

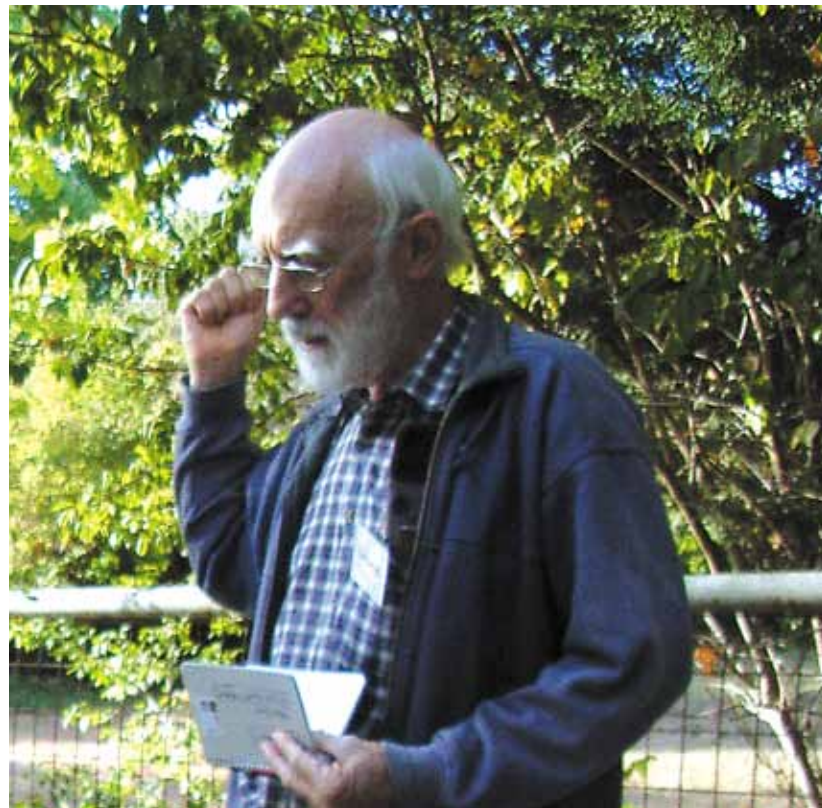
VALE COLIN BARNARD

Yackandandah has been mourning the loss of one of its favourite residents.

Col Barnard died on the 27th February and his departure will leave a massive hole in the historical side of our township. He was well known for his incredible knowledge of Yackandandah and district and his detailed publications have been available from the Museum for many years.

Col was clearly loved and admired by many of Yackandandah's residents as this copy of Yackity Yak will bear witness too. Many of the organisations in the town have mentioned Col's death in their regular columns, and it is clear that he will be much missed by many.

Yackity Yak sends its condolences to Marian and family for their loss. Col had provided many a fascinating article for publication in this paper, and we will miss his erudite writings and dry sense of humour.



Local SES members receive medals

Congratulations to two members of Yackandandah's SES brigade.

Shayne Willis and Mick Sidoti travelled to Melbourne on 4th March, to be awarded the National Emergency Medal for their assistance during the 2019 and 2020 bushfires.

See Page 8 for the full story.



Steven Griffin, Shayne Willis, Michael Sidoti, Tim Wiebusch and Governor General The Honourable David Hurley at the SES National Emergency Medal Presentation

Lion's Club Street Festival



Tristan Michell, 3, in the drivers' seat of the CFA Tanker No 1, clearly likely to follow in his mum's footsteps!

The Lion's Club Street Festival took place on Friday, 17th February and saw most of Yackandandah's community groups and organisations turn out in great numbers to show just what Yack is capable of doing! It was a great social event generally and the huge downpour of rain half way through the evening did little to dampen people's spirits. Thanks to the Lion's Club for putting on this event. It was lovely to see so many Yack people out.

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STAY AHEAD OF COVID-19!

As we head into the cooler

months, please remember COVID-19 is still in the community. What may present in the general population as cold and flu symptoms, for the elderly of our community Covid-19 is still a real and challenging threat. At Yackandandah Health we continue to RA Test visitors and ask that they wear a mask while visiting inside the facility. If we have two or more residents testing positive to Covid-19, we are directed by the Health Department to go into lockdown immediately to stop the spread of Covid-19 throughout the facility. At Yackandandah Health we are asking the local community to help us out to stay ahead of Covid-19 this winter.

Here are some steps to STAY AHEAD OF COVID-19:

1. Get Vaccinated.
2. Wear a face mask.
3. Practice hand hygiene.
4. Practice safe distancing and gather outside as much as possible.
5. If unwell get tested.

Please remember this time of the year is a challenging for everyone but especially the sick and vulnerable in our community. By everyone staying ahead of Covid-19 and doing their bit, we can keep everyone safe and well to enjoy great times with friends, family and our loved ones.

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ADVANCED CARE PLANNING

Why is ADVANCED CARE PLANNING such an important topic that we need to discuss?

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Next time you are at Yackandandah Medical Centre ask about advanced care planning and make sure your wishes are known and respected.

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Can you spare a few hours? Are you looking for an opportunity to give back to your community? Then please volunteer at Yackandandah Health.

We are currently looking for the following:

- a volunteer bus driver
- a volunteer newspaper reader
- a volunteer seamstress/tailor

If you have the skills and the time, please contact our fantastic Lifestyle Co-ordinator Becky on 0438 789 071.

LITTLE YACKS LEARNING YEARS

Little Yacks has been overflowing with projected

enrolments for the start of 2023!

Our Kindergarten programs have been buzzing with the children excited to explore the loose parts and natural play spaces. The teaching team has a strong focus on delivering safe opportunities for the children to explore risk and learn their own bodies capabilities. Risky play helps children



How high can I jump? Learning what the body can do at Little Yacks

develop resilience, executive functioning skills, self-confidence, and risk-assessment abilities. Each time they engage in risky play they are engaging in their own science experiment: pushing themselves out of their comfort zone without knowing what the exact outcome will be. At Kinder, we have been working on learning Auslan so we can support all communication methods, basic numeracy, literacy, and fine motor skills, and love learning new methods of story time.

Our Nursery children have been exploring their senses and building strong relationships with their educators. We understand these can take some time and are loving seeing our new littlest people share their love with their educators.

Continued overleaf...



More gifts than you'll find in town.



A Little Yack playing with ice

We have some children who have recently mastered their first movement skills and are loving being able to move freely around the room. Our nursery is a small space and unique to only having 8 children per day. We are only accepting waitlist applications for this room at this stage.

Our Junior Toddler room helps the children learn their communication skills and how to use these whilst playing with their friends. The JT children have been loving the Intergenerational program and we can see some new relationships grow between the residents and children. Cuddle time is the best time!

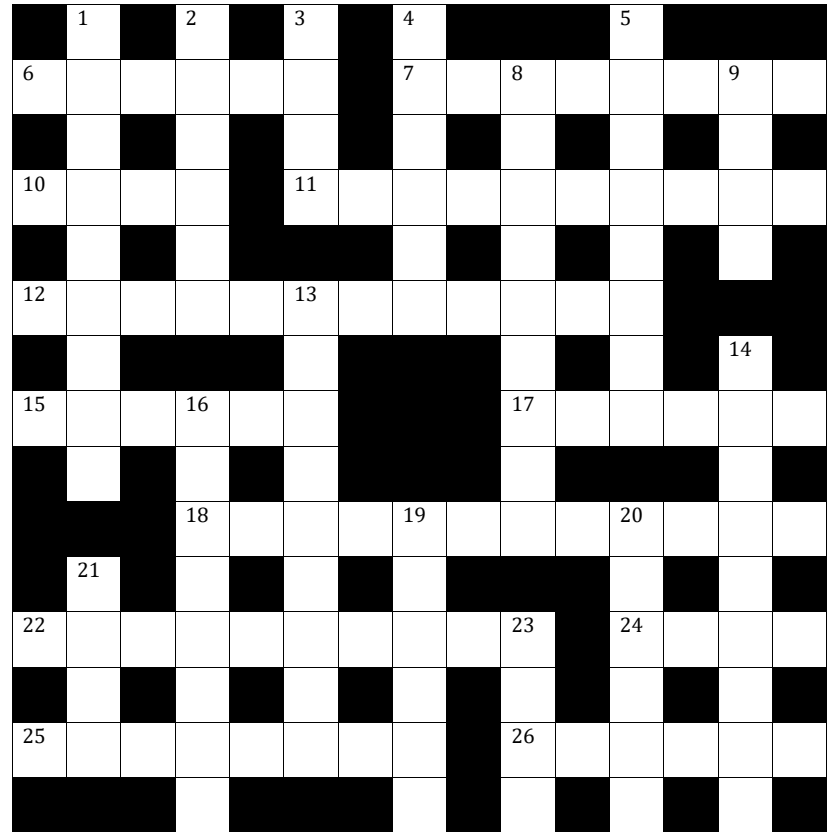
The children have been loving exploring the sandpit to mix, scoop, stack, and feel the sand run through their fingers. The educators in this room have been supporting the children on some large art projects which will be displayed throughout the room to enhance the children's sense of belonging

and pride in their achievements of their learning.

Our Senior Toddlers have been working on their fine motor control skills by working together to fine-tune their pen/ pencil grips and controls. When working through their senses the children have explored water and ice by tipping and pouring, hammering and chiseling out the stuck materials. The play spaces the children have loved are our farm animals and the very hungry caterpillar play space.

Little Yacks is searching for an amazing Early Childhood Teacher to join the team as well as a Diploma or Certificate Three Educator to support the delivery of our programs. If you are interested, please forward your CV to littleyacksdirector@yackhealth.com.au. Incentives may apply.

Cryptic Crossword #10 by Bill Buchanan



Answers to this Cryptic Crossword can be found on page 31

CROSSWORDS #10 by Bill Buchanan - Clues

ACROSS

- 6 . Sit again with the rest (6)
- 7. Oriental ship has crazy scene resulting in delicate perfumes (8)
- 10. Mathematical root! (4)
- 11. Luggage found in flight (10)
- 12. Mars bar? Deluded! (3,3,6)
- 15. Such heroes have no voice! (6)
- 17. Distress on workers' day (6)
- 18. Howling wolf needs urgent attention (4,2,6)
- 22. Now and again, a special event is held for 30's gangster (10)
- 24. Internally, the little servant could stop a general riot (4)
- 25. Green tea is rarely favoured by the growing child (8)
- 26. Cosy home for the French to cuddle in (6)

DOWN

- 1. Buffering error! Rejecting second attempt to shine(9)
- 2. Taking a softer approach will save the trees (6)
- 3. Walk up to find favourites (4)
- 4. Suddenly remember why you need to ring again (6)
- 5. Child soldiers forced on to train (8)
- 8. In the circus, the good man is apparently an imposter! (9)
- 9. Modern car points to smooth rides (4)
- 13. Completely absorbing, crazy lunge, docking digit without hesitation (9)
- 14. Ancient songs sung by disturbed Rhode Island women (9)
- 16. In China, sun signals freedom for captive (8)
- 19. Proprietors see snow flurries around queen (6)
- 20. Key operator! (6)
- 21. A spot of bother for 25 (4)
- 23. Gave money fast (4)



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Working as a team

"You don't have to be superhuman to be in the CFA." That's a message that Jess Barker, one of the Brigade's newer members, would like to get across.

"Everyone finds a role in the Brigade that they can do," says Jess, 48. "While there are some tasks that can be physically challenging, you work together as a team to get the job done. If there is anything I can't do physically, there is someone else in the team who can."



Jess Barker working on a grass fire

Jess, and her son, Lachlan (now 19 years of age and studying engineering at Monash University) did the General Firefighting course – the mandatory training required to be a volunteer CFA

operational firefighter – together in 2020. Because of the COVID restrictions at the time, most of the course had to be done on-line.

"Because there was less opportunity to be hands-on during the process, it wasn't ideal," says Jess. "I think training is better face-to-face. With the practical skills for firefighting, you just have to keep working on them to get better and better. There is always someone more experienced around to help when you're not sure and to guide you during real fires and training."

Despite the relatively 'quiet' fire seasons of the past two years, Jess has turned out to several incidents including grass fires, a shed fire, a hayshed fire, motor vehicle accidents, fires caused by lightning strikes, false alarms and unregistered burn offs. This experience has been complemented by further training such as the Low Structure course at VEMTC (Victorian Emergency Management Training Centre) in Wangaratta. "I learnt heaps, but it was pretty intense," says Jess. "At Wangaratta, they have mock scenarios with real fire in actual buildings and vehicles."

An additional skill in her sights is to be able to drive the fire trucks; something she is looking forward to learning. "I'll just have to ask the Yackandandah community to be patient if I stall the truck in the middle of the main street," says Jess.

While Jess's husband, John House, has been a member of the Brigade for 16 years, it was the 2019/20 Summer Bushfires that were the impetus for her



John House and Jess Barker



The Brigade's fire truck, in this case Yackandandah Tanker 1, was the usual big hit with the little kids at this year's Street Fest.

joining the Brigade. "I was at home trying to keep the smoke out of the house and John was away helping fight the fires," recalls Jess who had had no previous firefighting experience. "I thought these big fires happen as regular events every eight to 10 years and I wanted to be ready for the next one so I can help out. So, I joined my local CFA."

Jess, who is originally from New Zealand, came to Australia when she was 18 and joined the Australian

with our community; do some messaging around fire; and showcase the Brigade. Thanks to all those who made it happen including the Yackandandah Lions Club, YCDCo., YCC and the Indigo Shire Council.

New FEM trailer

The Brigade's FEM (Fire Equipment Maintenance) team have a new trailer to help them with their job of servicing fire extinguishers and other fire equipment about the town. You won't miss it! It's big and red and

shiny with the CFA logo and Yackandandah signage. The Brigade purchased the trailer which Nelmac Engineering then added a canopy and did internal modifications to.

"I really want to thank Denis [Brown] for making this to happen," says Ruth Yule, the Brigade's FEM officer. "It was a big job and took a year to all come together." Denis took on the project of finding and then purchasing a suitable trailer and having it fitted out with the appropriate equipment. Neil Padbury, one of FEM team, then did some more of the internal fit out.

The new trailer replaces the old FEM trailer which was no longer fit for purpose. "This new trailer is easier to tow and is set up much better than the old one for servicing fire equipment which will make

the job much easier," says Ruth. "For example, one of the locations where will be using it is at Yackandandah Health which has about 90 pieces of fire equipment." In all, the FEM team service equipment at some 46 locations in and around Yackandandah.



YCC President Karen Keegan chats with Brigade members Kim O'Brien (left) and Ruth Yule at the information stall at the Community Street Fest

Army. After 26 years' service, she recently retired. While with the army, she had lots of different roles including in operations, planning and personnel. As a mother of three, Jess agrees that once children can be left at home without adult supervision, it is a lot easier to respond to call outs. "Having older children is certainly helpful but you could do it with younger children – you just have to have a supportive partner," says Jess.

Jess says she enjoys being in the CFA, doing something for the community and helping out. She also discovered that she "actually enjoys fighting fires as a member of a small team. "But also, being relatively new to the community, joining the CFA was a great way to meet people – not only Brigade members but in the community as well, network, and create friendships."

Community Street Fest

It was great to see plenty of interest in our truck (particularly from the kids!) at this year's Yackandandah Street Fest – a celebration of community – held on Friday evening, February 17.

The event was a good opportunity to engage



L to R) Neil Padbury, Denis Brown and Ruth Yule with the Brigade's new FEM trailer

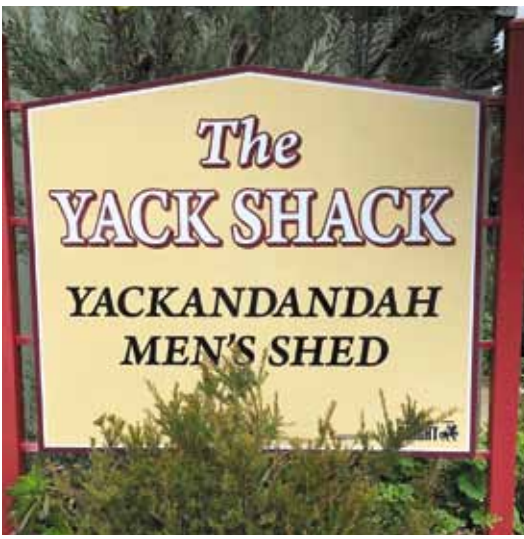


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THE YACK SHACK



YACK COMMUNITY TO GET LIFESAVING DEFIBRILLATORS

Yackandandah Community Centre and the Yackandandah Men's Shed have joined together in a project to purchase and install automatic defibrillators in strategic locations around the town, so that anybody can access them.

These portable machines can be used by people with no training—because recorded instructions guide the users and checks the patient's condition.

The project will also aim to purchase and erect cabinets accessible from the street for existing defibrillators that are not currently accessible.

Arrangements will be made to ensure that the defibrillator batteries and pads are replaced as required.

Locations of all defibrillators will be added to Google maps.

Grants and donations will be sought. The Men's Shed has started with a donation of \$2,000 towards an initial target of \$10,000. This would purchase the first three units.

Donations may be made to the Men's Shed Project account at:

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For further information, please contact Frank Burfitt on 0417 130 541 or via email - mensshed@yackandandah.com.

The Men's Shed in Yackandandah has been around for over 10 years, having been formed in 2012 when 6 local men – John Bradley, Phil Buerckner, Frank Burfitt, Ian Moyle, Geoff Manton & Paul Shortis – with support from the Yackandandah Lions Club and Yackandandah Health, came together and set in motion steps to become part of the Australian movement supporting the health and wellbeing of men.

The Shed, known as the Yack Shack is based on the grounds of Yackandandah Health and hosts a well-equipped wood and metal workshop, a meeting and tea room, and a large, covered veranda which holds the ubiquitous Aussie BBQ.

The Shed is open to all Men and meets every Tuesday morning from 9am to noon. On the last Tuesday of the month we hold a BBQ lunch often complemented by a hearty soup or, courtesy of our "resident chef" Larry Kern, substituted by a sumptuous dining experience, such as a 3 course Indonesian meal.

There are now around 350 Men's Sheds in Victoria with many of them associated with the Victorian Men's Shed Association (VMSA) that was formed in 2005 to represent the combined Sheddors and provide a safe and friendly environment where men can talk, learn new skills, pass on their life skills, and be a part of a bigger community and involved in meaningful activities and projects. The Yack Shack certainly does this with a history of welcoming new members, providing opportunities to learn new skills, hosting talks on physical and mental health, helping each other out, and assisting other community groups.

Some recent activities include:

- Repairing the fence and gate at the Yackandandah Museum
- Working with Landcare, Yack Health and Yack Primary School to plant trees on land at the Health Centre
- Repainting several flag poles around Yackandandah



Members of the Yack Shack hard at work in the workshop



Members of the Yack Shack assist at the Yackandandah Museum

- Establishing sitting benches near Foodworks, and in Isaacs Park and the Ridgeway Reserve
- Constructing a large play boat for Little Yacks
- Providing a bus service during the Yack Folk Festivals
- Constructing wooden toy kits for kids
- Building bus shelters for the Shire.

There is a lot more. The opportunities are endless. There is more to the Yack Shack than power tools and welders and reminiscing about the wonders of an EH Holden wagon. We certainly have these, but we do much more. We are planning cooking classes (you cook and take it home to enjoy), we supply kindling to get the winter fire heaters going, and the firewood raffles are about to start again. Individuals pursue their own projects and repair or refurbish all sorts of objects, both large and small, simple or complex. Small teams regularly work on group or community projects. And we sit around and chat, and have a cuppa and biscuits and cake (thanks largely to John Bradley and Reg Jackson).

Our President for 2023 is Gordon Nicholls, and the Vice-President is Steve Henderson. Paul Shortis keeps the books, and others, such as Neil Padbury, Mark Eyre, Nico Van Nouhuys, help organise multiple activities and marshal the Men when needed. Frank Burfitt is assisting the Yackandandah Community Centre establish defibrillators around Yack. As said above, there is a lot more, and new ideas and challenges are welcomed.

All men, regardless of age, whether retired or still working, are welcomed. Drop by on Tuesday mornings and share a cuppa and chat to our members.

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The Pond - An insight into the characters of Yackandandah with Rebecca Gibblie - Mariko Denahy

The good folk of Yackandandah will know the infamous Pete Denahy, star of stage, comedian, and musical virtuoso. Behind all wonderful talents usually lies an inspiration.

Mariko, Pete's mother, was born close to Hiroshima, Japan on July 22nd, 1946, to mother Isano and father Zenichi, both resourceful and talented people. Isano was a qualified nurse and Zenichi a concert cellist with NHK, the equivalent of Australia's ABC.

The post-war years were not easy in Japan. Food was scarce and the opportunities to secure housing even more difficult. Rental accommodation was the only alternative. Zenichi was often working away with his orchestral commitments and when home, supplemented the family income by growing Shiitake mushrooms. Isano became a full-time mother to her growing family. By the time Mariko was three, she had moved to the seaside town of Eba, famous for the cultivation of seaweed. The move provided a bigger home and yard space. Mariko, as a three-year-old was surrounded by an abundant garden and seaside beauty. A part of the yard was utilized to grow cash crops of sweet potato which Mariko lamented was a staple meal for the family.

Mariko recalls her father appearing on national television as a concert cellist whilst also lecturing in music at the Elizabeth Catholic university. Mariko's talents however were in athletics. As a teenager, Mariko attended Suzugamine Girls High School showing remarkable talent and excelling in sprints, long jump, shotput and 80 metre hurdles. She ultimately became an accomplished Pentathlete.

The years in Hiroshima at the end of World War two were hard. No one spoke of the war, but the reminders were there. Houses blown to a tilt, people disfigured and leukaemia a common illness.

When Mariko left school in 1966, she accepted a sales position with the Yamaha music store or as it was known, 'The Castle of Music' in Hiroshima, arranged conveniently, with the contacts made by Mariko's father. A new and exciting world opened. And although still living at home and under the strict supervision of her parents, Mariko discovered the world of rock n' roll, pop culture and the west through TV and American occupation. Life was great, her employer paid for ongoing professional development to learn about the latest trends in music and indulged her in the best food.

The 'Castle of Music' had more benefits than just fine dining and a regular income. It was a place to socialize. It was early in 1969 that Mariko met Bob Denahy, a persistent classical music customer and visiting English teacher who would seek out Mariko when making purchases. Mariko had previously been engaged to marry a Japanese man but knew they would never be happy together. This had occurred six months prior to meeting Bob. After months of record purchases and attempts at returning items, Bob plucked up the courage to ask Mariko to a classical concert which included their long-time favourite, Beethoven's Ninth Symphony. Although language was a problem, Mariko's friends encouraged her to accept as they said Bob was very handsome.

The evening was delightfully romantic. Bob was a perfect gentleman, paying for dinner, the concert and having her back to her parent's home by 11.00pm. The dates and

outings became more frequent as both Mariko's English and Bob's Japanese improved. Mariko's mother was often at the gate waiting beyond 11.00pm as the young couple's curfews were broken. Both Bob and Mariko worked full time, Bob teaching English at the Okayama Commercial University.

By 1970, they had married at the Memorial Cathedral of World Peace in Hiroshima. Bob a Catholic and Mariko Buddhist. That same year the couple moved to Australia where Bob took up an appointment at Geelong Grammar School where they lived until 1973. Mariko found the language barrier and loneliness incredibly difficult, but this was alleviated somewhat by her taking up English classes and enjoying the beautiful gardens surrounding



Bostock House, the boarders' residence. Mariko regularly rode her bike from Corio to Lara to shop. Bob arranged that the bike be put into storage and encouraged Mariko to pass her driver's licence. Language issues made it difficult but, in the end, Mariko was driving a car.

Bob's family were delightful.

Supportive, encouraging and patient.

The following year, Bob initiated a trip to India, Burma (Now Myanmar), Thailand and Malaysia. Visits to orphanages and schools a priority over three weeks. It was on this trip that Mariko discovered that she was expecting a baby. On the 8th August 1972, Peter was born in Geelong. The birth of Pete made everything better. Language barriers disappeared, friendships blossomed, and a new family came into existence.

By 1974, the family were back in Japan. Tom was born in Okayama city however the challenges facing the family returned. Tom suffered from an ongoing medical condition which required constant and intensive treatment. This took years to resolve. Although the medical care was very good in Japan, the decision was made by Mariko and Bob to relocate to Australia. In December 1975, Susan was born, a beautiful daughter welcomed to the family. Bob worked at Girton College in Bendigo, while Mariko looked after the expanding brood at the same time living with Bob's parents. A new home was needed so the family settled on the purchase of their first home together in Harcourt.

Twenty acres of improvers land and a modest cottage for \$68,000, but it was home, sweet home. The stress of Tom's constant hospitalization and Bob's long work hours were somewhat offset with the beautiful garden Mariko created. Vegetables and flowers all year round. And when not looking after children or home duties, Mariko found time to play tennis in the 'Hit and Giggle' ladies' team.

A new baby, Paul, arrived in December 1979. Bob had adapted to teaching Asian languages in school and was proficient in Indonesian and Japanese. His skills as a teacher

and linguist meant that he was promoted to Assistant Principal of St. Mary's Bendigo in 1979, so life was busy. Pete had started school at Kangaroo Flat Primary.

By 1980, Bob's wanderlust meant that the family was heading off to do more travel and pastoral work. Bob accepted a position in Thailand and life initially was tough with the children. Conditions were not particularly sanitary, and everyone came down with severe gastroenteritis.

The circumstances improved and the appointment of an excellent local cook and maid to the family was welcomed. The contract was for twelve months, however the Denahy's returned early because of the political instability in Laos with several Laotian refugees trying to escape, being killed near their village of Chiang Khan. It was on their return to Australia that Bob decided on home schooling the children.

Back in Harcourt, Bob took a break from teaching and commuted daily to Melbourne, working in the offices of Bob Santamaria, the unofficial leader of the Democratic Labour Party and political activist.

By 1983 Bob and Mariko purchased their first 'Rabbit' photo laboratory in Bendigo and in 1988, their second photo centre in Wangaratta. Their business connection was with Konica, Japan.

It was at this time, around 1989, that the couple purchased their farm in Whitlands. Two hundred acres of pure bracken fern. Mariko set to work, creating a garden which was abundant with vegetables and flowers. It was during this time; Mariko accepted a paid position working in a wholesale vineyard. Ten dollars an hour.

By late 1989, Bob needed to be on the road again. He organized a pilgrimage for the family to Medjugorje in the then Yugoslavia and St. Peter's Basilica in Rome for two weeks. Although the farm was a success, Bob's calling was back in the classroom. The children were leaving home and he decided to accept a position at Redfield College in Sydney. Their new home was Dural. The businesses and the farm were sold. Mariko continued to work in nurseries, and the Department of Community Services, work she loved.

Bob and Mariko thought it best to buy a house and decided that a home in Holbrook would be perfect for retirement. Between 2003 and 2010 they commuted between Holbrook and Dural, finally moving permanently in 2010.

Again, Mariko re-established the gardens and became involved with CWA, Probus and the Holbrook craft network.

By 2018 Bob's health had deteriorated and the decision was made to move to Yackandandah so that they could be close to Pete and Allie. The garden in their new home in Yackandandah reflected all the beauty and experience Mariko had gathered.

On the day after Bob and Mariko's fiftieth wedding anniversary, Bob went into permanent care.

Next time you are in Hammond St and passing Mariko's Garden you will know a little more of her.

Thank you to Mariko for sharing her beautiful journey... and Pete for playing an excellent fiddle! Zenichi and Isano would be truly proud of their daughter's remarkable achievements as a mother, life partner to Bob and the amazing contribution she has made to her new home in Australia.

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We want to begin our article with a huge congratulations to two of our long time members, Shayne Willis and Michael Sidoti. On 4th March 2023, they were both awarded with their National Emergency Medal for their assistance during the 2019 and 2020 bushfires. They travelled down to Wangaratta to meet with other units as



Left to Right- Tim Wiebusch, Michael Sidoti, Governor General The Honourable David Hurley

well as Stephen Griffin (Chief Executive Officer for the Victoria State Emergency Service) and Tim Wiebusch (Chief Officer Operations for the Victoria State Emergency Service). They also met with the Governor General and his wife, their Excellencies General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Retd) and Mrs Linda Hurley who had travelled down from Canberra to present these awards. These medals are a fantastic reminder of the mateship that we as a community and Australia as a nation share. It is so amazing to be a part of such a wonderful community. Again, well done to Shayne and Mick!

We have had a busy beginning to 2023. The year started off with some amazing thunderstorms- sandbagging, tarping and of course clearing trees.

We have had some questions regarding the process of calling the SES, it can be a daunting task especially if you've never had to call an emergency



Left to Right- Tim Wiebusch, Shayne Willis and Governor General The Honourable David Hurley

agency before, so let's go through it.

Within our small unit, we have a team of Duty Officers. These individuals are on call 24/7 to organise the jobs and send out crews. When you call the SES number, 132 500, your call will go through an automated line where you will need to use your keypad to choose the appropriate option. Once through to the operator, they will ask you a series of questions. These questions can include: the nature of your call, your location, street names, closest intersection, postcode or suburb. The call operator will also ask for your name and phone number. This is for the Yackandandah SES Duty Officer to contact you directly, if need be, for more clarification on the job.

Once the job has been established and created, a page will go out to our Yackandandah SES Unit

and the Duty Officer will call the team on a multi-way call. This way we can determine who is available to attend the job. If we have a crew available to attend, they will head down to our unit building and complete the tasks. We are volunteers who have jobs, children, holidays and personal commitments, so sometimes we are unable to provide a full crew to attend. If we do not have a crew of at least two members available, the Duty Officer calls for the appropriate back-up which is often Indigo Shire, VicRoads, Victoria Police or a neighbouring unit such as Beechworth, Tallangatta, Wodonga or

Myrtleford. This process often takes around 30 minutes, so we do ask that you are mindful of the nature of your calls and keep the non-emergency calls for your personal contractors.

Louise Rietmann- Unit Trainer



The National Service Medal

An exciting new Apprenticeship Program for Baker Motors

Baker Motors' commitment to training the next generation has been given a significant boost with the announcement of ten apprenticeship positions within the long-standing local business. Driving this initiative is Baker Motors Service Manager, Michael Seinor.

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Describing the opportunity as a 360 degree experience, apprentices will experience working in all aspects of the Service Centre, from the hands-on job of servicing vehicles to assessing parts and working on the front counter. "We don't just teach the skills required to do this job in this location, former apprentices have gone on to travel, to own their own business, or to carve out leadership positions within the Baker Motors team."

Baker Motors General Manager Martin Baker agrees: "As a family-run business for over 75 years, we're proud to have trained generations of highly skilled service mechanics. Many have gone on to do great things, and a decent number have stayed on with Baker Motors for many years," he said. "It's a testament to the standard of training they receive, and to the culture Michael has built, that many Baker Motors employees stay with us for many years beyond their initial training".

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YACK ANDANDAH WOMEN'S SHED



Our year has commenced well. We had a celebratory BBQ at Yack Community Centre and invited all of our members and others, who were interested to see what our group has to offer. This was followed by an informative power point presentation, lots of questions and discussions on what we could provide in the way of workshops, social catch-ups, community projects and fundraising for our long term goal of having our own premises. Our AGM saw more volunteers wanting to join the Committee and a reshuffle of the Executive.

We have decided to extend our opening hours and change our meet-up day. We will now gather every 2nd and 4th Tuesday and our room at YCC will be available between the hours of 2pm and 8pm to cater to those members who work. It was also decided that at each meet-up we would work on a particular project and we have kicked off the year by cutting out Boomerang Bags from donated fabric. Upcoming meet-ups will see us sewing these bags and screen printing our logo on them. Our idea is to give them to the local community, especially our Foodworks. We like the idea of doing some projects to help our community.

There will be on offer a wide variety of workshops and we will continue with our various interest groups like Mosaics, Ceramics, Mandala drawing, Basket weaving and Woodworking.

It is exciting to announce a new 3 part workshop

for those of us who would love to learn some basic drawing skills. Local artist, Sue Lees, will present an 'Introduction to Drawing' starting on Thursday evening 4th May and continuing for the following two weeks from 6.30 – 9pm. Workshop classes will be small with an emphasis on PLAY and no stress. Hopefully we will be able to extend this series and create another Interest group. We are sure this workshop will fill quickly so depending on interest, we could run it again. Women's Shed members



Some of the Women's Shed members enjoying the Stockroom and Pantry. Pictured are Sue Gilbert, Nicky Carr, Bev Smith and Julia Silver. PC Lynne Davies

will be offered first option before opening it up to the locals. If you are interested and want more information, send us an email.

A Worm Farming workshop is coming up soon... so you can see that we are trying to widen our interest areas by listening to what our members want to participate in and go searching for presenters. If

there anyone in our local area who is willing to teach a workshop or give a talk on a topic you think may interest our ladies, please drop us a note... we'd love to hear from you.

There will soon be news about being given a home for our woodworking tools and a place where we can do our messy projects like mosaics, basketweaving, wet felting, ceramics and of course carpentry and wood carving. We are applying for a grant so we can purchase secure storage for our tools and equipment. Very exciting!!

Social activities including morning teas, visits to wineries, theatre and movie trips, as well as many other fun options are being planned for the year. Keep a lookout on our Facebook site and web page for upcoming events.

The next ANZAC Singalong will be held on the afternoon of 25th April at the Public Hall. Our group has been asked to cater for the afternoon tea again. Last year was such a joyful occasion full of sentimental songs and music from the War era with delicious old fashioned favourite treats to eat. Keep a lookout for how to purchase your tickets from Arts Yack. You'll be sorry if you miss it!

The Yackandandah Women's Shed is proud of the progress that has been made in just a couple of years. We have a strong committee and an ever growing membership. We are keen to embrace old and new members with friendship and a place they can feel welcome and supported.

Here's to a great year ahead!

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On behalf of YCC and the Yack Women's Shed

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YACK LIBRARY

News from Indigo Shire Libraries
Author talks @ Beechworth Library

Indigo Shire libraries is excited to welcome three authors to our area in May.

Cathy McGowan will present "Conversations with Cathy" on **Thursday 11 May at 6.30pm**. Cathy will talk about her life post politics, her work as Chair of AgriFutures Australia and her aim to put community at the centre of politics.



On **Monday 15 May at 1.30pm** Lachlan Strahan will discuss his new book "Justice in the Kelly Country" about the life of his ancestor who embodied the thin blue line in the bush in pursuit of the Kelly Gang.

Western Australian author Dianne Wolfer will talk about biography writing and being an author on **Thursday 25 May at 6.30pm**. Dianne has written many books for children and young adults and her latest book is set in the Beechworth area.



For more information about these events and to book visit www.indigoshire.vic.gov.au/community/libraries

School holiday activities @ Yackandandah Library

FROM PLASTICS TO?

Have you ever thought about what happens to your waste after you put it in the recycling bin? Find out how common items like milk bottle lids and other plastics are recycled and made into useful items. In this interactive workshop presented by **HalveWaste**, see a mini plastic extruder in action, as plastic products are recycled into something new.

Where: Yackandandah Library
When: **Thursday April 20**
Time: **10.00 – 11.00 am & 12.00 – 1.00 pm**
Ages: 6-12
Bookings: Required. Max 10 participants per session

DESIGNER PENS AND NOTEBOOKS

Are you ready to design your own writing materials? Join us to make a personalised pen and notebook using gift-wrap, coloured paper, markers, paints and much more.

Where: Yackandandah Library
When: **Friday April 14**
Time: **10.00 – 11.00 am**
Ages: 5-12
Bookings: Required. Max 15 participants

AUTUMN CRAFT BAGS

Collect your Autumn Grab and Go craft bag in time for Easter and the holidays. There will be crafts and activities for you to enjoy. Suitable for preschool and junior primary ages.

For more information about these events, you can contact Yackandandah Library on 02 6028 1180 and to book visit www.indigoshire.vic.gov.au/community

The 10 most common recycling mistakes made in Victoria, & tips to avoid them

Recycling effectively can help divert millions of tonnes of waste from ending up in landfill, make sure you're not one of the many people making these common recycling mistakes. The latest data from Sustainability Victoria shows that Victorian households created 2.37 million tonnes of waste during 2019-2020. That might seem like a lot of landfill, however almost a quarter of all of that waste – 0.58 million tonnes to be precise – was made up of recyclables to be processed into new products.

The good news is that since 2001, Victorians have steadily increased the amount of waste being collected for recycling by 59 per cent, while the amount of general waste being sent to landfill has only increased 10 per cent. But when it comes to recycling, there are a few things households need to keep in mind to ensure their paper, aluminium, glass and recyclable plastic waste is finding a new life and not unintentionally ending up in landfill.

Contaminated recycling made up 13.3 per cent of the total amount of recycling collected during the 2019-2020 time period, which actually increased by nearly three per cent on the previous year.

Here are some of the most common recycling mistakes

Putting your recycling in plastic bags

Not knowing what your council recycles

Not separating your glass

Putting the wrong (or soiled) items into your recycling

Not knowing your plastic numbers

Recycling your e-waste in the wrong place

Recycling plastic plates, cutlery and cups

Shredding your paper

Not emptying your containers

Forgetting to turn your foil into golf balls

See the full article at <https://www.racv.com.au/royalauto/sustainability/sustainable-living/10-recycling-mistakes.html>

Thanks to the RACV for this article and to Chris Horton for sending it in. Sorry that we didn't have enough space in this edition to print the article in its entirety. We will have a go in the next edition of Yackity Yak.

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YACK PLAYGROUP



Blue, purple, orange and green, we explored many colours throughout Term 1. We even headed to the berry farm to pick red, ripe strawberries. Delicious!

Thanks to those families who joined us for all things play and to those who made small donations. That money will go towards more craft supplies for Term 2.

Speaking of Term 2, we have another exciting program planned. Can you guess our new topic?

- You find them in trees, creeks and the bush
- They eat, move, sleep and poop
- You will only find them in Australia

Yackandandah Playgroup welcomes all families for play starting Tuesday 2/5/23 and finishing up for the term on Tuesday 20/6/23. You'll find us at Osbornes Flat Primary School from 9:30-11:30am.

If you have any questions, feel free to email Playgroup organiser, Stacey Hogan- contact.minimindful@gmail.com



WATER AND SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE MORE RESILIENT TO A CHANGING CLIMATE

Community water and sewer systems across north-east Victoria are now more resilient to the growing impacts of climate change and natural disasters. North East Water has increased the options of using off-grid power supplies at sites during or after times of bushfire, drought, flood, heatwaves and storms thanks to an \$800,000 Victorian government grant.

John Day, General Manager Environment, Systems and Operations, said 'behind the meter' power systems will help keep water and sewer infrastructure operating in emergency situations. "The project

has seen the installation of several fixed generators, solar and battery systems, and the purchase of a fleet



of mobile generators", Mr Day said. Mr Day added, "We're now seeing real impacts of a changing climate within our local area resulting in an increase in the severity of natural disasters." "This project helps us lessen the impact of these events on our services, ensuring minimal disruption to customers. We are committed to climate change mitigation, and with operating efficiencies similar those included in this project, our costs are lower which in turn keeps bills affordable for customers."

Funding for this project was provided from the Victorian Government Repair and Replacement of Essential Water Infrastructure Program as well as \$300,000 from North East Water's capital expenditure program.

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EPIC TRAIL - A GAME CHANGER FOR INDIGO SHIRE AND VICTORIA'S HIGH COUNTRY

Hailed as one of the most spectacular mountain bike trails in the country, the 56km Indigo Epic Trail will officially opened on the 15th March. The trail connects the historic towns of Beechworth and Yackandandah with 22kms of brand new single tracks with links to a number of existing track and trail networks. The \$2M project has been jointly funded by Indigo Shire Council and the Federal Government through its Building Better Regions Fund and will be the only all-season Epic trail in Australia. It's estimated that the trail will attract an additional

12,500 visitors to the region, injecting more than \$5M per annum into the local economy.

Mayor Sophie Price says the criteria for an Epic trail as described by the

International

Mountain Bicycling Association is that it must be a demanding single-track adventure in a natural setting and be both technically and physically challenging. "From all accounts, we've ticked all the boxes and the feedback from those lucky enough to test ride the trail have described it as one of the best they've ever ridden," Cr Price said.

The trail is a "helix loop design" with flowing descents and undulating climbs and can be tackled in its full length from Beechworth or Yackandandah, or cut into shorter loops making it ideal for all levels of riders as well as families who can choose their own adventure. Riders can expect breathtaking scenery with the trail passing through the Stanley State Forest, Beechworth Historic National Park and the Nine Mile Creek Historic area, with a changing landscape of natural bushland, lush ferns and creeks.

Cr Price says the opening of the EPIC trail is the culmination of many years of planning and engaging with community and various government agencies to ensure all environmental and heritage impacts were assessed and addressed in the design and construction phases. "We have worked very closely with Parks Victoria, DEECA and HVP

Plantations as well as the local mountain biking community, which was instrumental in getting the project off the ground. The original concept to build a world class mountain bike trail in our region was put forward by the Beechworth Chain Gang and Yack Tracks MTB clubs, which have been the driving force behind making Epic a reality. They are to be congratulated for their vision and tenacity and both clubs will have



Yack's James Lacey and Helen Haines MP formally open the Epic Trail.
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It has been a positive start to the year at Yackandandah Primary School. We were excited to welcome 26 new Foundation (Prep) children this year and we are delighted to have them and their families join our school community. We also welcomed two new staff this year – Hanna Kiely and David Pietsch. One of our long term staff members, Judy Prlic, has announced her retirement and we wish her a well-deserved rest.

While it is still early in the year it is time to consider your enrolment options for students starting school in 2024. Our local primary schools – Yackandandah Primary, Osbornes Flat Primary, Middle Indigo Primary and Wooragee Primary – would all welcome you to make contact and arrange a school tour. Schools may designate an open day, though we are happy to meet families and provide school tours by appointment. We look forward to meeting you.

Along with our regular learning programs at Yackandandah Primary this year students can look forward to a range of camps and excursions. Our school captains attended a student leadership development camp at 15 Mile Creek where they faced various challenges designed to boost their cooperative and leadership skills. Years 3 & 4 will also attend the 15 Mile Creek this year with the focus being 'Challenge and Grow'. Yrs. 5 & 6 will travel to Canberra for their camp this year where they will learn about democratic processes first hand – among other things. We are aiming to continue our winter skiing trips for senior students again this year as well.

In addition to the camps, students from all year levels will participate in various excursions throughout the year to a wide range of cultural, educational and sporting events. Keep an ear out also for our students' regular radio segment on Indigo FM.

After such a great start to the year we are looking forward to a wonderful 2023.



School Captains – Violet McCalman, Gabrielle Gargiulo, Aidan Wall, Jack Summons

National Title for Yackandandah Mountain Bikers

The Australian Mountain Bike (MTB) Inter-schools Championships were contested in Thredbo in mid March, over six challenging days. It was a massive competition with approximately 1,400 students registered from Primary and Secondary schools across Australia.

Yackandandah Primary School was represented by seven students in the younger age groups.

Sebastian Davison, Spencer Dowsley, Hugo Dickeson, Miles Thornton and Zack Dickeson competed in Division 5 (Years 3 & 4). Jim Kelley and Oscar Dickeson competed in Division 4 (Years 5 & 6).

The event had students battling each other in five different disciplines with timed runs for Flow, All Mountain and Downhill on various Thredbo

mountain trails, and Pump Track qualifications. The Cross Country (XC) course covered sections of the National XC loop. The large number of competitors in most divisions required an uphill starting lap to help safely funnel the racers into the mostly single trail course.

Our young Yack riders showed great climbing prowess and fitness in the XC races. Spencer Dowsley pedalled his way to the podium, finishing second in Division 5! Strong performances from his teammates saw YPS take out the overall team Division 5 National XC Championship! The Division 5 Team also placed second overall in the Flow course. All Yack riders performed incredibly well, registering good times in difficult weather conditions.

Demonstrating a good range of skills and determination, YPS claimed a third teams' trophy, placing second in the Pump Track Challenge. Miles Thornton led the way by qualifying for the final, and finishing ninth individually.

Unfortunately the All-Mountain Assault was cancelled due to poor weather conditions and subsequent lift closures. The young team from YPS were thrilled with their performances and opted out of the infamous Cannonball Downhill as a treacherous combination of snow, sleet and rain settled in.

The Yackandandah junior mountain bike program, KOBOS, will commence in Term 2. Details are available on Facebook or contact Nicola on 0407 862 810.

The first ride and information session will be held on Saturday 29th April. Meet at the Yack Tracks carpark at 3pm.



Yack PS MTB – Jim Kelley, Miles Thornton, Zack Dickeson, Oscar Dickeson, Hugo Dickeson, Sebastian Davison, Spencer Dowsley



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Yackandandah Community Centre



Jane Murphy, the new YCC Manager, together with retiring Manager, David Thorpe

edition).
 “Recently YCC has developed a resilience project which aims to help Yack prepare for and recover from disasters or emergencies. The first part of that project was the workshops we ran with the Australian Red Cross to deliver its RediCommunities project recently. We have also started a project to install additional defibrillators in prominent locations around town, working in collaboration with YCCo and the Yack Men’s Shed. I’m proud of what the committee and I have achieved, YCC is a pretty small organisation but we have been achieving some terrific things for the community,” said David. “It is fantastic to have Jane take over the projects that we have started, her skills and enthusiasm for getting involved in the community are going to be a real asset for YCC and the Yack community.”

THE Yackandandah Community Centre will say goodbye to manager, David Thorpe and hello to new manager, Jane Murphy in the coming weeks. The Community Centre has been a prominent part of the Yackandandah community for many years and Jane is ready to take on the role and continue to work on projects outlined in the YCC strategic plan.

Jane moved to Yack with her young family five years ago and it hasn’t taken her long to become part of the Yack community. She has been busy within the Yack Primary School community, where as a school committee member she helped develop the Dry Creek Bed project and in the last 12 months has coordinated the school’s hot lunch program. Many local growing enthusiasts will know her from the nursery, Happy Little Plants, which she established at her Bruarong property.

She brings a host of skills and experience to the job, having previously worked as a consultant for the Banksia Community Centre in Broadmeadows, a health improvement specialist for BHP Billiton, and various coordinator positions within the sport and recreation industry. Her interpersonal skills and ability to collaborate will be an asset to the Yack community.

David has been manager at the Centre for the past five years and will take up a position with Carers NSW. Leading a change in direction for the Centre has been a large part his work. With the assistance of the YCC committee, a new Strategic Plan was developed last year to help guide the organisation. “YCC is concentrating on creating projects which benefit the broader community,” he said. “We will still run some of the courses and workshops that have been a major part of what YCC offered for many years, but we are keen to see the organisation grow to better connect with what is important to the community. It has been a pleasure working with the YCC committee, staff and the volunteers - our Community Op Shop continues to grow and provide funding for the annual YCC Community Grants (see Page 18 of this

Services Panel, will help guide a broader community resilience project, initiated by YCC. The mapping workshop brought together Yackandandah residents and representatives from significant organisations to identify risks and hazards, as well as highlighting important infrastructure and areas valued by the community. The outcome from the evening will be printed and electronic versions of a map which will identify significant areas and



Members of the community discussing Yack's general resilience

Red Cross Community Resilience Mapping workshop – 21st February, 2023

In times of trouble, it’s how a community pulls together that counts. Being prepared goes a long way to helping people work together and find solutions to problems and difficult situations.

With the help of the Australian Red Cross, the Yackandandah Community Centre is working to help the Yack community prepare and build resilience. YCC hosted three workshops as part of the Red Cross RediCommunities program recently, which will help to identify the needs of the community, risks and important infrastructure, create links between the main organisations and develop strategies to help the community prepare for, survive and recover from emergencies and disasters.

The most recent Red Cross events, a Community Resilience Mapping workshop and an Emergency

facilities in and around Yack such as emergency services, the medical centre, community facilities and sports grounds. It will also identify local roads prone to closures or accidents, areas with poor mobile coverage and isolated or at-risk community members or groups.

The Emergency Services Panel gave Yack residents an opportunity to learn how each of the services operates during an emergency, how they all work together and what the community can expect of them during an emergency.

Manager for YCC, David Thorpe said the RediCommunities program would help guide the broader community resilience project that YCC has been working on. “It was great to have the Australian Red Cross in town to start the discussion and thinking around how we ensure the Yack community can work together to make sure we are resilient and prepared for emergencies and disasters,” he said.

“The floods and fires that other areas of the country have had the past few years highlight the fact that communities which are prepared and work together, survive and recover much better.

This is really just the start of our project which aims to help the community and organisations work together, create useful resources and infrastructure, plan and prepare.”



The Emergency Services Panel answer Yack's questions on how they can help during an emergency



Totally Renewable
Yackandandah

Recently Yackandandah was announced as the recipient of \$270,000 of funding from Emergency Recovery Victoria. Totally Renewable Yackandandah received the funds to improve the availability of power to key buildings in readiness for future power outages, particularly for emergency recovery.

A technical analysis will commence on key community and business buildings to consider which buildings are critical to have operating during or after an emergency. These buildings may then be set up to receive a changeover plug and switch, which enables easy connection of a generator.

Funding also stretches to the purchase of the generator, with sizing to be determined based on an engineering assessment. Importantly, the focus is on energy resilience, and activating the services that a reliable supply of electricity allows. The program will not complete works to improve fire or storm/flood protection of the buildings.

Another exciting element is that the grant includes funds for research to scan Australia or wider afield for existing community resilience models. Consideration will then be given to how they might be adapted and applied in Yackandandah.

The Yackandandah Community Centre has been convening a separate and broader project to improve a general emergency readiness posture for our town. 'Red Cross RediCommunities' hosted three events in our town drawing together interested parties to consider our towns strengths and weaknesses with emergency readiness. The third session offered a panel of local people from emergency services, including Police, CFA, SES, Indigo Shire, DEECA and the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). Depending on the nature of an emergency, many of these entities would be part of an incident command body and ultimately make decisions about where people should go based on the type and severity of an incident.

If you have any thoughts on which community buildings in Yackandandah would be crucial to operate (where safe to do so after an emergency), we would gladly receive them via email at info@totallyrenewableyack.org.au. At the same time, now is as good a time as any to think carefully about how you would cope in your home without power – especially of importance in extreme temperatures or after an emergency.

Exciting times ahead, so stay tuned!

Matthew Charles-Jones

The Yackandandah Real Estate Market Review

Welcome to our first contribution to Yackity Yak. We hope you will find it informative, impartial, occasionally opinionated, inviting of your real estate-orientated questions, and factually enlightening in our review of the current local real estate news, and discussion of results for all completed, and published, local sales and rentals.

For those of us who live regionally, it will come as no surprise that the Yackandandah and the surrounding towns' real estate market has experienced sustained and significant growth in recent years, driven by a combination of affordability, lifestyle, and the shift towards remote working emanating from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Whilst some may now understandably question real estate affordability, buyers and renters relocating from major cities including Sydney, Canberra, and Melbourne are still seeing good value in our regional areas offering larger block sizes, more spacious homes, and a more relaxed lifestyle than their city counterparts.

The COVID-19 pandemic played a significant role in driving the growth of the Yackandandah and regional real estate market with an unprecedented growth of 33% from 33 recorded sales at the peak of the pandemic in 2021. Interestingly, data from the Real Estate Institute of Australia suggested regional Victoria averaged price growth of 10% in 2021, which unsurprisingly puts Yackandandah in the above average category.

The shift towards remote working, complimented by open green spaces, waterways, trails, and the easy commute to regional centres has seen our Indigo communities attract many new individuals, couples, families, and retirees.

Since January 2022, the most expensive settled Yackandandah sales with prices published, have been on acreage and ranged between \$1,500,000 and \$2,000,000. The most affordable home sold was \$515,000 and situated on under 400 sqm. Statistically, the median price for a Yackandandah home over the past 12 months is \$755,000, however, there are an abundance of active buyers above, and below, the median.

The impact of rising inflation and interest rates has not, to date, impacted prices achieved for homes and properties in our region, however, we have noted many buyers are increasingly prepared to wait for a home that meets more of their criteria.

Residential house and unit rentals in Yackandandah are also in strong demand with weekly prices ranging from \$285pw to \$750pw, and a statistical 12-month median of \$465pw.

One of the major challenges for our local property market, and, in our opinion, one of the leading reasons our regional price growth has been supported is the limited supply of homes for sale or rent to accommodate our growing population. Whilst there is a shortage of supply we are big supporters of leaving larger-scale estate development to our neighbouring centres of Albury/Wodonga and Wangaratta and maintaining the small regional communities and shopping strips which attracted so many of us to make our homes here.

Finally, we provide the normal disclaimer that this article is for informational purposes only, you should not construe any such information or other material as legal, tax, investment, financial, or other advice.

Contributor: Jamie Horne – Principal - Indigo Real Estate



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Head into the 'backwoods' this autumn



Georgia and Tony entertain at our February event

BACKWOODS Distilling Co's distillery door in Yackandandah celebrated its two year anniversary in February. In that time, the busy venue has become a favourite spot for locals and visitors to the region. And this year looks to be even better, with a calendar of music and food days added to the offering.

The first event was held in February, with Little Wise providing the live tunes and Woodfire Desire serving up their delicious wood fired pizzas. The Backwoods bar was busy mixing up a refreshing selection of gin and whisky cocktails, and for the craft beer lovers, there was the 'Beersky' which is an amber ale brewed especially for Backwoods by the team at Bright Brewery.

The Labour Day weekend in March, saw local favourite Benny Williams bring his guitar and a fiddle-playing friend, to fill the distillery with story-telling tunes. Spanish rice was on the menu from Albury-based Pimiento's Paella. The afternoon saw a steady stream of visitors coming up to enjoy the relaxed atmosphere and incredible music.

Next on the calendar, the distillery will offer free live music on **Saturday 25 March** (Folk Festival weekend) and again on **Easter Saturday (8 April)**.

Put a visit to Backwoods Distilling Co on your to-do list this autumn and take advantage of the free events, impressive setting and award-winning spirits.

To book your seats in the tasting room or to keep up to date with all the news and events, visit www.backwoodsdistilling.com.au



Our home at Yack Station



Another great event - Benny and Meghan in March



As a thank you to our customers, YCDCo has a competition running from 3rd April to 13th May so make sure you get up to the servo and enter. Weekly prizes to the lucky winners! More details are on the back page of this edition.

Your community owned servo still has a great demand for shares. We currently have none for sale, and many people wanting to buy. So if you have left the area or are thinking of off-loading them, now is a great time to do it! From an initial share price of \$100, a single share is now worth \$306! Not bad growth in these times of financial uncertainty. See our website - <https://www.ycdco.com.au/shareholders> which gives information for both selling and buying of YCDCo shares.

We are also looking for Board members. It's a great board to be involved with and a good time to be learning new skills and having a say in the future of your community owned company. YCDCo continues to move from strength to strength and we are always planning ahead. There are details on our website at <https://www.ycdco.com.au/board-of-directors> or call 0448 803 411 for more details. We'd love to hear from you...

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Yackandandah Museum - garden equipment keeping the grounds looking fantastic. 2022 grant recipients



Yack Community Garden - path upgrade. 2022 Grant recipients



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We invite Yackandandah community groups to submit an Expression of Interest.

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Find an Expression of Interest form on the YCC website at www.ycc.org.au.

Expressions of Interest must be received by **Tuesday, 11th April, 2023** to be considered

Please phone the Manager on 02 6027 1743 or email manager@ycc.org.au



Indigo FM - new equipment for the studio. 2022 grant recipients



Osbornes Flat Hall - defibrillator. 2022 grant recipients



Yack Cemetery Trust - new battery equipment. 2022 grant recipients

YACKANDANDAH LANDCARE

Summer is a busy time for Landcare activities, especially with two funded projects on the go! It is the best time to do weed control as plants are actively growing. We have had contractors and volunteers spraying blackberry, privet, hawthorn, periwinkle, white daisy, euphorbia and Spanish heather at Rowdy Flat and near the Sports Park.

These weeds are all garden escapees from past dumping and are spread by birds dropping seeds and by people walking or driving with seeds on their shoes and tyres!



Doug Westland spraying Spanish heather at Rowdy

We are starting with the smaller invasions at Rowdy Flat to prevent spread into good forest areas. Over time we will move to heavier infestations. If you want to help out, an easy contribution is to pull out or snap off pine seedlings as you walk along the bike trail!

Summer is also a great time for community events. On 28 February, Glen Johnson, fauna expert from DEECA gave a very informative talk at the Public Hall. Did you know we had greater gliders in the Stanley Forest, as well as our cute sugar gliders? We also have native quolls and platypus but sightings are rare. If you do happen to see one, please let us know!!



Club connections group at Whiskey Flat Wetlands

The Club Connections seniors group enjoyed a leisurely walk around Whiskey Flat Wetland on 6 March. We talked about local frog species, bandicoots, sugar gliders and wetland vegetation. Hayden Rochow and Melinda Johnson remembered the area as the old dog pound, frequently covered in water!

In memory of our dear friend and dedicated Landcare member, Colin Barnard, we will erect a plaque on the bench seat at Whiskey Flat.

Col was devoted to the wetland and creek walks. He regularly mowed the paths and kept blackberry at bay.

We will miss him...



Neil Padbury & Col Barnard chew the fat on the weeds issue

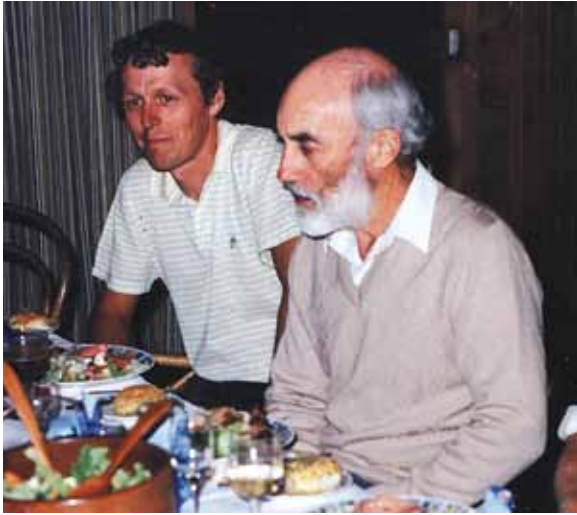
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Vale –Colin Barnard

The Yackandandah & District Historical Society mourn the passing of Colin Barnard. Colin was an inspiring and dedicated teacher of geography at both Wodonga High School and later at Wodonga West Secondary College.



Colin Barnard

On Colin's retirement from teaching, he undertook extensive research on the history and culture of Yackandandah and our district. Over more than 20 years of research, Colin produced nine volumes of the publication 'A Nineteenth Century Village: Yackandandah'. This work was recognised by the Australian historian Geoffrey Blainey who wrote the following appraisal of Colin's work:

"Yackandandah should be proud of Colin Barnard. After intense research, he has given us one of the most comprehensive town-histories so far written about Australia in the 19th century" (2016)

Colin also recorded and published the history of the Yackandandah Cricket Club, as well as being an active player and coach for the club. The museum is indebted to Colin for his recording of the history of the Yackandandah Museum for our 40th anniversary and a more recent record for our 50th anniversary. He constantly contributed to our by-monthly newsletter with stories about Yackandandah's events and people. Colin produced reports of an historic nature for many community groups.

We are forever grateful for Colin's contribution, and we will always remember him as a passionate advocate for our history and culture. As a much valued member of the Society, he will be truly missed.

Farewell Colin

YACKANDANDAH ARTISTS ON DISPLAY

We have been working with several local artists who will display their work in our museum. This opens on 23rd March, so make sure you get to pop in and visit this lovely exhibition and see what talent there is in Yackandandah.

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- Published books and booklets on the history of Yackandandah, past residents, and events.
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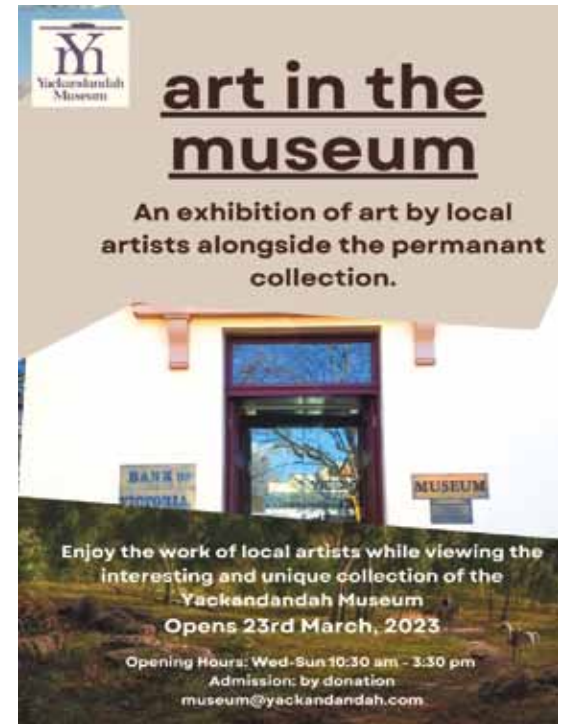
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THE DISH PIG IS SADLY DEPARTING FROM YACKANDANDAH

Alpine Shire have welcomed the Dish Pig to their facilities family.

This innovative project was brought to life by Plasticwise Yackandandah and has made its way into the Alpine Shire to help reduce single-use waste at events as they move towards a more circular economy.

The Dish Pig, a converted horse float equipped with a commercial dishwasher and a range of mugs, plates, bowls, and cutlery will soon be available for hire and use at community events in the Alpine Shire.

The mobile service and wash station will enable locals and event organisers to enjoy their coffee or food while reducing single-use plastic waste.

The Dish Pig will be in action over the Yackandandah Folk Festival weekend so come and say your goodbyes...

A huge thank you from Alpine Shire Council to Plasticwise Yackandandah for donating this incredible creation.

Optimism growing in dual-purpose pear orchard experiment

Early results from Australia's first ever pear orchard agrivoltaic experiment have provided researchers with valuable insights that will help shape the future of agriculture. Based at the Tatura SmartFarm, the \$500,000 experiment examines the use of solar panels over a high-density pear orchard. The canopy of solar panels generates energy, protects fruit from extreme weather events and improves water efficiency.

The output of the orchard in its first year had positive effects on fruit production. It also provided insight into areas for improvement, particularly to enhance the solar panel benefits to fruit development. The results of the experiment were brought to the attention of international research institutions who are interested in learning from the only agrivoltaic orchard in the southern hemisphere.

Agriculture Victoria Research Director, Angela Avery was excited by the opportunities the experiment presented. "By farming under solar panels, farmers can produce food and energy from the same unit of land and reduce their carbon footprint. Agrivoltaic is a word we will start hearing more and more as Victorian producers continue to adapt and combat a changing climate," said Ms Avery.

Combined with other agrivoltaic research, this has positioned Victoria as the southern hemisphere leader in agrivoltaic research and innovation. Ian Thomas, from the UNSW School of Photovoltaic & Renewable Energy Engineering said the experiment was leading edge work. "The research being performed by Agriculture Victoria at the Tatura Smart-Farm is critical. Agrivoltaics will provide an essential tool in the global energy transition and a lot more of this type of research is required."

The experiment is part of the Victorian Government's \$60 million Agriculture Energy Investment Plan, which supports local farm businesses to reduce energy costs, improve energy efficiency and explore alternative energy generation. The plan has supported over 1,300 farm businesses with free on-farm energy assessments and delivered over 650 grants.





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The King and I

I read with interest the story in Yackity Yak October/November 2022 about Jackie Ashman and Ali Pockley meeting Her Majesty, The Queen and His Royal Highness, the Duke of Edinburgh on 26th October 2011. The reason they were invited was important, namely, recognising the efforts of rural and regional people, such as those in the Yackandandah SES, in response to the spate of natural disasters. The comments about the protocols they needed to abide by at their meeting took me back to a meeting I had in 2004 in Edinburgh with His Royal Highness, Prince Charles, who last year became our King.

We were attending a major scientific conference entitled Waterbirds Around the World that was organised by several governments and non-governmental organisations. At the time I was the President of the international governance council of the non-governmental environmental organisation, Wetlands International, part of the organising group, and working for the International Water Management Institute based in Sri Lanka.

As such I found myself on the podium with Ministers of Environment from the United Kingdom and the Netherlands as well as from Scotland. We all read speeches about this auspicious occasion and what we hoped to achieve. I had thought that all speeches except mine were printed in the proceedings of the conference, but in checking today I see that I was wrong, and mine was included!

There were many highlights over the week, with one being a stirring speech given by Prince Charles. He presented a rousing case for greater efforts to conserve seabirds, including the albatrosses, those giant sea birds that have been placed at risk due to our deep-sea fishing efforts. It was rousing and visibly affected the audience. During the session that contained his speech I had been seated next to the throne that had been brought into the room and positioned in the front row of chairs. It was impressive demonstration of protocol, and not something I had seen before, nor since. A Scottish organiser mischievously informed me that they thought I should be near the throne, but was better positioned on the left rather than to the right! Immediately afterwards I was standing next to the head of the United Kingdom's Joint Nature Conservancy committee who agreed with my opinion about the speech and then quipped that what he had presented was nothing like the speaking notes they had provided his staff. This raised my opinion even more – we were really hearing what he wanted to tell us about an environmental issue.

While this was going on the whole meeting hall had been surrounded by a large number of police, mostly dressed in high visibility vests. There was no mistaking that an important person was present. Roads were blocked and bikes and cars with flashing lights just kept coming. The doors were locked, no entry or exit. Then we noticed a number of tall men in dark suits wandering through the meeting rooms, and seemingly whispering into 'hidden' microphones. I felt sure that there were other less obvious agents of state mixing among the 450 attendees. Then a group of about 20 guests were shepherded into a side room to meet His Royal Highness. We were politely instructed where to stand and not to wander, and when the Prince and his entourage approached us, how we were to respond. I did not take in the details of how to curtsy, but did heed

those about how to shake hands. These included not gripping the Prince's hand in a vice-like manner, nor moving it up and down in a pumping motion. Just nice and steady, and for a short period. It was all very polite and sensible.

When they approached our sub-group of three the gentleman to my left, in his enthusiasm, grasped the Prince's hand and started to pump it up and down. My eyes followed in wonderment as the hands went up and down and pondered what would happen next. And it did happen. A very large hand stealthily appeared from behind the Prince and was laid across the gripped hands, bringing all movement to an end. The gentleman to my left went very red in the face, snapped to attention, and completed his heart-felt compliments

about the speech, and asked for a copy to take home to help his country in their environmental efforts. Prince Charles leant forward and asked, in a knowing manner, if I was the Australian, and on confirmation further asked if I felt there was much at all that could help that country given their politics. Being bound by protocol and aware of the irony behind the rhetorical question, as well as previously been seated to the left, I could only agree with His Highness's astute observation as he moved to an Indian gentleman on my right and engaged in a discussion about cricket. The official entourage moved on, and soon the audience was over.

It was all done very well. I was impressed with Prince Charles, and his words, and he is now our King.

I would personally like him to continue to engage with environmental issues, and to speak his mind and share his wisdom. That may not be seen as politically correct, but I keep in mind that his speech on that occasion had been very impactful. Thank you, Your Royal Highness, King Charles.

Max Finlayson



Max Finlayson meets with Prince Charles in 2004. PC: David Stroud, UK

Reg's Rain Report

| 2023 | Millimetres | Days of Rain |
|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| January | 100.2 | 6 |
| February | 24.0 | 5 |
| March to 16th | 18.2 | 5 |
| TOTAL | 142.4 | 18 |
| To 16/3/2022 | 294.6 | 12 |
| To 16/3/2021 | 197.2 | 14 |



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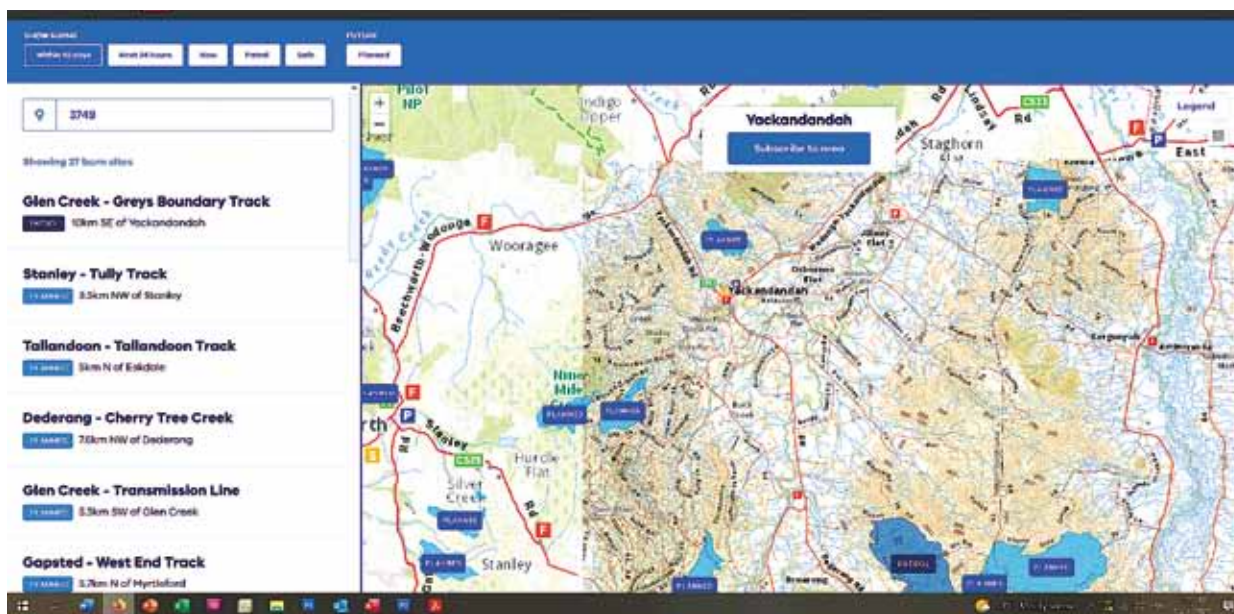
The guns are silent, the killing's stopped,
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The smell of cordite, the shriek of men
As shrapnel rips their flesh,
Is a hideous dream for those who survived
The torture and the death.

Gallipoli's gone, France still to come,
The thought of home ever sweet,
What chance of making it through the hell
Of gas, the Somme, trench feet!

But wake from your dream, my soldier lad,
The guns shall sound no more.
You survived the Somme and you're now back
home,
Far away from the hell of war.

John McIntyre



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Nine years ago on the 14th March 2014, I sat in a courtroom and penned the following poem just before listening to a judge hand down justice to the man who stole a young boy away from his family and then murdered him and dumped his little body in a creek.

DANIEL MORCOMBE, A BOY IN A BRIGHT RED SHIRT

At rest now – far from the madding crowd...
A spirit safe at last, no longer seeking...
Searching for long-awaited justice to bring grieving hearts a
sense of closure.

Justice – yes ... but closure never fully found –
For a little boy – with trusting eyes...
And a chin splattered with food particles framing a cheeky
grin.

Loving arms always seeking to hold him –
Just once more ... please...
Yet in every pore – on every tiny hair sprouting from those
same arms...
Nestle memories of that familiar soft skin...
Along with nostrils still able to catch a whiff of that never
forgotten smell...
That belongs only to him.

A parent's dreams his new playground –
A place where hope never fades away...
And where that beloved chuckle bursts into that
subconscious realm...
So a mother and father's faces turn into smiles again...
In a way they haven't for years...
Not since large chunks of reality became the place of
nightmares.

A beautiful boy with sunshine in his eyes –
The joy of innocence in his laugh –
A cheeky grin causing love to rise in your soul...
And no amount of darkness can ever steal away those much
loved traits...
From that first glimpse of a newborn's face...
Until forever...

Years of heartache – endless waiting ... wondering ... why?
Answers never enough to ease that chasm of aching...
In hearts that will forever hold him close.

The support of a nation standing shoulder-to-shoulder
Clothed in red – with a glimmer of moisture...
And heartfelt anger – in their eyes.

But forever those images of an adventurous boy...
Standing on the bow of a boat – arms outstretched,
embracing the world...
Now ingrained in all of our hearts.

God bless you and your strong and brave young men,
Denise and Bruce –
Along with your darling star – now shining forever in the
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Daniel Morcombe - beloved son and brother

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YACK GARDEN CLUB



A conversation with members Janet and Larry

Janet and Larry are newcomers to Yackandandah, taking up residence in August 2022. They were inspired to move to Yackandandah, from South Coast NSW, after stopping in Yackandandah whilst on

a holiday and coincidentally attending a public meeting organized by TRY. The following day after the TRY forum, they saw a house they liked and put in an offer. It was accepted the following day.



Larry & Janet at work on the Yack Streetscape

Janet and Larry enjoy involvement in community activities and volunteering. The first club they joined together was the Yackandandah Garden Club. Larry is also a member of the Men's Shed and Janet is a member of the Women's Shed, the Writers Group and the Ukulele Group.



Helping out selling raffle tickets

They both enjoy gardening design and maintenance, and have participated in gardening activities in many different environments when house sitting and being Help-X volunteers: in Portugal, New Zealand, France, Canada and in different states in Australia. They have previously had properties in Bendigo and the Adelaide Hills that had large gardens. Larry was a volunteer for

several years at Pepper Green Farm in Bendigo where he built a number of wicking beds. As well, Larry ran workshops in Bendigo on building wicking beds with the Bendigo Permaculture Co-operative. This resulted in several permanent wicking beds being placed in public places around the CBD of Bendigo.

Larry was born in Canada and has called Australia home since 1970. Janet was born in Geelong and spent her childhood summers in Bright and the north-east. Larry enjoys cooking and has trained in Commercial Cooking with TAFE and in French Cuisine with Le Cordon Bleu.

Both Larry and Janet are retired and, prior to the pandemic, had sold up their previous home and were enjoying a nomadic few years travelling and living in Vietnam, New Zealand, Canada, France, Spain and Portugal. Larry had previously managed a respite holiday programme for people with disabilities in Adelaide and Janet was a professor of Practice in Management for LaTrobe University. They are enormously grateful to be living in this welcoming and vibrant community of Yackandandah.

What keeps a community group or club together are its members and to have two people such as Larry & Janet join the Garden Club is not only inspiring but a blessing. They have become active members of the Streetscape team, volunteered to help the club raise funds by selling raffle tickets, join in club activities and in March are opening up their garden for members to enjoy our 'Come and See my Garden' activity. We are extremely glad and grateful that Yackandandah has become their home!

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WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO

Last year the Yack Primary School conducted the 'Boss' program for years 5 & 6 whereby students were obliged to donate some of their profit to local community groups. Student Jim Wilson for his project made strawberry ice cream sundaes (with Allan's Flat strawberries) and we are told he loved every minute. He sold out each week & had so much fun feeding the school!

Jim chose the Yackandandah Garden Club as his community group and we are extremely grateful for his donation of \$150 which will go towards replacing the tubs in the Post Office Lane leading to the supermarket. His mum explained that Jim is a spirited character and he was super proud of himself for this achievement and so are the members of the Garden Club. Thank you Jim!

The Garden Club recently commissioned the Men's Shed to construct a solid picnic table and seating to install at Ridgeway Reserve on the Osborne Flat end of the Rail Trail. This community project was completed in February and the table was christened by members who enjoyed morning tea in the ambient surrounds of the reserve. Ros Ridgeway was appreciative of the gesture which guarantees the legacy of her late husband Graham will live on.

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When choosing plants to put in your child's garden, consider using varieties that



Members enjoy the first of many picnics at Ridgeway Reserve



- reflect the senses.
- Touch – Woolly lamb's ear, succulents (not the prickly variety), bottlebrush
- Taste – Basil, strawberries, peas, rosemary
- Smell – Jasmine, sweet peas, lavender, mint
- Sight – Bright colours, daffodils, rainbow chard, marigolds, pansies
- Sound – bamboo and grasses for their rustling effect when the wind blows

Safety tips for young gardeners

- Select the right size tool for your child
- Keep sprays and fertilisers out of reach
- Do not use chemicals - encourage organic gardening where possible

- Provide safe storage for equipment and tools
- Provide shade when needed, use an umbrella or shade cloth
- When appropriate, make sure your child wears a hat, sunscreen, suitable clothing and shoes
- Do not leave buckets of water unattended around very young children

A GARDENING TIP or should we say TIPS!

Members have submitted their best tips to help you in your garden. We are not claiming they are foolproof as many factors can come into play, but we hope you may get some satisfying results from them.

- WATER, plants need water to survive, some more than others. Learn how much each plant likes and water accordingly.
- LISTEN and learn, not only from other gardeners, but also from radio and TV gardening shows.
- TIME, set aside a specific time to work in your garden.
- PLAN AHEAD and plant vegetables and flowers that will flourish in the picking season.
- LOOK at the autumn colours around you, if you like what you see, plant the tree or shrubs you like to give your garden the same splendid colour.
- TOMATOES are generally self-fertile, the flower is so tight that bees cannot enter it and wind cannot spread the pollen for the same reason. So, to maximise pollination and consequent fruit set, give your tomato plants a gentle shake each time you pass them.
- Autumn is a great time to collect the seeds from the tomatoes that did well this year. Let the tomato fully ripen, cut it open and spread the pulp on paper towel. Once dry, cut into sections and store in an airtight jar. In spring, sow the seeds with the paper. Label the variety, if possible.

CONTACT US

Meetings: 'Wellsford House', Wellsford St, Yackandandah, 7pm, 2nd Thursday, bi-monthly (beginning in February). If you are interested in joining the club or coming to a meeting, don't hesitate to contact us by email or phone. (Membership is not required to attend a meeting.)
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telling the story of pioneer woman Molly Johnson through a feminist and indigenous lens. Admission is free for current Arts Yackandandah members.



Sunday, April 23 - Yackandandah Theatre Company AUDITIONS

This year's major work by the YTC will be The Heartbreak Choir, by Aidan Fennessy. The company are auditioning for seven parts, only one of which requires a strong singing voice. For more info and to register for auditions, visit <https://sites.google.com/view/ytc-theheartbreakchoir>

Tuesday April 25 - ANZAC day community singalong

Following the success of the ANZAC day singalongs in 2021 and 2022, this year's production sees a return to the Public Hall. See page 25 for details.

Save the date for these upcoming shows:

- Friday April 28 - Claire Tonti and Candice McLeod
- Saturday June 3 - The MCO chamber concert
- Friday June 16 - John Flanagan and band
- Saturday August 12 - The Big Bike Film Night
- Saturday August 19 - Karen Lee Andrews and band
- August 24 - 26 - Yackandandah Theatre Company, The Heartbreak Choir

YACK WRITERS

Janet (with her partner Larry) moved to Yackandandah in August 2022. She joined Yackandandah Writers very soon after moving here. Janet has enjoyed writing stories since childhood. She has had a few pieces published and enters fiction competitions for fun. She has also contributed a chapter about her experiences walking the Camino Frances trail in Spain, in a best-selling travel anthology 'My Camino Walk #1'.

Yackandandah Writers meet in the Yackandandah Courthouse on the first Wednesday of the month at 2.30 pm. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact Bev Lello at beverley.ello@gmail.com

Flick, Flick by Janet Russell

He'd never read The Old Man and the Sea, yet here he was, an old man, determined to catch the one fish that had teased and eluded him all summer.

Except he wasn't after a monster marlin: Harry's prey was a forty centimetre long bream. Nor was he setting sail into the screaming waters of the Pacific, fending off sharks. Harry's charter was the calm, glass-like waters of a tidal estuary, with pelicans his only competitors.

Harry launched his kayak at first light, pushing the tiny blue vessel away from the bank with several deft prods of his paddle, slicing his way upstream until he neared the wooden bridge. Somehow the hundred year old bridge had survived the coastal bushfires of last Christmas, due to locals like Harry, who'd stayed and defended this small village. The stately eucalypts that once graced the water's edge had not been saved. It was here, above the broken limbs of a large submerged tree, that Harry positioned himself to catch the elusive bream.

Twice this summer, the wily bream had bitten straight through the line, costing Harry thirty dollars apiece for the insect-like lures that now lay on the bottom of the river. Harry cast the rod with a satisfied smile as the arc of the line made the shiny lure disappear exactly where he'd aimed. He let it sink just enough then reeled in the slack. The game began. Harry flicked his wrist, tugging twice on the line, feeling for any resistance that might suggest a curious appetite below. A quick half-turn of the reel. Harry repeated this pattern until he could see the lure fluttering just beneath the kayak, then he would cast again. Flick, flick, tug, feel. Flick, flick, tug, feel.

He was like an addict who couldn't get enough and couldn't stop. Flick, flick, tug, feel. Nothing. He changed lures. For seven hours his life's purpose was to outsmart the old bream that had avoided his enticements for weeks. His head throbbed with the first sting of sunburn, his eyes wept from the constant dance of the sun on the water, and his hands were so tired from holding the reel that he taped the rod to his left hand. Desperate not to give in, he calmed himself with memories of all the great fishing he'd done: deep-sea catches of wahoo off Tenerife, queen fish off New Zealand, chinook in the fjords of British Columbia, and a giant marlin from the wilds of the Pacific near Hawaii. He would not be defeated by a bream in a small estuary.

Tug. He felt the sharp pull on his taped hand, and searched the water for his line's end. Flick, flick, tug; the rod bent low, resistance increasing. And there it was. Harry's bream. He let it ache for air in his net until it admitted defeat, then he removed the hook and let it slip back into the water.

See Janet Russell's story "The Bridal Party" on page 29.



The big news from Indigo FM is that our local 100% volunteer run radio station is now on the global airwaves following the successful

launch of our live internet streaming service! You can now tune into IndigoFM Yackandandah and enjoy the great local sounds and shows at any time and in any place via this link <http://yackandandahstream.indigofm.au/stream/yackandandahfm88> or head to the streaming page on our website <https://indigofmradio.com/listen/streaming/>

Indigo FM listeners have been enjoying new tunes on a recently updated playlist with a strong focus on independent and Australian artists, which includes a large variety of Indigenous content, courtesy of more than 70 different first nations artists.

Our regular presenters on air with fantastic weekly shows such as "Just Press Play" with Gary (Mon 1:30-3:30pm), fortnightly with "Asleep at the Wheel" with Harvey (Sun 2-4pm), "The Blurred Crusade" with Dean (Sun 7-10pm) and "Everyone Deserves Music" with Scott

(Sun 12-2pm). Bron and Ange continue to produce a monthly show called "Radio Theme Time" with different music topics as their theme. This month will feature all things Folk Festival. To view Indigo FM programs, you can check out the Yackandandah Program Guide at www.indigofmradio.com/listen/program-guide/yackandandah/

Five more students from Yackandandah Primary School are currently learning the ropes of presenting their shows on Mondays and Thursdays between 4-5pm. If you would like to catch up with any shows that have gone to air recently from any of the IndigoFM presenters, just head to the site www.podomatic.com/podcasts/indigofmradio or through the Indigo FM website.

The focus this month will be on the **Yackandandah Folk Festival**. Indigo FM will be heavily involved all over the folk festival weekend featuring music and interviews with this years performers and a breakfast show on Sat and Sun between 8-10am.

Indigo FM also keeps you up to date with live music shows in our area. The Indigo FM gig guide on Facebook is updated weekly so check it out to see live music events

advertised in and around Yack.

Indigo FM co-hosted two shows in February featuring the exceptional storytelling and songs of Joel Havea. Joel performed at Kergunyah Memorial Hall and at Rutherglen. Joel was supported by an incredibly talented young Staghorn Flat country singer/songwriter Jack Gregory.

Are you interested in joining us at Indigo FM? We would like to offer the opportunity to members of the community to join Indigo FM to add their show ideas to our evolving schedule. Getting your own radio show on the airwaves is super easy. It's free to be trained as we like to keep it accessible to all. Shows don't have to be just music specific, you can promote your interest group or community group, share information, promote upcoming events. All ideas are welcome. If you are interested, just email us at indigofmradioyack@gmail.com to find out more.

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While First Nations inhabitants have lived in this area for thousands of years it was only after 1824 that Hume and Hovell led an expedition into this part of the Yackandandah Valley and other settlers followed. Frederic Street took up land in the Staghorn Flat- Baranduda area in 1852 and provisioned the gold fields, miners and newcomers. James Street (Frederic's grandson) built Glen Avon in 1898 and for many years the family remained in charge of Glen Avon. The house remains now at 392 Wodonga Yackandandah Rd Staghorn Flat, on 5 acres complete with its ancient wooden barn. In the 1970's Barbara Beck planted a magnificent garden which is still a source of delight.

In 2016 Margie Gleeson and Don Cameron decamped from Albury to enjoy a rural lifestyle. Many years earlier we had run the restaurants- Barlows at the Bellevue and the Macauley Street Brasserie.

In the early years at Glen Avon, we held musical evenings in the barn and art exhibitions on our

verandas and an artists' dinner in our garden. We hope to have such events again.

For the last 3 years we been building an addition to the homestead in the form of Bed and Breakfast accommodation with 3 comfortable queen rooms, each with an ensuite, and a large lounge living area. This is adjacent to a 10-metre pool, outdoor kitchen and entertaining area. Justin Maybury and Yackandandah Constructions have built a magnificent building which mimics the weatherboards, corrugated iron and iron lace of the original farmhouse. Rockcote earthen render throughout the building insures a steady temperature and quiet atmosphere. The outlook to the west is the Baranduda range. The accommodation is airconditioned and heated, has free Wi-Fi, smart TVs and breakfast-cooked or continental included. Artworks and photographs on the walls are by local artists and include images from the mountain huts, birdlife, and landscapes. This is a place for a leisurely weekend or a homebase for exploring.

Closer to the house live Islagh and Moragh our Scottish cows, and Banjo - a born and bred Yackandandah Border Collie. The unnamed livestock are the echidnas, possums and wombats that temporarily make their home with us.

The rafters in the lounge dining area are jarrah beams from the old Bandiana Railway Station. Much of the furniture sourced has had a previous life in homes of family members. All has been lovingly restored.

We are looking forward to hosting visitors to the area and pointing out places for them to visit in the Indigo, Wodonga and Alpine areas. We would love them to enjoy our beautiful garden and the produce we source and cook from this district.

Inquiries Margie Gleeson on 0419 271 058 or via email at info@glenavoncountryhouse.au

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HORSES FOR COURSES



Crossing the Valley in early morning

one horse ever returned home... The gelding, Sandy, who was supplied to the cause by the O'Donnell brothers who were connected to the Old Tallangatta Brickworks. Bronzes are not cheap, and about \$190,000 has been raised so far by the fundraising group. Sandy will be officially unveiled in late May. Sal and I will be going to the event. See more on page 15.

Sunday - some departed and we split into two groups to shift some cattle. Half of us clattered down the road to put 50 angus steers into the yards. I am always a bit wary when a man says "they could be a bit flighty"! We had some good ringers mounted and quality horse flesh, but boy oh boy! A bit flighty? Two hours later we had 49 in the yard and one in the neighbour's paddock. Sal, my not so young nag certainly held her end up. 3 kms back to base, pack and call it a hell of a good weekend!

The get together was made up of passionate riders (most of whom I had not met before). Big thanks to all involved, spit roasts, cheesecake – yum, (tall) stories and plenty of laughs. A shout out to the Smiths and the mob from Barmah.

Steve Pearce, Staghorn Flat

BULLIOH RIDE

We gathered at Ross's place (it already sounds like a Banjo Paterson poem!) at Bullioh on the fringe of the Upper Murray. Thirty riders traversing private property adjoining Mt. Lawson State Park. From the fertile valley with plentiful feed to some steeper, rugged back blocks commanding splendid views. Our thanks to all neighbouring properties for allowing us access. The area had been smashed in early February receiving 160mm of rain damaging fences and making creek crossing a bit hit and miss as a couple found out.

The organised ride was part of an ongoing fund raising campaign to erect a bronze statue of "Sandy, The War Horse" in the park at Tallangatta. Approximately 136,000 horses were shipped from our shores to serve in World War One, a brutal time for man and beast, and only



Steve and "Archie", a 4yo stock horse cross in a World War 1 military saddle



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Coach Louise Thornton and some of our Hot Shots players at the Australian Open

aspiring tennis superstars down for the event. The day included exclusive access to the AO Ballpark prior to gates opening, the opportunity to meet special guests in the AO Ballpark, an exclusive seating area in the John Cain Arena and a multitude of publicity and media moments which many had no idea what to do with. But what a day and experience to remember. Thank you Lou!

The Kiewa Talgarno District Tennis Association summer competition has now officially finished and Yack had three (out of 6 teams) represented in the grand finals at scenic Mt Beauty. This is a big achievement particularly for our Section 4 Yack Royal Blue junior team, as many are still developing their competitive skills in their second season. The pressure of finals

Our three other teams in Sections 2, 3 & 4 enjoyed a fun summer season. We would like to also acknowledge and thank Rebecca Stamp for her finesse in managing the roster of female players between the two senior teams. Many a weekend, the availability of female players was few and far between and Bec always managed to fill two teams. So, not only would we like to thank those who stepped up to play, but we take this opportunity



Members of Senior Section 1

Your roving tennis reporter is here on the courts ready to give you the inside scoop on the 2022/2023 summer tennis season. And what a fabulous season we've had. Our Hot Shotters hit the Hume Highway in January to be courtside for the eeeee-xclusive Hot Shots Day on January 19 at the Australian Open. This much longed-for, all-areas (not quite) media pass was offered to coaches who deliver the Hot Shots program and we are so grateful indeed that our wonderful Hot Shots coach, Lou Thornton, was able to take a group of our young

can certainly be unnerving for even the most seasoned players but kudos to Yack Royal Blue for giving it their all against Talgarno. Our Section 3 Yack White junior team capped off a near unstoppable season with a comfortable win against Gundowring North and were smiles all around. Well done team (many who continued their premiership success from Section 4 last year).



Section 3 - Yack White Premiers

to encourage any women in our Yack community who would like to come back to tennis to consider the summer comp.

The AGM for the Yack Tennis Club will be held on **Monday, 24th July at 7pm in the top pub** and we invite and encourage all existing and new members to attend.

The Club has another infrastructure project in the works to upgrade two courts. Regular players will have noticed the growing cracks on the blue plexipave courts. The Club has secured part funding to upgrade these two courts to a synthetic grass but we are appealing to the wider Yack community to support our fundraiser through the

Australian Sports Foundation. See the notice below with the details. Any amount is gratefully received and will go a long way towards ensuring the longevity of the playing surface and the Tennis Club itself.

Our grateful thanks for your support.

Our other finals contender was the senior Section 1 who came up against superior play by Granya on the day. Sure, we would have preferred the end result was in Yack's favour but it's best to acknowledge superior forces when met.



Section 4 - Yack Royal Blue ready to take on Talgarno in the GF

The Bridal Party by Janet Russell

Rachel was trying to decide if the tape or the staples would be better to hold the lacy white curtain fabric together; at least long enough for her to get down the aisle.

"I think the tape will be better," she announced to her best friend, Sophie.

Sophie put the stapler on the floor and carefully passed the scissors to Rachel, who cut a long piece of sticky tape then attempted to attach it to the side of the dress.

"Sophie, you hold this bit so I can get it off my fingers and onto the dress."

There was a knock on the door and Rachel's mother gently enquired, "Are you nearly ready? Dad and your sisters are waiting."

"No," Rachel called back.

"Okay, five minutes more, girls."

Rachel returned to fixing the lace into place, slowly patting down each section of tape as she eased it from between her fingers.

"We did it!" she laughed, clapping her hands and admiring their handiwork.

"What about this bit?" Sophie asked, picking up a long piece of fabric that may or may not have been part of the hemline.

"That bit, we can staple," Rachel confidently replied, grasping the stapler in one hand and awkwardly gathering the offending lace in the other. Three staple clicks did the job.

"Let's go and marry Ken!" Rachel squealed with excitement.

Sophie opened the door the tiniest amount and quietly peered around it. Everyone was in their place and Rachel's mother smiled encouragingly at her over the top of her glasses.

"Come on, girls, we're all waiting!" she whispered.

As the processional music began, calmly and solemnly, Rachel inched past Sophie through the now wide-open door. The adoring guests made all the right oohing and aahing sounds as Rachel affected a grand entrance. Sophie followed, picking up two staples that had refused to join the bridal party. When Rachel saw Ken leaning against the table leg with his familiar fixed smile, she giggled. Ken, in his best long shorts, yellow windbreaker and deck shoes, looked relaxed and ready for whatever was about to happen.

Rachel joined Ken at the table, then motioned to Sophie to come and support him. She nodded at her mother, who dutifully pressed pause on the music then addressed the guests: "We are gathered here today, to witness the marriage of the ever-reliable Ken to his remarkable bride, Barbie."

The three guests whooped with over-inflated enthusiasm, as Rachel and Sophie, bodies now hidden under the table with arms extended, attempted to stifle their giggles whilst holding the plastic bride and groom upright in their pudgy four-year old hands.

COURT RESURFACING

TWO OF OUR FOUR COURTS ARE CRACKING- WE'VE PATCHED & MENDED AND WE KEEP PLAYING- BUT!!!!

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THE YACK TENNIS CLUB HAS BEEN APPROVED FUNDING FROM TENNIS AUSTRALIA'S BUSHFIRE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND (BCDF) AND THE WONDERFUL YCDCO TOWARDS THE PROJECT COST-

PLEASE, WE ARE ASKING FOR PUBLIC SUPPORT VIA THE AUSTRALIAN SPORTS FOUNDATION (ASF) FUNDRAISING PLATFORM TO KEEP OUR COURTS GOING STRONG FOR THE NEXT 100 YEARS!-

FIND OUT MORE:
<https://asf.org.au/projects/yackandandah-tennis-club>

SCAN ME

YACK COMMUNITY BOWLING CLUB

The Bowls Club turned green on St Patrick's Day, hosting a ladies tournament celebrating everything Irish. Away teams from Wodonga, North Albury, Rutherglen, Milawa, Chiltern, Howlong, Belvedere, Lavington & Wangaratta participated. Everyone enjoyed a fun filled day with some serious bowls. Judges had their work cut out selecting the winner of the best dressed team. Congratulations go to Yackandandah who took out the coveted prize.



Yackandandah outstripping all for the prize for the Best Dressed Team on St. Patrick's Day

And the winning team is the MALARKAS

Team members Dwayne Washington, Ian Greenwood, Matt Bayne, Murray Fraser & Paul Frankel finished on top of the 2023 ladder.

The hotly contested 2023 Community Bowls Competition is over for another year. It was a very strong field of 16 teams competing for top spot. It was a close finish with Malarkas and Staggering Iguanas (last year winners) playing

off in the last game for top spot.

If you would like to register a team for the 2024 Community Bowls Comp, please text Meredith on 0414 688 354

Weekly Sunday Social Bowls 10-12pm commenced on March 12th. Suitable for players of all levels: Everyone is welcome. Turn up at 09.45am for a 10am start.

Beginners – Learn the basics and join in the fun

Intermediate – Match practice with coaching

Advanced – Match practice and gain coaching experience

DO YOU NEED TO BOOK A VENUE?

The Bowling Club is ideal for large or small, events, with a large kitchen, fully stocked bar, indoor and outdoor seating for 100+ people and modern toilet facilities. We can assist with catering if you need. Throw in some barefoot bowling for lots of fun and laughter.

Please contact Wayne Furze – 0417 685 886 for further details.



Malarkas Presentation

| Yackandandah Community Bowls | | | | | |
|------------------------------|--------------------|------------|------|-------|------|
| | | TOTALS | | | |
| Team | Skips Name | Win Points | Ends | M'gin | Rank |
| 9 | Malarkas | 120 | 77 | 96 | 1 |
| 14 | Staggering Iguanas | 115 | 80 | 91 | 2 |
| 13 | Police | 115 | 66 | 63 | 3 |
| 8 | 8 Left Feet | 105 | 72 | 65 | 4 |
| 15 | Team Star | 105 | 61 | 43 | 5 |
| 5 | Gutter Trash | 100 | 72 | 85 | 6 |
| 7 | JackHi | 90 | 64 | 6 | 7 |
| 11 | Hole in One | 85 | 59 | -1 | 8 |
| 1 | Allans Flat CFA | 65 | 58 | 5 | 9 |
| 3 | REOWLECA | 50 | 53 | -43 | 10 |
| 4 | 3D's | 50 | 50 | -21 | 11 |
| 6 | Swamp Rats | 50 | 49 | -71 | 12 |
| 12 | Gold Diggers | 45 | 49 | -95 | 13 |
| 16 | Sidewinders | 40 | 52 | -61 | 14 |
| 2 | Ben Valley | 35 | 50 | -42 | 15 |
| 10 | Skittles | 30 | 42 | -110 | 16 |

ComComp Ladder 2023

YACK LIONS CLUB MARKETS



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

16th April

21st May
16th July
17th September
19th November

18th June
20th August
15th October
17th 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

LOOKING FOR A VENUE??

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

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

website: <https://sportspark.yackandandah.com/>

email: sportspark@yackandandah.com

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



Yack and Beechworth play their annual Challenge with Yack reclaiming the trophy. It's an unacknowledged truth that as summer

wanes, the rock-hard fairways lend an extra 30 metres to a well-struck drive and everyone's ego. Those unfamiliar with the run at Yack Golf Club are pleasantly impressed by their glorious distance and solemnly vow to sign up for another year's membership.

Take a look around at any golf course in our region during February and March and you'll see a plethora of official opening days. And a very good chance that Yack is represented. At the NEDGA (North East District Golf Association)

Mixed Opening Day at Myrtleford, Yack had a great day out in the Pairs Stableford Aggregate. Robyn Davies & Angela Bishop won the women's comp and Hugh and Libby M'Crystal came runners-up in the mixed. Other Opening Days have been at Bright, Wangaratta, Jubilee, Corryong, Mitta



Robyn, Libby & Angela at the NEDGA Mixed Opening Day

and more. It all adds up to a great year enjoying golf and supporting other country clubs.

Yack also had their Opening Day on Sunday, 5th March which attracted a



The Yackandandah Beechworth Challenge participants

very large field of 68 playing a 3-Ball Ambrose. Our heartfelt thanks to Tasco for sponsoring the day, providing prizes and supporting the Club to the value of \$1,000. Thanks also to our members who catered the yummy lunch and prepped the course which was presented at its summer best. As mentioned, the summer run resulted in some superlative play and naturally, players will take all due credit for an Eagle on the third hole whenever it happens. He's asked we respect his anonymity to ward off the paparazzi.

CROSSWORDS #10 by Bill Buchanan Answers

ACROSS

6 Repose. 7 Essences. 10 Cube. 11 Staircases. 12 Off the planet. 15 Unsung. 17 Mayday. 18 Call of nature. 22 Occasional. 24 Page. 25 Teenager. 26 Nestle.

DOWN

1 Rebuffing. 2 Forest. 3 Pets. 4 Recall. 5 Infantry. 8 Strongman. 9 Even. 13 Engulfing. 14 Madrigals. 16 Unchains. 19 Owners. 20 Typist. 21 Acne. 23 Lent.

Yack Opening Day Results

1st (56.3) Brendan Jones, Wal Jones & Dan Galvin

2nd (56.5) Herb Glass, Ben Glass & James Russell

3rd (58.2) Andrew Lawson, Jim Lawson & Mark Boehm

NTP 4/13 **Men:** Jeffrey Ryan / **Women:** Frances Boehm

NTP 6/15 **Men:** Trevor Britton / **Women:** Jacinta Finn



Another highlight was the annual Women's friendly competition challenge between Yack and Beechworth on Wednesday 15th March.

Last year the trophy went to Beechworth but being the host club certainly has its advantages and we were happy to reclaim the trophy back to Yack.

Lunch was amazing (thank you again Helen & co) and the array of sweets and good company made the day that much sweeter. Our connection with Beechworth is long-standing and this was a great way also for our combined Women's Friday pennant team to play together and socialise.

Thank you to our band of volunteers who keep the course in such good condition during the summer heat and lack of water. It is appreciated by all members and visitors who enjoy the great views and that beautiful summer run.

Libby M'Crystal
(Women's Captain)



The amazing lunch put on for the Yackandandah Beechworth Challenge - thanks everyone!

VALE

All members of Yackandandah Golf Club send our heartfelt condolences to Marian and family on Colin Barnard's passing. A generous, gentle and knowledgeable man - he made such a positive contribution to our Yackandandah community with his wealth of history and he will be greatly missed. Rest in peace



Yack Opening Day – Winners are the Tasco Gridders



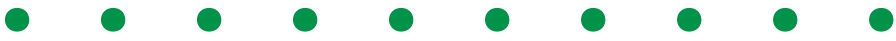
TIME TO GET BACK OUT INTO THE GARDEN AS TEMPERATURES COOL DOWN AND WE LOOK FOWARD TO THE SEASON OF MISTS AND MELLOW FRUITFULNESS



(courtesy of John Keats)

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The Management and Staff of YCDCo would like to thank all shareholders for their continuing support, and all look forward to another good year serving the Yackandandah and District community.



As a thank you to all our customers, we will be running a competition for six weeks commencing Monday, 3rd April until Saturday, 13th May, 2023

(the competition will exclude staff and families and Board members and families)

We will be offering a weekly voucher for \$50 to be spent in-store to the lucky person!

No strings attached. Just make a minimum purchase of \$25 and go into the draw.

The competition will end on Saturday, 13th May, 2023 at close of business and the lucky winners will be notified by telephone weekly.

Phone: 02 6027 1901 Website: ycdco.com.au

Autumn/Winter Opening Hours

Mon-Friday: 7 am to 6 pm

Saturday: 7 am to 5 pm

Sunday: 8.30 am to 5 pm

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