilbert came up with a design and installed the first seat and sourced the timber and stone used to construct another five seats. These

seats were made in Ben's Agency of Sculpture

workshop by John Fullerton and Chris Lello with the assistance of Ben and his staff. The placement of these seats was done with Ben's forklift and the additional assistance of



One of the seats being transported by Ben with Gary in the background.

Gary Britton. It is intended the seat near the bridge closest to Mongan Lane will have a small plaque acknowledging the contribution of Noelene Young.



Seats in position

Since the completion of the track, Jo Miller and Gabby Bridge have been working with Landcare to gain funding for weed control and, with Chris Horton, organised two tree planting days along the route. Hopefully, in the future more weed control can be carried out and some additional creekside areas can be developed for picnics and contemplation.

Finally, although external funding for the rail trail is heavily dependent on tourist income to the local community, I believe the Yackandandah to Osbornes Flat section will have a very high local resident use. This, in conjunction with the track out to the Yack Creek Distillery, gives the community a unique asset in terms of a trail along an extended length of creek frontage for the enjoyment of all residents.

To complete the picture all we need is a bridge across Yackandandah Creek opposite Church Street which would link in walking and cycle access to Yackatooon, Butson Park and Racecourse Road.

Feel free to lobby council to make this happen if you believe this is a great idea.

Chris Lello, President  
Rowdy Flat Track Association



It really is not okay to have your dog off a lead in any area that's not designated for off-leash animals.

We hear more and more tales of dogs being attacked by other dogs which are not under control on a leash. These animals are a danger to other dogs, children and adults.

Indigo Shire Council have established the following designated off-leash areas:

- Yackandandah Sports Park
- Butson Park, Yackandandah
- Baarmutha Park, Beechworth
- Barnawartha Recreation Reserve
- Barkly Park, Rutherglen
- The Willows, Wahgunyah.

Owners are still responsible for their dog while they are in the off-leash areas, and must monitor their behaviour towards both other dogs and people at all times.

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### From 'The Kirby Report' to 'The Firth Report', NELLEN turns 20!

NELLEN celebrated their 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on 15 March 2022 with morning tea at their new Southside Terrace location.

NELLEN welcomed past Board members, employees, and members of the community to discuss the changing landscape of youth education and employment in North-East Victoria over the past two decades. Acting CEO of Wodonga TAFE, Graham Hart, joined current NELLEN Board Chair and La Trobe University Lecturer, Virginia Mansel Lees, to lead the celebrations. Ms Mansel Lees and Mr Hart spoke about the work of the NELLEN over the years, and how the current work of NELLEN is centered on the changes to the Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning, brought on by the Firth Review.

NELLEN CEO Bev Hoffmann said: "It's reassuring to see that the NELLENs are as relevant today as they were 20 years ago. We have achieved so much in supporting young people as they leave secondary education and find their first job, but there's still more to do and we're excited about that challenge."

NELLEN was incorporated on 15 March 2002 during the second implementation phase of 'The Ministerial Review of Post Compulsory Education and Training Pathways in Victoria,' referred to as the Kirby Report. The current work of the NELLENs is influenced by the Firth Review, the first major change to the Victorian Certificate of Education since the introduction of the Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning in 2002.

**About NELLEN**

The North East Local Learning and Employment Network (NELLEN) is one of 31 Victorian Local Learning and Employment Networks (LLENs). NELLEN's core objective is to improve education and employment participation, engagement, attainment, and transition for all young people aged 10 to 19 years within the geographical boundaries of four local government areas – Alpine, Indigo and Towong shires and the City of Wodonga.



Well-known Yack local Bev Hoffman, NELLEN CEO, with Jane DeWildt celebrating NELLEN'S 20th anniversary.

### Going to Town... on Learning

Thanks to the fundraising efforts of a group of Murray volunteers, local women will benefit from up-to-date breastfeeding knowledge. Local Yackandandah health professional and Australian breastfeeding counsellor, Louise Thornton our group leader, was instrumental in creating a program which 18 health professionals were sponsored to attend online and face to face learning. It was a great experience for everyone.

The Murray group of the Australian Breastfeeding Association (ABA) sponsored eighteen rural and regional health workers to attend in person, the 2022 Annual Health Professionals Seminar Series "Breastfeeding: A Thirst for Knowledge" on 11th March 2022 in Melbourne. An online version was provided for those who could not attend.

Being a health professional means lifelong learning. Knowledge needs to be kept up to date, especially healthcare environments.

The ABA wrote to health providers across the Murray region, including the large catchment area of Albury Wodonga Health, North East Health and Alpine Health. The successful nurses and breastfeeding counselors were asked to return to their communities and share knowledge from the seminar, providing professional development to their peers.

Tracy Birchall, an ABA counsellor and health professional from Shepparton said "This is a really exciting time emerging from COVID19 restrictions, to be able to attend a conference in Melbourne for face to face learning again."

This is the largest group of health professionals the ABA Murray group has ever sponsored to attend the seminars. The ABA Murray group is active throughout the border region of New South Wales and Victoria, taking in Corryong, Albury, Wodonga, Wangaratta, Mansfield, Shepparton, Echuca, Deniliquin, Swan Hill, and Sunraysia.

Australian Breastfeeding Association also offers 24 hour helpline assistance on the National Breastfeeding Helpline. The National Breastfeeding Helpline is supported by funding from the Australian Government. For breastfeeding support, anyone can call 1800 mum2mum or 1800 686 268, 24 hours a day, every day of the year. The trained volunteers offer a listening ear, reassurance and suggestions.

You can search the ABA website at [www.breastfeeding@asn.au](http://www.breastfeeding@asn.au). Type in your postcode or location for local support groups. Due to current face to face restrictions, there are still many local groups running virtual and online get-togethers providing information, breastfeeding education classes, podcasts and blogs. By exploring the national calendar of events there is full listing, and you are able to attend any group anywhere in Australia.

Helen Sieker, ABA Murray Group, Mansfield



The Breastfeeding Counsellors and Health Professionals attending the Melbourne Seminar. Pictured from left to right: Katie Cross - Board member ABA, Helen Sieker -Mansfield, Andrea Herrin - Alpine Health, Tracy Birchall - Shepparton, Lisa Hernan, Andrea Hogan & Cate Gemmill - North East Health - Wangaratta, Alison Hawthorn & Kate Jelbert - Albury Wodonga

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## They Sailed Away As Boys ... and Stayed That Way Forever

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Their mothers' joy... hope for a happy future.  
Ready to face an enemy  
They had no idea would steal their lives...  
And all their dreams of growing old  
With a wife and children by their side  
Laughing and looking back  
At that silly war on the other side of the world.

Only it wasn't silly -  
It was fierce and nasty  
And bloody - oh, so bloody...  
And stole more lives than the sand grains on a nearby beach.  
Taking, destroying...  
Making hearts break at the loss of a dear one -  
A lover, father, a son  
A flicker in someone's heart  
Waiting for their beloved to sail home to them.

Now their blood lies diluted and distorted  
Beneath a sandy shoreline or riding the crest of a wave,  
And in fields strewn with another form of red -  
That found in a poppy's pretty heart.

This life liquid seeped around the sandy or rocky terrain,  
Down through the sodden mud  
To pool in puddles under the earth  
And then grow crusty as time ticked away...  
While the stench of their rotting bodies -  
Once held close to a mother or lover's heart  
Rises into the atmosphere to declare,  
"Here I lie.

Never again let this hatred loose  
To run amok and cause so much destruction and sorrow...  
Future generations, you must learn from this!"

But we didn't learn  
And another war just as fierce  
Brought more bloodshed on those earlier battlefields  
Stealing more lives  
And any hope of a happy future.

We will not forget you, young men  
But we will weep for you...  
Watching the parade of other brave men and women march past  
Wishing you had returned safely to our shores  
To make your mark and your name in another way  
One with joy and hope for your future.

Ah, Death.  
You steal and deal without a care  
While mothers weep and wives' hearts break  
And a father's image fades in his child's mind  
As time passes  
But none of them - nor us - will ever forget the sacrifice  
And suffering you endured to keep us safe.

Lie gently now...  
Know you have not been forgotten  
Your spirit beats on in our hearts  
Reminding us of brave young men  
Innocent, trusting  
Who willingly went  
And paid the biggest price...  
One hundred years ago today.



LEST WE FORGET

© Jeni Robinson  
aka Jennifer Larmar, Australian Author - 25 April 2018



London graffiti - February 2022

No words could express the beauty of it. The dreary dismal mud was baked white and pure - dazzling white. White daisies, red poppies and a blue flower, great masses of them, stretched for miles and miles. The sky a pure dark blue and the whole air, up to a height of about forty feet, thick with white butterflies: your clothes were covered with butterflies. It was like an enchanted land, but in the place of fairies were thousands of little white crosses, marked "Unknown Soldier" for the most part. *William Orpen.*

The war artist describes the Somme six months after the famous battle in 1917.

(From: *Advanced Banter, the QI Book of Quotations*)

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# HORSES FOR COURSES - A TRIP TO MARYSVILLE

Three and a half hours to Marysville through some of the most beautiful and rugged country reminding me of past and, hopefully, future riding adventures.

Mount Samaria, Strathbogie Ranges, Mansfield area and Lake Eildon with abundant water under the Bonnie Doon bridge. Ah serenity!! To Anderson's Mill Campsite, a site of one of the dozens of sawmills that worked the area with a big set of horse yards built by local horse riders and DWELP. They used salvaged timber after the 2009 fires. Huge dead mountain ash trunks tower over the rejuvenating forest like silent sentinels, remind all of the havoc this area has seen.

A mate rolled in with his horse, then my sister and her partner arrived (push bike riders, but we won't tell!) then the site was swamped by a mass of runaway Melbournians of diverse cultural backgrounds. Wow!



Keppel Lookout, down to Marysville and across to the Cathedral Mountains

My sister headed south, and we headed home. We parked out floats in a shady street and had a quick look at Marysville, which has been rebuilt using a lot of recycled materials, and with the threat of fires uppermost in their minds. Into a delightful park with a running creek and man-made lake. The memorial to the forty plus residents of the town and the other victims who lost their lives in the fire sits snugly in the park. Not overstated, but reading the tale evokes

backgrounds. Wow!

It was going to be a cool night and watching people wielding axes and carpentry saws filled me with dread! Handing out heaps of dry wood we had taken with us and cutting more with a chainsaw made for a mob of cosy and appreciative fellow campers.

We had a couple of great rides on shared pathways through bushland full of tree ferns and we rode up to Keppel Lookout with its view to the Cathedral Mountains. The horses took the trip in their stride, fuelled with good hay and hard feed – chaff, pellets, rolled barley and bran, and a light rug overnight.



The lovely Sal in the yards at Anderson's Mill Campsite

haunting thoughts as emotions quietly washed over me. This was a great four days for many reasons.

Steve Pearce, Staghorn Flat

Hey horse riders– I'm getting saddle sores on my butt writing all these articles! Anyone else with some input please?

## YACKANDANDAH PLAYGROUP



Yackandandah Playgroup has been fired up again as we slowly return to normal after the last two years. It's a great place for children aged 0-5 and their parents/carers to meet and play. During Term 1, we've been meeting at Sir Isaac Isaacs Park every Monday from 9:30-10:30am. In Term 2 we'll be moving our sessions indoors (though we're still looking for our new home – suggestions welcome!).

If you'd like to attend YPG sessions, please follow us on Facebook ([facebook.com/YackandandahPlaygroup](https://facebook.com/YackandandahPlaygroup)) where we share the details of our next session every week. Your first session is free!

After that it's \$3 per family and you'll need to be a member of Playgroup Victoria for insurance reasons, but happily membership for that is currently free (as at March 2022).

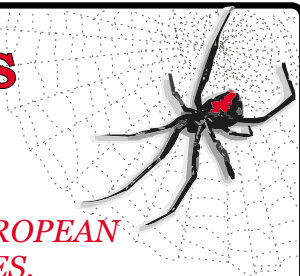
Some of our regulars are also attending Wooragee Seedlings, a bush playgroup at Wooragee Primary School which runs every second Tuesday during school terms. YPG may also run another session later in the week, so if Mondays & Tuesdays don't work for you, just pop on Facebook and tell us what does, or feel free to contact Sam on 0415 397 323 about this or any other enquiries.

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## YACK LIONS CLUB MARKETS



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

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

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

Please check what's happening via their Web page:  
[yackandandah.vic.lions.org.au](http://yackandandah.vic.lions.org.au)

## BOOKING THE PUBLIC HALL OR COURTHOUSE?

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.

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We don't need your draft and feedback  
For it really makes one snigger.  
The only word you understand  
Is "Bigger, Bigger, Bigger".  
While on your way to get more rates  
Christmas parties you'll embrace.  
Seems politicians and all councillors  
At last have found a hiding place.

The biggest sin you ever cause  
Which doesn't need much nous  
Is take away choice grazing land  
To build some bloody house.  
We'll all feel most contented  
And surely would embrace  
If Council gave a little thought  
To some more parking space.

So when your bigger reaches biggest  
And there's room to fit no more.  
You can hold another meeting  
And wonder what it's for.  
When it's cluttered on the footpath  
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To find what it's about.

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## EV updates with Russell Klose

### Kilowatt Cars

Did you know?

That only about 1% of new cars sold in Australia are electric. This is way behind the global average of 4%, or 75% in Norway.

This is going to change! With fuel prices going through the roof and EV charging infrastructure rolling out across the country, governments are predicting that 50% of new cars sold will be electric by 2030 (and I personally think it will be much higher!). Already Queensland is looking at making the ownership of EVs cheaper for its residents, and it's likely that other states will follow suit.

Recently, I drove down to Melbourne in my diesel ute and on the way home filled up about 2/3rds of a tank (50 litres) and it cost me \$106! I audibly gasped when I saw the fuel pump. The week before I drove an EV home from Melbourne and the same



*With petrol and diesel prices rising exponentially at the moment, what could be better than a vehicle that can be powered free of charge by the sun?*

trip cost me about \$6.

There are a few reasons electric vehicles are much cheaper to run than conventional cars that a lot of people don't consider or think about.

1. Most of the time you can charge them from home and if you have solar, hopefully

you can get home from work early enough (especially in summer) to catch some sun and charge them for free.

2. They don't need their yearly service! Also, their engines have far less parts and needs than conventional petrol cars, so they don't need oil, water in the radiator etc.

Over the next few years we are going to see a huge rollout of fast chargers across the country and this is going to make travelling longer distances easier and faster.

If you'd like to find out more about electric vehicles and come try driving one, please get in touch with me at [contact@kilowattcars.com.au](mailto:contact@kilowattcars.com.au), or phone Russell on

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### Share the fruit, not the flies

Share the overflow of fruit and vegetables from your garden with neighbours in jams or sauces this autumn and reduce the risk of spreading Queensland fruit fly (QFF).

Agriculture Victoria Statewide Fruit Fly Coordinator Cathy Mansfield said homegrown fruit and vegetables can look great on the outside but still be infested with maggots inside. "Instead of sharing your backyard bounty fresh, cut it up and use it to make preserves or pastes as this will go a long way to stopping the spread of QFF around your neighbourhood," Ms Mansfield said. "Cutting open fruit and vegetables is one of the best ways to check for QFF, so whether you're part of a big family sauce day or working solo in the kitchen keep an eye out for creamy coloured maggots inside your plums, peaches, quinces or tomatoes," Ms Mansfield said.

To stop maggots from developing into adults, any infested fruit and vegetables should be sealed inside a plastic bag and placed in a freezer for two days or microwaved or boiled to kill any maggots. Alternatively, double-seal fruit or vegetables inside two plastic bags and place in the sun for at least 14 days, then discard in your rubbish bin (not the green waste bin or your compost).

Queensland fruit fly can remain active in autumn, with some surviving over winter by sheltering in trees. Keeping your garden free from unwanted fallen fruit and rotten fruit will stop QFF from breeding in your backyard.

Agriculture Victoria has [provided a wide range of resources on its website to support home gardeners](#) control QFF, including tips on monitoring, garden hygiene, netting, baiting, insecticides and trapping.

Home gardeners can also seek advice and purchase QFF traps, exclusion netting, baits and insecticides from nurseries, home garden stores and online retailers.

For more information including a list of host fruits and vegetables in your garden, visit [agriculture.vic.gov.au/qff](http://agriculture.vic.gov.au/qff)

[www.agriculture.vic.gov.au](http://www.agriculture.vic.gov.au)



### WAW launches a new brand and trading name



From Wednesday 23 March 2022, WAW Credit Union will begin trading as BankWAW.

This brand evolution marks the next step for WAW, whose Board and Management team embarked on the rebranding project after extensive research showed that people were often unclear about what a Credit Union does. This work emphasised the importance of modernising their presence in the market to remain relevant across a broad demographic.

CEO Michael Mack said, "The organisation will continue to be 100% customer-owned, run by the same local people, delivering great customer service, and supporting our regional communities. These changes to our brand reflect the products we offer but do not alter our legal or operating structure. Our values and approach to running the business will also remain unchanged."

Research conducted by the sector over many years has consistently found that there is a lack of understanding about what a Credit Union is, and what services they offer. This issue has only increased in prominence as the majority of the Credit Union/Building Society sector has added the word 'bank' into their brands. Incorporating the word 'bank' into the trading name is therefore a significant step forward in the customer-owned banking journey, as it is important that people clearly understand the products and services being offered.

The new brand and trading name retain 'WAW' which stands for Wangaratta Albany Wodonga, as their geographic footprint and community focus remains a key strength.

"We will continue to reinvest at least 5% of annual profits directly back into our community through sponsorships, donations and innovative programs such as our Banking on Trees program that instigate positive social impacts," said Michael Mack. WAW is proudly owned by its customers, and this move only reinforces their strength and position in the financial services industry as they continue to effectively adapt and evolve in a competitive banking environment.



## Yackandandah Theatre Company

presents

*Under Big Ben*

# There's a Valley



Photo: Claire Smith

*a welcome place where every voice belongs*

## Save the Date

Friday 27th May and Saturday 28th May at 7.00pm

Saturday 28th May at 2.00pm

Yackandandah Public Hall

Tickets out in April

## There's a Valley

### The return of live theatre!

The latest Yackandandah Theatre Company project is a result of collaboration between Yackandandah Theatre Company and Yack Writers. As a result of a Regional Arts Victoria Bushfire Grant, the Yackandandah Writers undertook to create a series of pieces about 'Home'. Bev Lello guided the group and was then joined by Leisa Whyte who worked with the authors to create performances from a number of the stories.

The result will yield a set of performances in May entitled: **There's a Valley** directed by Margie Gleeson. The title is taken from the song about Yackandandah written for the Folk Festival Choir by Jane Thompson and James Rigby.

These performances will include the works by local writers who express their feelings about living in Yackandandah, leaving Yackandandah and in some cases returning to Yackandandah. These stories are funny, sad, insightful and heartfelt. The evening will also feature some works of other Yackandandah artists and musicians. A group of dedicated and clever actors will perform.

We are planning this event for the weekend of 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> May with 2 evening performances and a Saturday matinee. The audience for the evening performances will be seated at tables where they can bring and share food and wine, the matinee will have afternoon tea supplied. Tables can be booked in April for evening performances and seats for the matinee will also be available then.

**Under Big Ben - There's a Valley - a welcome place where every voice belongs**

Margie Gleeson,  
Director

### 'LET'S LOVE LOUDER' – A FLOOD RELIEF CONCERT

In February 2019, the Yackandandah Public Hall saw over 350 people flow through its doors in support of the local bushfire crisis throughout North East Victoria. 'Let's Love Loud' was an event curated by local singer/songwriter, Candice McLeod and raised over \$13,000.

On Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup> - just two years later- the Yackandandah community will come together yet again, to raise much needed funds for the flood-affected communities of New South Wales. This time, the event urges folks to 'Love Louder', with natural disasters sadly becoming more frequent and devastating the world over.

Curator, Candice McLeod, local songwriter and founder of 'Two Little Troubadours' boutique event company, shares her passion for the event and explains why it is so important to support community near and far.

"On the evening that Lismore, NSW literally submerged underwater, I was receiving social media notifications from multiple friends up north, in a widespread call for help. The following day, it became very clear that sufficient on-the-ground help wasn't coming for those in immediate need. Friends of mine were stranded without homes, clothes, food or any way of physically getting these basic necessities to them. Disaster management literally landed in the hands of nearby communities, who personally deployed volunteers in a desperate attempt to secure safety to those in emergent situations.

"Northern Rivers musician and influencer, Ziggy Alberts, made a personal call-out for financial donations, quickly followed by a team of pilots making on-the-ground airdrops containing medical and food supplies to stranded local communities. Other individual friends of mine set up crowd-funding campaigns and personally transported supplies to the few communities they could access by car. On the night they lost their home, Local Lismore duo and dear friends of mine, 'The Hussy Hicks', shared a real-time video to the public of their dangerous roof-top kayak escape. If this wasn't enough, one half of the duo, Julz Parker, also made a boat rescue to their elderly neighbour – also stranded on his roof whilst the waters rose, with no SES help available until daylight. Unfortunately, this is not just a one-off story.

"These horrific accounts of friends in need keep flowing in, alongside the lack of support where it is needed most. There just weren't, and still aren't, enough hands and hearts behind these suffering communities, desperately trying to rebuild their lives after the floods. It is my hope, that 'Let's Love Louder' connects us all on a human level, sparking change and support through intimate songwriting and story telling. These continuing natural disasters are real for all of us, whether you're directly affected, or otherwise. We're all in this together, with a deep responsibility to take care of each other, and the planet we call home" said Candice.

The 'Let's Love Louder' Relief Concerts kicks off at 7pm, featuring This Way North; Benny Williams; Yours, Georgina; Julian James; & Candice McLeod.

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# THE ARTS IN YACKANDANDAH

The Arts are emerging from a long hibernation.

Following 12 months of uncertainty, arts and cultural events are starting to happen again with increased certainty and regularity. Over the last month, Arts Yackandandah has supported several shows and performances, and strong audiences suggest that appetite for such things is still strong!



*The Bowerbird Collective returned for another captivating performance*

In February, The Bowerbird Collective returned to Yackandandah to perform their new show 'Life On Land's Edge'. The performance featured live music performed on cello and violin, that accompanied projected film, images,

poetry and quotations that told the story of migratory shoreline birds. The mixture of media made for a unique performance that the 80 attendees found moving.

Arts Yackandandah supported a screening of the film *Motherload* in early March in anticipation of International Women's Day. The film told the story of how bicycles made a significant contribution to the emancipation of women during the era of the suffragettes, and how an emerging culture of cargo bicycles could have a similarly revolutionary impact for mothers transporting children. A number of attendees gathered prior to the film for a 'ride-in', with Sally Dodds claiming the prize for the best dressed bicycle.



*The pre-Motherload ride-in outside our lovely Courthouse*

There are so many great events coming soon! On Saturday April 2, Arts Yack

is hosting a series of workshops and house concert by The Wild Women, a much loved ukulele power duo. April 9 sees the first Flickside screening for the year, kicking the season off with a duo of French films. This special event was cancelled twice in 2021 due to snap lockdowns, but this time will be lucky number three! April will also see the return of the celebrated ANZAC day singalong on Monday, 25th April, but with new and improved features, including two singing leaders/MCs, a ten piece band, and wartime-era memorabilia. For ticketing details for all these shows, head to [arts.yackandandah.com](http://arts.yackandandah.com).



Don't forget to check your membership status! Memberships expire at the end of each calendar year, so will need to be renewed to access the Flickside film club screenings, and to be eligible for ticket discounts. With so many great shows coming up and in the pipeline for 2022, a family membership will quickly pay for itself via ticket discounts, whilst also supporting the local arts community.

## FLICKSIDE

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**FRENCH FILM DOUBLE FEATURE:**  
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Arts Yack membership is just \$20 per annum (\$50 for a family) and will entitle you to FREE film nights in 2022. Members only admission. Membership available at the door or online at: [arts.yackandandah.com/membership](http://arts.yackandandah.com/membership). Membership also entitles you to discounts at other exciting Arts Yack events.



Flickside screens at the Yackandandah Public Hall (beside the council offices in High Street). There will be a 30-minute intermission between the films. BYO: plate of French themed snacks to share or a picnic dinner & drinks of your choice. Coffee and tea available. This is a COVID-safe event and full vaccination is a condition of entry. Enquiries: Jim Ralston 0414 317 059

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 Chris via email - [chris.zerbst@gmail.com](mailto:chris.zerbst@gmail.com)

## Yackandandah Writers

Yackandandah Writers have decided on a seasonal theme for their writing this year. Summer inspired a few of us. Autumn, I'm sure, will bring forth more gems. For this issue of Yackity Yak I've included some information about Yackandandah Writers.

### What we offer:

- Focused writing tasks
- Feedback on writing in a supportive environment
- Competition opportunities
- Opportunities to work with other community groups on writing projects e.g. Yackandandah Theatre Company, Yackandandah Historical Society
- Workshops with established writers
- A publication opportunity with our annual anthology *Convergence*

### In the words of two members of our group:

*I've wanted to write all my life. This group has given me the confidence to finally get the words on paper.* Chrissie Zerbst

*To have my story placed first in a competition was a real thrill. The feedback from other members of the group helped me achieve this.* Owen Smith

Any level of confidence and competence with words is accepted. The aim of the group is to bring together people who love words, encourage each other to put pen to paper and to provide constructive feedback on the pieces we write.

**What do we write?** The answer is anything. Usually, we set a topic but it's just there as a suggestion. Because I often hear the lament that *I've got writer's block*, or *I can't think of anything to write*, we sometimes use prompts to get the pen moving on paper or the fingers clicking on keyboards.

At our last meeting it was to use the following words in a ten minute piece of writing: *magpie, sun, yesterday, pink*. See below for what can be produced in ten concentrated minutes when you start writing without having any idea what you are going to say.

### When do we meet, where do we meet and how do I join?

We meet on the first Wednesday of the month in the Yackandandah Courthouse, 2.30 p – 4.30 pm.

Bev Lello is the contact person. You can email her at [beverley.lello@gmail.com](mailto:beverley.lello@gmail.com) or phone on 0437 913 012.

Bev Lello

## MAGPIES

Yoga is often held in the Courthouse. Sometimes our group meets and stretches and breathes near the tennis courts. Whether here or there, magpies are our companions. They carol in groups, potter about on the grass looking for worms and insects, perch on tree branches and look down on our stretching, twisting bodies and perhaps puzzle over these strange creatures. I love these magpies.

I do not love the magpies who feel compelled to defend their territory in nesting season. Yesterday, our Tuesday morning group of riders discussed whether a particularly belligerent magpie had finished his/her protective swooping for the season and gambled that it was now safe to ride around that corner under the gum tree and up the hill.



The magpie had not finished its protective swooping.

It seems to have a particular hatred of my pink helmet.

'Watch out. Approaching black and white missile.'

Whoosh. I ducked and wobbled.

'Another swoop,' yelled the rider behind me.

Whoosh. Crack. That was my helmet he hit that time. I ducked, wobbled, toppled. Struggled back up in time to see the magpie alight on the branch of the gum tree and look down on me. I could imagine him thinking, 'Ha! Got that one. Now, who's next.'

Despite this, I love magpies.

Bev Lello

### My Uncle's Old Hat

It's only a battered Akubra, flung up on a shelf in the shed.  
It used to belong to my uncle, but in ninety-four, he was dead.  
He was an old Mallee cocky, growing wheat in the sand,  
With a team of ten or twelve horses, and a sundercut turning the land.  
If only this hat had a larynx, just think of the tales it could tell;  
Of the droughts away back in the twenties, and the thirties and forties as well!  
Of the dust storms that covered the Mallee and blotted the sun out for days,  
How the fences were buried 'neath three feet of sand and your arm disappeared in the haze.

In a visit I made in the forties to the farm when my uncle was young,  
He drove the spring cart in to meet us in the heat of that blistering sun.  
And I'm sure the hat he was wearing to keep the sun from his face,  
Was this one I'm holding before you, as it always held pride of place.

It started out life as his best Sunday hat,  
The one he would wear into town,  
But over the years it got old, tired and flat,  
And the sweat from his brow stained its crown.  
I remember the time when he sat on his hack,  
With the flies black as pitch on his thighs.  
The Akubra came down with a deafening whack  
And that was the end of the flies.

The kelpie he kept to muster his sheep  
Was as tough as the scrub on that land,  
And would work all day long in that dry Mallee heat  
With its tongue hanging down to the sand.  
But a drink from the waterbag in this old upturned hat  
Would bring a quick wag of its tail,  
With a whistled command and affectionate pat,  
Was off to resume its travail.

I've had this old hat for about sixteen years, as part of my uncle's estate,  
And just never felt like throwing it out, with the memories one look at it makes.  
A few years ago the birds were quite bad at eating the fruit on my trees,  
So a scarecrow I made with this hat on its head and its arms waving out in the breeze.  
So it lived day and night in that orchard of fruit, keeping the parrots at bay,  
While the odd wily crow perched up on its roof, and karked its disdain to the day.

My rhymes on this hat are about at an end, so it's time to bid you good-day,  
And fling it once more on that shelf in the shed where for years yet to come it will stay.  
It played a great role in that dry Mallee land, through the years on that Woorinen farm,  
And even today it's still earning its keep as its memories re-live in this yarn.  
My uncle, and dog, & that twelve draught horse team, have gone where all hard workers go,  
But this hat lingers on as its memories unfold, through these verses I'm telling to you.

John McIntyre

# YACK GARDEN CLUB

## UNDER THE ARBOUR - A chat with club member, Teresa Ellison

You made a big transition from your two-acre



property, where you once conducted a nursery business, to a house block. What resources did you use to plan and develop your new garden?

I was lucky, during COVID I had plenty of time to sit and watch videos, and I watched heaps of them. I concentrated on container gardening and gardening in small spaces. They were inspirational in helping me see how productive small gardens can be.

You have terraced your ornamental garden, was this always in the plan?



Teresa's beautiful ornamental garden

Yes, the cut of the site lent itself to terracing. I imagined the rock retainer wall and the terracing followed. I was very grateful for the expert advice given by Jim from 'Mossy Jim's Rocks'. Having expert help did make the job easier.

What about your vegetable garden, you have something special, can you tell us about it?

I experimented with a lot of different styles of container gardens, finally settling on two systems. I have two beds constructed using the Hugelkultur system (you can google this). It involves filling most of the bed with logs and bark chips to conserve moisture and this also saves on the amount of potting mix needed. The second system I am using are wicking beds, made from large garbage bins, connected by an automatic float. I am lucky, my husband made these for me after watching a video. You can't go past getting the right help.



Container gardening at Teresa's

What are you growing in your edible garden?

I have planted lots of fruiting trees: fig, pomegranate, olive, mandarin, orange, lime & lemon. In the ground I have: rhubarb, rosemary and chives. In individual raised beds I have six blueberry bushes. They needed specialised soil as they won't grow in our clay soil. In the container beds I have: strawberries, tomatoes, eggplants, zucchini, cucumber, pumpkin, potatoes, carrots, celery & herbs.

You are not going to starve! Have you finished your plan or is there something else you would like to do – is there room?

I don't think a true gardener is ever finished planning. I would like to put in another bed & experiment with growing corn. I'm planning three more fruit trees to plant this winter; apple, cherry and maybe a stone fruit. Where I have some gaps in the ornamental garden, I am going to incorporate as much food crops without spoiling the overall ambiance. This is where my new trees will go.

Have you got one last tip for those who have a small space to grow a garden?

Your soil health is the most important requirement for a healthy garden, especially for your vegetables in raised beds. My compost heap and worm farm are my two most valuable assets.

Thank you Teresa, you truly have used your space wisely and have created a beautiful garden, even including the verge. You must be the envy of all your neighbours!

## A GARDEN TIP – Planting bulbs

Prepare now for winter and spring-flowering bulbs ... you too can *wander lonely as a cloud* amongst your daffodils, freesias and jonquils; plant them (pointy end up) in late March and April, and select the best. Group at least six together to get a great display. Plant in full sun and in well-drained soil. Generally, dig your hole two to three times deeper than the bulb (there are exceptions so read up if you are not sure.) Mix compost into your planting holes, they love organic matter. Water in well to encourage roots becoming established. Bulbs are generally frost tolerant, but you can help them along by covering up once they start to poke up above the soil in early spring. Use a frost blanket (inexpensive and readily available at garden shops.)

## WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO

The team took to the *Yackandandah Community on Show* event in a way that had many heads turning. With seed packs, boxes of freshly picked figs and tromboncini zucchinis, all to give away free, they had many visitors. The girls looked a treat in their flower adorned headdresses, and the boys were not to be outdone in their colourful shirts!



Members of the Yack Garden Club delightfully turned out at the Yack Community on Show event

## WHAT'S COMING UP

2<sup>nd</sup> April, 8:30am – Sunnymeade Garden, road trip taking in Violet Town markets

7<sup>th</sup> April, 7pm – Members meeting. Visitors are always welcome

30<sup>th</sup> April – Come and See my Garden 'Ghandi's Forest', home of Gary Hayward

## CONTACT US

Meetings: We meet at 'Wellsford House', Wellsford St, Yackandandah, 7pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, bi-monthly (beginning Feb.) Exception is April when we will meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in joining us, please contact our secretary on the email below (membership is not required to join in a meeting.)



A planted out roadside verge

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD #4 Compiled by Bill Buchanan

## Answers

### ACROSS

1 Ankle. 4 Activated. 9 Obliges. 10 Actuary. 11 Army. 12 Pesto. 13 Sty. 16 Outcry. 17 Gorgeous. 20 Thematic. 21 Pining. 24 Kiss. 26 Venue. 27 Onus. 30 Narrate. 31 Bravado. 32 Substance. 33 Poems.

### DOWN

1 Avocado. 2 Kilometre. 3 Eggs. 4 Answer. 5 Traction 6 Vote. 7 Toast. 8 Dryness. 14 Dread. 15 Again. 18 Orientate. 19 Nineteen. 20 Takings. 22 Gaseous. 23 Tumble. 25 Shrub. 28 Part. 29 Wasp.



## L2P PROGRAM

Are you under 21 years of age, on your L's and experiencing difficulty accessing a vehicle or a supervising driver to get your 120 hours completed?

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L2P is a free program that provides eligible young people with a fully trained volunteer driver, access to a car and up to seven professional driving lessons.

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## TANSWELLS HOTEL, BEECHWORTH GIGS LIST

- Fri April 1: Girl Friday
- Sat April 2: Henry Hugo & The Fallen Angels
- Fri April 8: Riley Catherall (full band) & The Weeping Willows
- Sat April 9: Loulou, Skink Tank & Lite Fails
- Wed April 13: Dinkum Records showcase
- Fri April 15 (Good Friday): Raging Moby & Keeper <https://events.humanitix.com/raging-moby-keeper-live-at-tanswells>
- Sat April 16 (Easter Saturday): Baby Blue & Georgia Knight <https://events.humanitix.com/baby-blue-and-georgia-knight-tanswells>
- Sun April 17 (Easter Sunday): Kissin' Cousins (arvo)
- Mon April 18 (Easter Monday): Lillie Mae & Her Family Band (US), 4-6pm <https://events.humanitix.com/love-police-present-lillie-mae-and-her-family-band-usa>
- Sat April 23: Homecoming tour feat. Romero & Bitch Diesel <https://events.humanitix.com/homecoming-presents-romero-and-supports-beechworth>
- Fri April 29: Pinch Points & Delivery <https://events.humanitix.com/pinch-points-and-delivery-tanswells>
- Sat April 30: As Flesh Decays album launch
- Sat May 7: Velvet Bloom
- Fri May 13: Erasers & Lyndon Blue
- Sat May 14: Honeyglider Records showcase feat. Blanco Tranco, SERF & No Statues (trio)
- Fri May 20: Torpedoes
- Sat May 21: Carpet Burn, The Breaks, Ricardo Poteroo & Hamish Macrae
- Sun May 22: Matt Katsis (arvo)
- Sun May 29: Darren Cross (arvo)

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# WE NEED YOU

Do you have a full Victorian drivers licence? Are you interested in helping young people? Can you commit to 1-2 hours volunteering a week?

If you answered yes to these questions, then we need you!

We're seeking volunteer supervising driver mentors for the TAC L2P Driver Mentor program in Yackandandah, Beechworth and Rutherglen.

The TAC L2P program assists learner drivers under 21 years of age, without access to a supervising driver or vehicle, to gain the 120 hours of driving experience required to apply for a probationary licence.

Find out more at [www.indigoshire.vic.gov.au/L2P](http://www.indigoshire.vic.gov.au/L2P) or by calling 1300 365 003.



2022	Millimetres	Days of Rain
January	212.2	7
February	3.0	1
March to 17th	79.6	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>294.8</b>	<b>12</b>
To 17/3/2020	207.0	16
To 17/3/2021	197.2	14

**Lowest rainfall for February since 1999 and 2002.**

**I DIDN'T SAY IT WAS YOUR FAULT, I SAID I WAS BLAMING YOU...**



**Reg's Rain Report**

There was recently a fair bit of consternation with the proposed removal of five ornamental flowering cherry trees on the entry to Yack from the Beechworth side of the township. These had been there for quite a while and provided a lovely spread of colour in the spring. It was deemed necessary for these to be removed along with hundreds of other trees along the Yack-Beechworth Road to put in the bike path. It does seem a shame that this had to happen bearing in mind their age, the width of the road verge at that point and their general popularity...

Yackity Yak would hope that there is some plan to replace these trees. They were quite a feature of the entry to the town, and were removed pretty smartly after there was some animated conversation on the Yack Community Facebook page about their impending removal.

Penny Everingham is the Indigo Shire Council officer in charge of the project, and you can contact her at 1300 365 003 or via email at [info@indigoshire.vic.gov.au](mailto:info@indigoshire.vic.gov.au). Yackity Yak has asked for

confirmation on what will be done to repair the damage here.

The Beechworth to Yackandandah rail trail is a \$6.2 million project, which includes \$1 million from Indigo Shire Council and \$5.2 million from the Victorian State Government through Regional Development Victoria. Five new trees wouldn't break the bank then.



*All gone...*

**NEW COUNCILLOR FOR INDIGO SHIRE**  
**Emmerick Teissl has been elected as a councillor for Indigo Shire Council after the VEC conducted a countback of votes at 11 am on Wednesday, 9th March.**  
**The extraordinary vacancy arose due to the resignation of Councillor Jenny O'Connor.**

**BACKWOODS DISTILLING CO. WINS 'WORLD'S BEST WHISKY' AWARD!**



You'd have to be living under a boulder if you haven't heard about the award-winning whisky and gin, made right here in Yackandandah!

Backwoods Distilling Co. was established in 2017 by Yack locals, Bree and Leigh Attwood, and in February 2021 they opened a distillery door and tasting room at the Yack Station Precinct.

The distillery produces handcrafted batches of single malt and rye whisky. Their first whiskies were released in August 2020 and the team have already picked up several domestic and international awards – most recently winning **best rye whisky at the World Whiskies Awards**, for their uniquely Australian rye whisky.

The World Whiskies Awards are the global awards selecting the very best in all internationally recognised styles of whiskies. Backwoods

now joins the ranks of some of Australia's oldest and well-known distilleries to win a top award, including Sullivan's Cove and Lark Distillery. A pretty great achievement for such a young distillery.

Backwoods also recently picked up **silver medals at the Australian Distilled Spirits Awards** for both their single malt and rye whiskies. And in 2021, their Rye whisky and High Country Gin won silver medals at the prestigious London Spirits Awards.

With every batch of whisky selling out in record time, lucky Yack locals have easy access to snap up bottles, by visiting the Backwoods distillery door at Yack Station. Catch up with friends or impress your visitors and head up to Backwoods for a tasting paddle or G&T (the new Salted Lime Gin is proving very popular!)

The tasting room is open Thursday – Sunday. Visit [www.backwoodsdistilling.com.au](http://www.backwoodsdistilling.com.au) for hours and check out the events tab for live music and other special events.

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The Yack Golf Club season has started, and it is time for walkers to start watching out for flying golf balls! For readers who are not familiar with the competition days; the men play on Sundays, from 10 am, and the women play on Wednesdays from 9 am. There is also golf played late on Wednesday afternoon (the Chook Run) and Friday mornings (Social).

The ladies began their season with the annual Yackandandah/ Beechworth Challenge, held this year at Beechworth. It was an overall win for Beechworth however, our Angela Bishop was runner up in A division and Suzanne Purrington collected the prize for longest drive in B grade. Well done to both ladies.



A happy group of Saturday golfers

# Yackandandah Golf Club

This note is especially for the locals who may not know the past significance of the golf course. Drop into the car park and have a read of the interpretive map that lists the many uses and events that have taken place on the Recreation Reserve from 1863 to the present, it is an eye-opener!

Special event bookings for the club's facilities have been active. A group of teachers from Albury held a 'team event' booking the course for a round of golf, followed by dinner at one of the establishments in town. We are also providing lunch on the 30<sup>th</sup> April for over one hundred car club members from Shepperton, who are on a charity drive across Victoria, and we have catered for two funerals. It is with pleasure that we are able to support non-golf club groups or assist with private functions. If you wish to make booking inquiries for the clubrooms or golf functions, please contact Marian Barnard, 0438 271 324.

## COMING UP

The Judy Guilfoyle Cup, a women's competition for 30+ handicap players will be held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April, at a sandgreen club for the first time, and Yackandandah Golf Club is the venue. This is a wonderful opportunity for our club to showcase our picturesque course and host a full field of players. It also brings to our town a wealth of visitors, and going by some of the comments, they are looking forward to a stroll up High Street after the game.

For more information on membership or to make an inquiry: visit YGC web page – <https://golfclub.yackandandah.com>  
Email: [yackgolfclub@gmail.com](mailto:yackgolfclub@gmail.com)  
FB: Yackandandah Golf Club  
Ladies: [chris.zerbst@gmail.com](mailto:chris.zerbst@gmail.com)



Suzanne, a happy winner, accepts her prize

The YGC, with the assistance of a community grant from Indigo Shire Council, has held a six-week, Saturday morning competition. This was initiated to help get folk who can't play during the week due to commitments, back into golf. It has been a wonderful experience for those who have joined in, to find their game again, to enjoy

the exercise and to meet new people. It has been agreed that a proposal will be put forward to the Committee to continue playing on Saturday mornings, at least once per month. If this does go forward, it will be advertised, so if you missed out on the six-week event, you may still get a chance to dust off those clubs!

Pennant golf has started with both the men and women registering a representative team. We wish

them both well and hope that the ladies can repeat their win from last year, beating the competing 'green' clubs to bring home the Handicap Pennant flag.

Our club was represented at the recently held Yackandandah Community on Show event, sponsored by the Indigo Shire Council. It was a fun night with plenty of folks happy to try their hand at putting and make inquiries about the club. It was a very worthwhile event to be involved in and thanks must go to the volunteers who helped set up and tend our stall; Libby M'Crystal, Robyn Davies, Pam & Don Crosthwaite, and Chris Zerbst.

## Yack Golf and Rec Reserve



## YACK COMMUNITY BOWLING CLUB



The Annual Community Challenge in full swing

Another pennant season is done and dusted. Whilst we have not enjoyed great success on the green, it is pleasing to see several new local bowlers become involved in our club and play pennant. Congratulations are extended to one of our members, Mary Tragardh. Mary won the Ovens and Murray Champion of Champions event recently and will compete in the State event. Good luck Mary!

Our Annual Community Challenge sponsored by WSM (Peter and Sue Russell) has just been completed.



Congratulations to our winning team, the Staggering Iguanas. L to R: Andrew Lawson, Joe Finn and Bernie Hack

This competition has been another resounding success, with the club hosting over 60 participants in this event and a big thank you to you all for your support. A huge thank you to WSM and the raffle sponsors: Yackandandah Hotel, Foodworks – Yack, CC's Meats – Yack, Gumtree Pies – Yack, Klimt, Yackandandah Pharmacy, Eldorado Wines, Reconnect and Yackandandah Football & Netball Club.

## Future Event

We have a Family Barefoot Bowls event scheduled for Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> April from 10 am to noon. This event



Congratulations to the Police team as winners of the Best Dressed Team, as selected by Peter Russell of WSM. L to R: Peter Russell, Luke Millar and Ben Quick

includes skills, games and prizes. \$5.00 per person (12 and over). Suitable for families with school aged children accompanied by a parent or grandparent. Bowls of different sizes are available at the club.

To register Family Teams, contact Meredith (SMS) 0414 688 354 or email [Yackbowls1@gmail.com](mailto:Yackbowls1@gmail.com)

Further details will be shared on Yackandandah Community Facebook page

Anne Corcoran, Secretary

## LOOKING FOR A VENUE??

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

So, the next time you are looking for a venue to hire, consider the Yackandandah Sports Park. More information can be found on our

website: <https://sportspark.yackandandah.com/>  
email: [sportspark@yackandandah.com](mailto:sportspark@yackandandah.com)

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





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