

## AGENCY OF SCULPTURE IN BIG AWARD SCOOP

### BEN GILBERT AND TEAM TAKE OUT MAJOR AILA 2022 AWARD

Ben's business, Agency of Sculpture in collaboration with Outlines Landscape Architecture, recently won the 2022 Australian Institute of Landscape Architects Play Spaces state award with their dragon playground project for Arcadia Estate, Flanagan Avenue, Officer on the outskirts of Melbourne. It is now in the running for a national award.

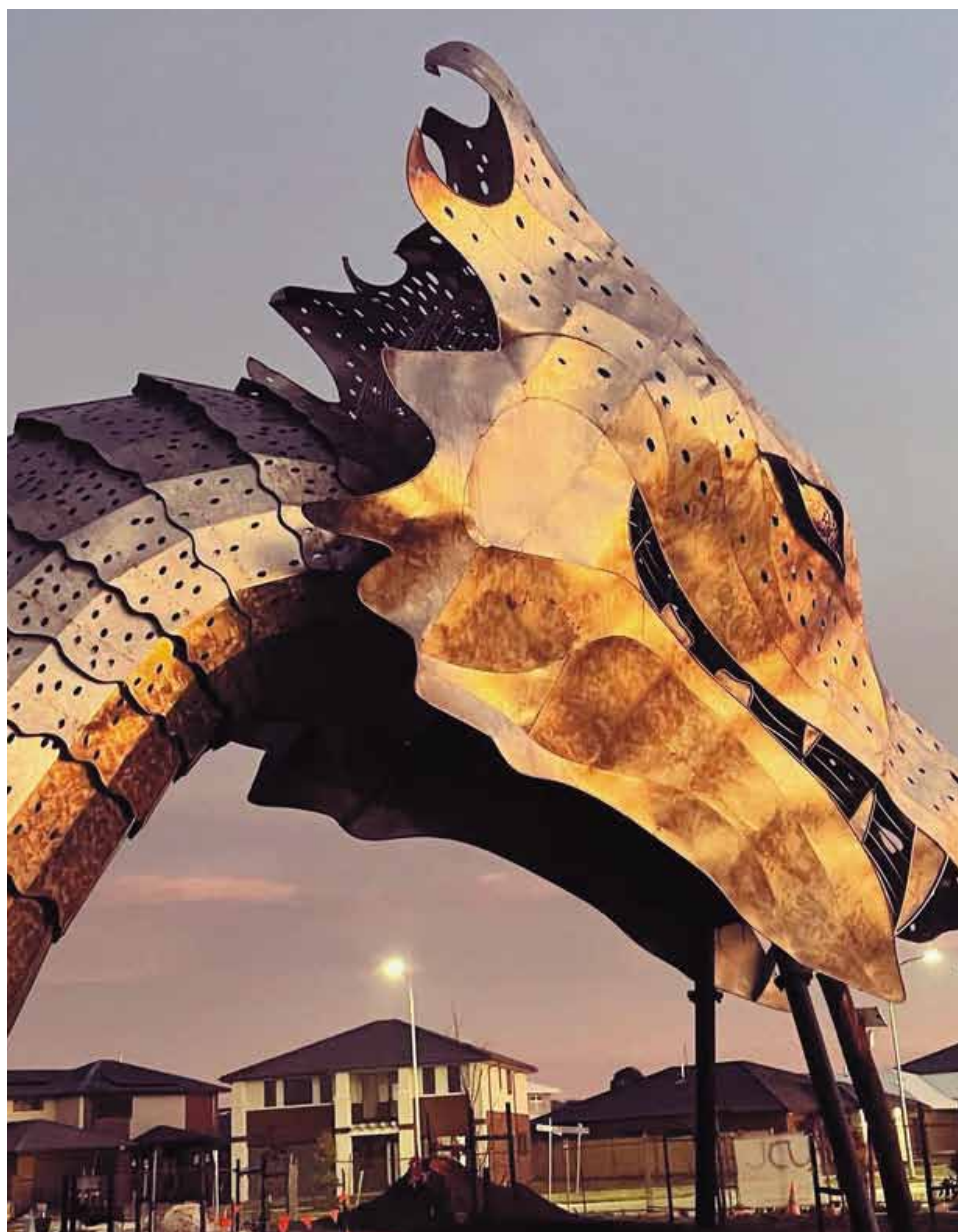
This glorious creature was made in the huge Yack workshop during Covid – with Ryan Turner, Tom Rochow, Jake Henderson, Chris Henderson, Jack Opperman, Jake Mitcheson & Ben Gilbert all working on it.

Ben designed the dragon and play elements, and his team built and installed it. The dragon is 50 metres long, and was made with stainless steel and red gum. All work was undertaken in-house.

Landscape design was coordinated with Outlines Landscape Architecture, and Glenn Romanis undertook the wonderful timber carvings. It is open to the public.

The project overview describes it as an exciting and magical playground drawing on the 'arcadia' theme the new residential estate is named after. The Dragon Park draws visitors from far and wide, even attracting its own Facebook group. Children of different ages are drawn into the mouth of a giant dragon's head, sliding down the other side and encountering another world – a charred log forest, escaping bush creatures, and swings hung from a dragon's tail. Australian animal sculptures inhabit the playground adding to the theme of the fantastical creature that has crash landed into the familiar park landscape.

Congratulations to the Agency of Sculpture, and lucky Arcadia Estate, having such a beautiful piece of sculpture to fire the imagination of its children.



*The Dragon in its new home in Officer  
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*The Dragon passes through Beechworth on its way to Arcadia*



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**A RAMBLE WITH THE EDITOR**

Some lovely stories in this edition - our residents going beyond the call of duty - congratulations to them all, and many congratulations to Ben Gilbert and the Agency of Sculpture for another great win with some amazing sculpture - what lucky children of Arcadia Estate. It must be like going to Narnia.

YCDCo is looking for a paid Project Manager to organise their 20th anniversary party, so if this sounds like your cup of tea see page 14 for further details.

Things seem very topsy turvey at the moment with the Northern Hemisphere coping with bushfires that are generally uncommon if unknown in their cooler climes. And back at home, Covid is swirling all around us at the moment, so take care, keep warm and safe and Spring weather will be with us before we know what's happening. The wattle is already in flower on our hillside.

All the best.

**Ali**

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A recent get together was held at the



Yackandandah Hotel for long service employees of Yackandandah Health, Maree McInnes and Mary McKenzie-McHarg. Both ladies had worked in the kitchen at Yackandandah Health for 10 years and 37 years respectively. What a wonderful achievement! When asked what the highlight of their time at Yack

Health was, both women replied, "Caring for the residents!"

Thank you to Maree and Mary for your service to Yackandandah Health and the Yackandandah community. You will be missed by all.

## INDEPENDENT LIVING APARTMENTS

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## VOLUNTEERS

As crazy as it sounds, we are trying very hard to getting back to some level of normality here at Yackandandah Health. We know life has changed but we need to continue to find ways to stay connected with our friends, families, and the community. What does that look like? Well, we would really like to re-engage with our previous volunteer group. Of course, things have changed due to the pandemic, but we are now 2 years down the track, we have vaccinations and anti-viral drugs, and we must keep living. It's the one thing that we as humans are very good at and that is surviving.

So, if you could spare a couple of hours every week or once a month, please contact Becky Hyde at Yackandandah Health on (02) 6028 0100 and she will organise and get you started. There is so much you can do from 1:1 engagement with a resident to group activities including but not limited to cooking, gardening, craft, armchair travel, bowling - the list is endless only limited by your talents and abilities.

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## NEXT 8 - 10 WEEKS

The next 2 months will be very important in the fight against Covid in our community. If everyone can do their part, we will go a long way to minimizing the impact this virus has on us all. Vaccination is one of the easiest ways to help protect yourself and your loved ones so please make sure your immunization is up to date. If you are not up to date, please go and see Ros at our local Yackandandah Pharmacy.

Hand hygiene is another great way to break the spread of this virus. By washing your hands or using hand sanitizer you are breaking the transmission of the virus and not passing it on. Social distancing

is another way to stop the spread of COVID-19 and if you can't socially distance, then wear a mask.

This virus hates fresh air so rug up and get outside as much as you can.

If you are not feeling well, be kind to yourself. Stay at home, rest up and get better. You are never too busy to look after yourself. If everyone does this one thing, together as a community we all will benefit now and into the future.

## SUNSHINE DAY

We recently celebrated Sunshine Day at Yackandandah Health. Everyone dressed up in their brightest yellow and we spread smiles and sunshine throughout the facility. Even on the coldest days you can always find a reason to laugh, smile and have a "Happy Day".

## LITTLE YACKS LEARNING YEARS OPEN DAY

On 2<sup>nd</sup> July, Little Yacks Learning Years educators hosted an Open Day to our currently enrolled families. The Open Day was to showcase the finalised renovations on the service and have a post-lockdown event with our families.



The event was planned to reconnect with our families who have not been able to enter the centre since last September due to COVID-19 restrictions. The children have been very resilient throughout this time and were very excited to tour their families through their new rooms.

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department, work on our community art project, have our face painted by the talented Sam at Samantics Beauty, and have the time to sit and engage with their families in their education setting. All families provided very positive feedback to the



service and educators have welcomed the families face to face input into the curriculum.

Thanks to Justin and his Team from Yackandandah Construction for the alterations to our buildings, and a big thank you goes out to Tamara

Brockwell, Little Yacks Director, and her team for on putting on a fantastic event enjoyed by young and old alike.

#### INTERGENERATIONAL TREE PLANTING DAY

Another big thank you to all the students from Yackandandah Primary School who came down to Yackandandah Health on the 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2022 to plant trees in partnership with Landcare Australia for Tree Planting Day.



Despite the inclement weather, all the participants, both young and old, got busy and enjoyed the experience. Over fifty trees were planted and will continue the revegetation to the



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Max Finlayson were instrumental in organising the event and we look forward to watching the trees grow in their new location. This is the first stage of a plan to create a wildlife lookout for the Yackandandah community to use.

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## IT'S ALL ABOUT THE TEAM

Yackandandah firefighter Ruth Yule well remembers just how powerless she felt when the Black Saturday fires of 2009 "came very close" to her and husband's property at Bruarong.

At the time her husband Denis Brown, a life-long CFA volunteer, was fighting the fire on neighbouring properties together with other members of the Yackandandah Fire Brigade, and Ruth was at home.

As Ruth says: "It was that feeling of being powerless which was one of my motivations for joining the Brigade; the other being that my friend, Margrit Beemster, said she was thinking of joining the Brigade and why didn't we do it together, I thought, yep, I'd give it a go. We also had a good role model in Jennie McKern who was a Lieutenant at the time.

"I did the initial training expecting I was never going to feel confident getting on the back of the truck but by the end of the training I did feel confident enough."



**Ruth Yule is the Brigade's FEM (Fire Equipment Maintenance) Officer**

That was back in 2013, and Ruth, who is now 73 years of age, has been an active operational member of the Brigade ever since. In 2019 she also took on the role of the Brigade's Fire Equipment Maintenance

Officer.

Looking back over her past nine years with the Brigade and what she has learnt, Ruth says it is not so much specific skills "but that I no longer feel powerless when there is a fire. I feel confident that I know what to do and my training kicks in.

Other things I appreciate about being a member of the Brigade is that it pushes me way beyond my comfort zone in that I'm not mechanical, have trouble figuring out my left from my right, and I hate the heat; and that the strength of the Brigade is in its supportive culture and inclusiveness. So, if there are tasks I feel I can't do I don't feel bad about that because I know I can ask somebody else on the team to do it because it is all about the team."

Ruth says while there is no one incident that stands out in her memory from her years in the Brigade, what does stand out is that now when the pager goes off she switches into "firefighter mode" and follows her training.

"And that training carries over into other things," says Ruth citing an example of where she was driving to work and saw a car beside the road

with "a person rolling around on the side of the Freeway."

Her training kicked in. She parked her car safely on the side of the road, called Triple Zero, spoke to the person and administered First Aid.

Ruth is one of the Brigade's older members. "I think it is important that CFA members, as they get older, recognise where their strengths and limitations are, and recognise when it is no longer safe for you to do particular tasks," says Ruth. "For example, I recently gave up my currency for operating Breathing Apparatus (BA) because while I certainly am still strong enough to carry the equipment, in the environment in which I'm likely to be using BA I don't feel physically confident and I'm not going to endanger somebody else. Whereas I still feel perfectly capable of responding to a fire, getting the hoses out, putting water on a fire... and for things that require more physical strength than I might have, somebody else in the team will be able to do that."

Ruth says she took on the role of FEM Officer when she knew she would have time to do it following her retirement from teaching in 2020 and that the Brigade's previous FEM Officer, John Meyer, would mentor her into the role "which he's done really well."

The fire equipment maintenance that the Brigade undertakes is its largest regular source of income that is generated. The FEM team service some 62 premises in Yackandandah and surrounds including Yack Health, all Indigo Shire buildings in the Yackandandah and the Shire Depot, the Caravan Park and the schools. Ruth says when she originally was asked to do the FEM training in 2016 or thereabouts, she hesitated because it was outside her comfort zone but still decided to give it a go.

"But when I did the training, I actually found it interesting and it challenged me to develop new competencies," says Ruth. "The FEM officer is essentially an organising/paperwork role but, coming from a teaching background, that's something I can easily do. It gives me a way of being useful to the Brigade – and to the community as



**Denis Brown and Ruth Yule usually turn out on Yackandandah Tanker 2**

FEM is a community service - for the medium term even if my ability to climb up and down hills may decline. I also have a really good FEM team and have more members of the Brigade ready to do the training when it becomes available because, again, it is about the team."

Being retired also means that she is almost always around to be able to respond to calls, and usually that's with Denis [as driver]

on Yackandandah Tanker 2 which is housed at the Flaggy Creek satellite station, 10km from town.

"I appreciate the fact that even though I'm now older, because I am retired, I can respond, that that I'm fit enough to be able to do so," says Ruth whose interests other than the CFA include gardening, coffee with friends, being an assistant timber worker in the family business, and President of the Bruarong Community Centre.

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## A REMINDER

New signs have recently been installed on the shed at the Brigade's satellite station at Flaggy Creek, on the Yackandandah - Myrtleford Road near Bruarong as a reminder to drivers of trucks and other vehicles not to park in front of the shed doors.



## TRAINING

July's training night provided an opportunity for Brigade members to practice their Breathing Apparatus, search and rescue skills, and other fireground skills, with a mock fire in the Sports Park building.



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# YACK ANDANDAH WOMEN'S SHED



The Women's Shed members have been busy raising funds to be able to finally erect an almost three metre square storage shed in the grounds of our new home at the Yackandandah Community Centre. There was recently a working bee to clear the land behind the Centre in anticipation of getting this shed up and working. It is hoped to have it in operation by early September. At last we will have our own space to store our ever-growing supply of craft materials that we will be able to utilise close to our meeting room. Many thanks to YCC who have supported our venture, and to the members who have



**Dee at the recent working bee at YCC**

will practise printing our logo on shirts and bags. It's fun learning new skills.

We were pleased to be able to gather donations of toiletries and new clothing in a drive to support victims of domestic violence in association with the Albury Wodonga Women's Centre. This was a cause that seemed to be a

close fit for the mission of the Yackandandah Women's Shed which has a focus on the wellbeing of women. We had a great response from the Yack community, thanks to all to donate and to Nicky for coordinating it. It was good to see women supporting others in need.

We recently ran another wet felting workshop... these have proven to be very popular with our members. This time the ladies made stunning silk and wool scarves.

We are now offering an interesting Mandala workshop on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August. Making Mandalas involves creating patterns with a compass and pens. These intricate one-off designs are beautiful and relaxing to do and are suitable for all ages. If you are keen to give this a try, first you will need to join the Women's Shed, and then the workshop is only \$20 and nothing else is required. Check out our website for more information. We look forward to welcoming Lisa as our presenter.

Soon we will have ceramicist, Gail Cox who will open her local studio to us for a series of beginner clay workshops. Come along and get your hands dirty and learn how to build and decorate your own pots (this will be hand building, not wheel work). Keep checking the website for further updates.

A very important demonstration and talk by Steve Scott about using AEDs (Automatic External Defibrillators) and chest compressions is coming soon. We considered how beneficial it would be how to feel confident in using

an AED in an emergency. This mini workshop will be held one evening (date to be announced) in the YCC meeting room.



**Nicky with Yack Women's Shed donations to the Albury Wodonga Women's Centre**

As we all struggle through this cold snap, the Women's Shed members are looking ahead to Summer, as we start planning our Christmas Fair which will be held on Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> December. As last year's event was such a great success we have decided to increase the number of artisan craft stalls and offer more children's activities. There will be craft days scheduled for our regular meeting days where we will make some simple things to sell on our stall. We would love to hear any ideas you may have.

It is anticipated that we start having a lot more social functions. A family BBQ for members is high on the agenda, as are bus trips, luncheons and movie evenings. Now that we have raised the funds needed for our storage shed, we think it's time to have a bit of fun. Please consider joining us. We have no expectations, turn up on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month between 1 and 5pm at the Community Centre if you are at a loose end and feel like some company.

Sadly, the Christmas in July Singalong at the Public Hall on Sunday, July 31 has had to be postponed due to Covid, but it is planned to be re-held on Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> December when it should be an incredible afternoon of song lead by Maestro, Glen Aberle and a ten piece orchestra along with a host of surprises including a delicious Christmas themed afternoon tea. This combines beautifully with our Christmas Fair so we are looking forward to a jam packed day full of fun.

Keep well everyone.

Lynne Davies

on behalf of the Yackandandah Women's Shed

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## Allan's Flat Recreation Reserve – 7<sup>th</sup> June 2022



On an extremely wet and cold June day; 19 very tough Osbornes Flat Primary School students together with their teachers, parents and grandparents braved the weather to plant nearly 80 native trees and shrubs around the ephemeral wetland at Allans Flat Recreation Reserve. The plants were grown by local nurseryman, Neil Padbury. Neil selected species that were well suited to the tough growing conditions found at this old mining site.



site for planting, providing most of the plants and materials used on the day and a very big thank you to the staff, students, parents and grandparents of Osbornes Flat Primary School who helped make this a really enjoyable morning in the bush, and to Alisha Watson for the photos.

*Kerrie Warburton  
Osbornes Flat*

250 years ago, Allans Flat would have looked very different and would have supported many species of native animals and been a good source of food for the local people.

Mining significantly changed the landscape, older locals talk about it being a totally bare site, just a "dust bowl" in their lifetime. At that time the land would have been useless to people and animals.



The land is slowly recovering from the impacts of previous human activity. If you listen and look you will hear frogs in the wetlands and possibly see several different native birds. Those of you who swim here in the summer will also know there are turtles in the water hole.

There have been other tree planting events in the area, one of the learnings from these earlier activities is that species selection is very important. The site is difficult! However, the successful species that were planted on these earlier occasions are now providing seed stock for the small native plants that are appearing across the site. As the human population continues to increase and even more land is used for housing development, it is vitally important that we value all our public land.



There is still much to be done at the site, but I hope that little by little we can restore this area, creating a small but valuable piece of native bushland which can once again support a large variety of native fauna and provide a place for people to interact happily with nature.

Thank you to Neil Padbury for growing and donating many of the plants, Indigo Shire for helping to prepare the

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## YACK AND YARN

The good ladies of Yack and Yarn were having a great time at the Yackandandah Hotel (bottom pub) when we ate there last month. The laughter and general chat emanating from the group shows that it is definitely living up to its name, and there were some great pieces of handywork on display. Fantastic that the Yack Hotel provides them all with a venue, and that so many turn out during a pretty cold winter so far.

The ladies meet at least once a month, and it's best to keep an eye on the Yack Community Facebook page where the events are regularly posted, or contact Paula Crummy via her Facebook page to see what the go is and when the meetings are on.

The idea is for crafty people to get together over a glass of wine, create their handywork of all types, and I daresay enjoy a meal too if you are that way inclined. We enjoyed traditional pub grub down at the Bottom Pub on that occasion, and it was lovely hearing the yarning going on from the Yack and Yarners on the table opposite!



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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Good morning,

My name is Doug Hastie and I am trying to make contact with Susan & Ray Purrington who I believe have lived in Yakandandah for a number of years.

I worked with Ray at GMH for 35 years and am trying to reconnect.

If it is possible, could you please contact Susan or Ray and ask them to contact me on 0418 541 326 or email [dfshastie@gmail.com](mailto:dfshastie@gmail.com)?

Thanking you in anticipation.

Sincerely,

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# YACK CEMETERY TRUST

## Update from the Cemetery Trust

After a busy autumn maintaining the cemetery grounds, the Cemetery Trust has welcomed the slower growing period and is using this time wisely to work through a range of governance activities including policy updates, strategic planning, and a review of the risk register.

Of course as many good gardeners would know, winter still brings with it some important gardening activities, and the Trust would like to thank the Yackandandah Gardening Club for the wonderful work the club members have completed in the Memorial Rose Garden. All roses are now pruned ready for spring, and 5 replacement roses donated by the club have been planted. What a terrific contribution to this community asset.

The Cemetery Trust 'Energy for Life' Project is in full swing, with the installation of our off-grid solar photovoltaic and battery storage work commencing on 8<sup>th</sup> July. Many in the community would recall the success the Trust had gaining several grants to assist an ambitious shift toward a more mindful relationship with energy.

The Trust has commenced transitioning its range of petrol powered maintenance equipment to lighter, quieter, safer, and more efficient electric equipment in readiness for renewable energy generation. We thank our project supporters: Indigo Shire, YCDCo, Yackandandah Community Centre, Department of Health, Yack Mower Shed, Totally Renewable Yackandandah, and Sun Real Renewable Energy Systems.

### Did You Know?

Did you know that the Yackandandah Cemetery is a Class B cemetery? Class B Cemeteries are controlled by a statutory board of Trust members appointed by the Governor in Council on the recommendation of the Minister for Health under section 6 of the Cemeteries Act. So what does all this mean? This means that your local Cemetery Trust is a volunteer committee that serves the community by providing cemetery services and maintaining our public cemetery.

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You may already know one of the Trust members and not realise it? The Yackandandah Cemetery Trust comprises of the following local legends: Anna Hession, Ian Jenkins, David Lerch, Thelma Buchanan, Louise Humphrey, Paul Anderson, Heather Hillas, and Hank Michielsen.



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# Yack Landcare Group

## Junior Landcare Action in Yackandandah



Soggy conditions at the end of Term Two did nothing to dampen the enthusiasm of 56 Year Three and Four students from Yackandandah Primary School who planted around 250 trees, shrubs and grasses at Yackandandah Health. As teacher, Angie Vincent, explained, "The planting day was part of a unit of



*Great to see our young people engaging with our local people and environment - well done!*



*It will be very interesting to monitor the progress of this project - thanks to all involved.*

study supported through a Victorian Junior Landcare and Biodiversity Grant which also saw the purchase of digital microscopes, an iPad, gardening equipment and the guidance of local scientist and pollinator expert, Karen Retra.

In addition, students have participated enthusiastically in workshops lead by other local scientists to expand their appreciation of local fauna and flora." Also involved were members from the Yackandandah Men's Shed, Yackandandah Health, Landcare, plus a visit by a number of residents from Yamaroo Aged-Care Hostel.

The students are looking forward to seeing the fruits of their labour flourish over the coming years.



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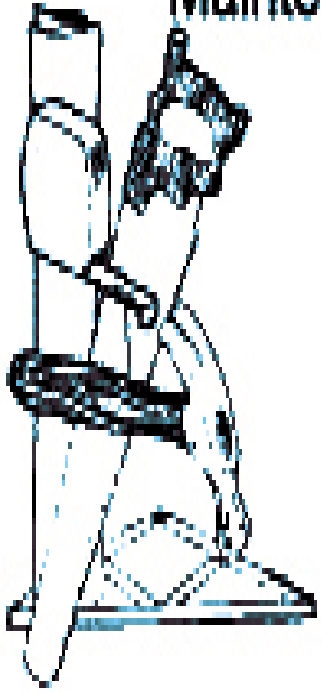
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## YACK PRIMARY SCHOOL

There are plenty of exciting events happening for children at Yackandandah Primary School in Term Three. Our Year 3/4 students will be going to the Urban Camp in Melbourne where they will undertake activities that help with their learning and provoke their curiosity. Year 5/6 students will be travelling to Sovereign Hill, Ballarat where they will learn about Australia's gold mining past and participate in the costume school and experience school as it was in the nineteenth century. Added to this are day trips to Falls Creek to try downhill and cross-country skiing.

During the first week of Term Three, eight students travelled to Melbourne to participate in the State Cross Country Championships. You may have seen the article in the Border Mail newspaper describing this great achievement for a rural school to have so many students progress to a State level. All students put in fantastic performances at the event and posted some amazing times. Also in the first week was the Winter Sports Carnival where children from Yackandandah Primary School participated in netball, soccer, football, t-ball and rugby tag. The day is a great way for students to participate in different team sports while competing against other schools. Again, we are proud of all our students participating in the right spirit. The football, soccer and t-ball teams won their divisions.

Of course the most important part of school is the day to day learning that takes place in the classroom. We work hard at Yackandandah Primary School to help students develop a positive mindset with their learning and recognise that challenges (including mistakes) are a necessary part of the learning process. This helps students build resilience and feel comfortable to keep trying when the learning gets tough.

In early November Yackandandah Primary School is planning to celebrate 150 years of public education, after the original Church of England school came under the direction of the State (Colonial) government. Part of our

celebrations will include inviting previous students, teachers and families to revisit our school and connect with others who have had a connection with Yackandandah Primary. We would like to collect school and class photographs to display as part of the celebration.

If you have any photographs of historic classes or events at Yackandandah Primary School that you would allow us to copy, please let us know on (02) 60271431 or via email – [michael.edwards@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:michael.edwards@education.vic.gov.au), or just drop in and let us scan the images. Planning is still in the early stages, but we hope to have the community join us in celebrating this milestone.

*Michael Edwards  
Principal*

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*Close your eyes and imagine a new Electric Vehicle charger here! Yack makes a great move once again in renewables.*

Astute travellers will have noticed some random earth works at the southern end of the Indigo Shire Council owned carpark at the rear of the Senior Citizens Centre in Yack. As mentioned in the previous edition of Yackity Yak, a 50 kW Electric Vehicle charger is soon to be installed. Happy days...

A local consortium of organisations is preparing to finalise the commissioning of the charger in mid-August. Totally Renewable Yackandandah, YCDCo and Indigo Power are working in collaboration to set up the charger and which will be available for public use. Indigo Power will operate the charger and secure the services of a software platform which gives EV drivers access to power and a billing system.

Fortunately, Indigo Shire Council has also identified the need to transition to clean energy and now operate four EVs as part of their fleet as part of their net zero by 2035 commitment. Equally, as the owner of the carpark, Council has also been a key partner in the planning, lease establishment and guidance for installation. A huge thanks to Indigo Shire!

And as we all contemplate fuel prices tipping well over \$2.00/litre it is pleasing to know that Transport NSW have revealed positive modelling

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Yackity Yack

Through Yackity Yack, the Kiewa RSL Sub-Branch wish to thank the Yackandandah community for the support given to Anzac Token sales and general support of Anzac Day activities. Our Sub-Branch is small in number and need support to serve the needs of our ex-service community and the support we received from Yackandandah organisations is much appreciated. Generous donations in cash and in kind from Yackandandah Men's Shed, Yackandandah Hotel, other local businesses and several members of the public ensured that Anzac Day ceremonies in Yackandandah were well run and just as importantly, well attended.

Anzac Day is the main day of commemoration in the year and for much of the time it has been left up to the local RSL Sub-Branch to organise. However the RSL do not "own" Anzac Day- the local community do and must support local organisers to make sure that our War Dead and Veterans are never forgotten.

Kiewa RSL is always on the lookout for new members to 'keep the flag flying' and continue to support local veterans and their families in whatever assistance is needed.

Our Sub-Branch also supports the Hume Veterans Information Centre in Wodonga which provides important welfare and information support to many of our younger Veterans and also to Albury Legacy, who look after the widows and children of our deceased veterans.

Any currently serving or ex-service members from the Yackandandah community are invited to join with us to continue the service our Sub-Branch provides to your community.

Damian Ley  
Secretary, Kiewa RSL Sub-Branch  
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suggesting that Electric Vehicles offer up to a 70% reduction in fuel costs (this before our current price spike), and a 30% - 40% reduction in maintenance costs. All this is even more profound if you continue to find ways to minimise your mileage and charge your EV from a solar system!

Another key enabler and funder for the forthcoming charger is the Victorian Government which recognises the need to build a network of chargers across the state to offer confidence to drivers they can recharge their cars on the move. Huge thanks to the Victorian Government 'Destination Charging Across Victoria' program for their vision.

Details will be advertised, but we expect a 'charger celebration' to occur at the end of August... and we can also offer a big reveal! Just which local benevolent business, (in addition to funds from Council, YCDCo, TRY and Indigo Power) has donated substantial funds to see this charger activated? Turn up and plug in for the answer!

*Matthew Charles-Jones*



*Trenching works start in the car park at the rear of the Senior Citz.*

# Yackandandah Community Centre

Community development is a core aspiration of the Yackandandah Community Centre and to that aim its annual Community Grants program is making a significant contribution. This year YCC gave more than \$17,000 to nine Yackandandah community organisations in order to improve facilities for members and the broader community. Several of the organisations have jumped into action and have completed their projects or have them well under way.

First of the organisations to complete their funded project, upgrading pathways to improve access to all areas of the garden, was the Yackandandah Community Garden (YCG). The garden was first established in 2014 and has become a valuable community resource and point of social connection. YCG secretary, Lee-Ann Benson, said the opportunity to access funding for improvements had meant the garden had a better capacity to cater for people of all abilities. "It's terrific to be able give people with limited mobility greater access, already the new paths have been used by someone in a wheelchair," Lee-Anne said. "In line with the environmental nature of the area we used natural crushed granite to resurface and upgrade the pathways. It also allows better accessibility for garden



**Lee-Ann Benson and helper spreading crushed granite in the garden.**  
PC: David Thorpe



**Work under way to resurface paths at the Community garden by contractors and members.** PC: David Thorpe

equipment, it has really enabled access to the garden that was originally intended. It really needed upgrading."

She said the garden and surrounding area meant different things to the community

with a range of activities attracting people there. "It's a place for the community to meet in a non-threatening environment, a place to come and sit and reflect, people just sit by creek to think, to come and learn from local growers and a place to come and meet socially when we have celebrations," she said. "Accessing the YCC funding has been great, it was a nice simple process and the positive comments we have had about the path are fantastic."

Another organisation to benefit from YCC grants this year was local radio station, Indigo FM. The station has purchased a new computer for its Yackandandah studio, which is based at YCC, which will improve its capacity to provide programs to an extended audience.

President, Scott Landells said the new computer would effectively allow the station to connect with audiences worldwide. "One of Indigo FM's key strategic goals has been to be able to live-stream from the Yackandandah site," Scott

said. "Our previous computer was not up to the task, so we needed to a new modern computer. YCC was very generous in providing funding through its grants program. We look forward to being able to include presenters and listeners, through live-streaming, who reside outside our FM broadcast area."

For more information about the Yackandandah Community Centre grants program, please email [manager@ycc.org.au](mailto:manager@ycc.org.au) or phone 02 6027 1743.



**Mietta Nocentini, 12 and Zoe Riley, 11 getting into their weekly show with the help of the new computer**  
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*Students constructing one of the bee hotels*

to reflect on the existence of these ancient animals.

We had the pleasure of having the F/1 students from Yackandandah Primary School join us and come back to



*Who knows what this?*



*A bee hotel - a brilliant way to encourage native bees and insects to your garden*

school for a play before heading back to their own school. It was a lovely chance to integrate our local community

**OUR BEE HOTELS**

The native bee hotels are finished. What a great effort put in by the students to complete their bee hotels. Now to wait for the bees to discover and explore!

Students enjoyed a visit from 'Happy Healthy Harold' at the end of last term. Even though the life education van was not able



*Would love to know what this was all about?!*

to be used, students still enjoyed learning about how to keep their bodies safe and healthy.



*Students working out what is healthy eating*

*Alisha Watson  
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## What's on at Yackandandah Library

### Storytime

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### Traditional Book Binding

Do you have an old beloved book that is a treasure but is in disrepair? Would you like to get some help with looking after it? Traditional Book Binders will be at Yackandandah Library on Tuesday, 23 August from 9.00am -12.00 pm to offer advice and assistance with heirloom and favourite items so they may be cherished by future generations. A range of traditional bookbinding and restoration tools and some beautiful old books and manuscripts will be on display. Most people do not realise many books in poor condition can be restored so bring your treasures along for a free book inspection.

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As you will probably recall, YCDCo is celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> birthday round about now. Because of the extended time between setting up the business formally and then negotiating for the land in Railway Avenue and finally the building of the service station, we have a long time in which to celebrate this!

The Board of YCDCo is looking for a Project Manager to organise and run a community event in November of this year – exact date not yet set in stone – so that the township of Yackandandah can come together and



YCDCo Board Members, Ian Fitzpatrick, Ali Pockley and Ian Nightingale at the site of the old servo in the High Street, Yack. PC: Jason Robins

celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of a community organisation. And not an insignificant community organisation but one that has inspired other groups within Yack, and has also been seen as a shining beacon by other communities in Australia. Twenty years on, Board members are still requested to speak to community groups elsewhere about the hows and whys behind YCDCo. Please contact the Chair of the Board, Ian Fitzpatrick on 0419 418 236 or via email – [ianfitzpat@gmail.com](mailto:ianfitzpat@gmail.com) for further details.

Well, the end of another financial year has been and gone and your community-owned service station has high hopes that another good year will be on the cards. We will shortly be setting the date for our AGM and will be hoping to see many of our shareholders at this. A date, time and place will be advertised in the next edition of Yackity Yak.

Our outside payment terminal which allows fuel sales 24 hours a day, seven days a week, has proved to be extremely successful and has boosted sales of fuel. Our move to a different fuel supplier has been working very well, with a main benefit being that the suppliers are happy to deliver out of hours which has made deliveries far less stressful. Blocking off the forecourt in the past has been fraught with many problems, so we are pleased to have removed that health and safety issue for our staff and customers.



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# DEFIBRILLATORS... they could save a life

Do you know what to do, or know where to find a defibrillator to help someone having a heart attack? It can be a challenging time and there is a lot to think about in an emergency situation.

The Yackandandah Community Centre (YCC) and Yackandandah Community Development Co. (YCDCo) are teaming up to identify locations of defibrillators and plan to provide some training in their use to help community members take action in the event of an emergency.

Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs) are used to help someone in sudden cardiac arrest. They are relatively easy to use. They analyse the heart's rhythm and, if necessary, deliver an electrical shock to help re-establish an effective heart rhythm.

YCC and YCDCo are collaborating to identify publicly accessible AEDs in Yackandandah, determine the need for additional units in, and close to, town and install new units in conjunction with Yackandandah citizenry in general and community organisations specifically.

YCC manager, David Thorpe said that with increased numbers of residents and visitors in Yackandandah it was timely to look at strategies which can benefit the community in an emergency. "There are a number of AEDs in Yack, but some of them are not accessible 24/7 and others are not well identified," he said. "We

want to identify and publicise the location of present AEDs as well as look at providing more units in other public areas."

He said another aspect of the project was to deliver training to help community members gain the knowledge to use the units in an emergency situation. "Access to AEDs is important, especially now that we have more people living in and visiting Yack, but making sure that more people know how to, and are comfortable with using them is also important," David said. "Our intention is for YCC to work with Ambulance Victoria to deliver some training programs in the near future."

Some years ago, YCC funded an AED which is now located at the front of the CFA in High Street and also more recently, one which is located at the Osbornes Flat Hall. Rex Little, Board Member of YCDCo with responsibility for Community Commitment said "It has only been a few short weeks since I made contact with David at YCC regarding AEDs, and we have decided to embark on this project

jointly." YCDCo, a few weeks ago, also installed an AED unit at the Yackandandah servo on the forecourt, and Yackatooon Retirement Village received a YCDCo grant for an AED recently.

It would be very useful to know if there are more AEDs locally so that they can be accessed quickly if needed. If anyone after reading this article wishes to comment, contribute or discuss an AED for their organisation, please contact either David Thorpe at YCC – 6027 1743 or via email – [manager@ycc.org.au](mailto:manager@ycc.org.au) or Rex Little at YCDCo via email – [yackjam2@gmail.com](mailto:yackjam2@gmail.com)



David Thorpe, manager of the Yackandandah Community Centre discusses the importance of defibrillators with YCDCo Board Member, Rex Little up at the Yack Servo

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### North East Water prices 2022-23

North East Water's prices will rise by less than inflation in 2022-23 as the water corporation works hard to keep customer bills affordable and at the same time invest in critical water and sewerage infrastructure.

Executive Corporate Services, Anthony Hernan said average bills for residential customers would increase 4.6% or approximately \$42.11 in 2022-23. Without the impact of inflation, the water volumetric price would have risen by just 0.45% this year, and the fixed charges for water and wastewater would have decreased by 2.03%, he said.

Mr Hernan said although North East Water continued to have one of the lowest average residential water bills in Australia, the corporation recognised that some customers may need help with their bill.

"North East Water has a dedicated support team ready to help customers experiencing financial difficulty paying their bill, especially those who may be experiencing financial hardship for the first time", he said.

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They will also enable North East Water to invest in infrastructure including critical water and sewerage upgrades in Wangaratta and Kiewa-Tangambalanga, waste water renewals in Wodonga, Beechworth, Tallangatta and Bellbridge, and also provide support to customers experiencing financial difficulty.

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### By and Large

Public speakers and, not least so, politicians, when explaining a theory or a policy, frequently use the expression "by and large" instead of the much more intelligible "on the whole" or "generally speaking". They are unaware that their choice of words, admitting that their statement is imprecise, originally was a naval term. Appropriately, those using "by and large" should thus be described as being "at sea".

In the days of sailing, the man at the helm had

to pay careful attention whether to sail the vessel *on* or close to *off* the wind. The order "full and by" directed him to sail as close to the wind as was possible, keeping the sails full of wind. On the other hand, asked to do so merely "by and large" meant that he was to sail near to (in fact, slightly off) the wind, but not fully on it. It was a much easier manoeuvre. Now totally divorced from the sea, "by and large" continues to suggest a lack of exactitude. It is a mere approximation.

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

## DELWP AWARD FOR BUTSON PARK COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT SECRETARY



Ross McKibbin receiving his DELWP award for 25 years of service to the Butson Park CoM .

On 1st June Kevin Johnson & I (as Committee members), Butcher Dale (former President) and Sandra McKibbin made the trip to the Tarrawingee Community Hall for a morning tea hosted by Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP).

There we witnessed Ross McKibbin receive his Certificate of Appreciation for 25 years of service as Secretary to the Butson Park Committee of Management.

Also present were recipients from Tarrawingee, Gapsted and Myrtleford Reserves who also received their Awards from Clare Kiely, Regional Manager, DELWP.

Butson Park is administered by the Committee of

Management under delegation from DELWP as it is Crown Land. This a separate entity from the Football or Cricket Clubs with no direct input from indigo Shire Council.

As a recent addition to the Committee, I can now appreciate Ross' knowledge and diligence in the operation of the Committee and Reserve.

Ross acknowledged the Wodonga DELWP Office for their ongoing assistance and Jenny Anthony, Committee Member, for her successful award nomination unbeknown to him. Congratulations Ross!

Peter Barnes

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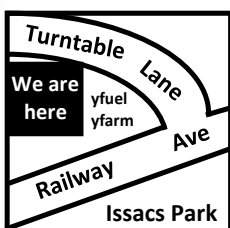


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# HELEN KELLEY'S RETIREMENT MORNING TEA

It was with great pleasure that Yackatoo Retirement Village held a Special Morning Tea on the 28<sup>th</sup> June to say a very big thank you to our long serving Board Member, Helen Kelley. Helen has been on the Yackatoo Board for 26 years and has held the position of Secretary for 24 of those years. In that time there have been many changes with upgrading of the older units, and the building of new units along the way.

Peter Adams, our President, gave a lovely speech, thanking Helen for her dedication and her achievements, mentioning that she was always able to meet the challenges of the Board no matter what came up, but she was also able overcome the challenge of a 10 tonne truck. In football terms, **HELEN - YOU ARE A LEGEND**, and you will be included in our Hall of Fame.

Ron Furze, who has been on the board since Yackatoo's beginnings, also thanked Helen for her dedication. Patricia Nuck, who has been a resident at Yackatoo for many years recited a poem from Adam Lindsay Gordon.



*"Life is mostly froth and bubble,  
Two things stand like stone.  
Kindness in another's trouble,  
Courage in your own."*

Helen responded by saying that she never thought her role as Secretary or a Board Member as a chore, but a privilege and honour.

The Diocese of Wangaratta gave Helen a Certificate of Appreciation for her service, and the Yackatoo Board and residents presented her with a beautiful bouquet of native flowers from the Seventh Pocket, a Yackandandah High Street business.

Many thanks are due to the lovely ladies on the catering committee from the Anglican Church - savouries and sweets were very delicious.

Thank you Helen, you are an inspiration. Put your feet up and enjoy your retirement.

Photo Credit: Jackie Ashman.

Lynn Cameron

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At the YDHS we have an abundance of stories to tell, and we love telling them. Trevor Matthews brings to you the following historical notation which is now woven into Yackandandah's history.

## REVEREND THOMAS DOWELL

A couple of years ago a document fell into our possession, outlining the sale of a farm in Herefordshire, England. The document, of some 4,000 words and including a map of the property, prompted some research. What we have found is a remarkably good, certainly well-intentioned person.

We plan a small exhibition; here are some insights into a remarkable Nineteenth Century clergyman.

Born in Exeter in 1811, and educated at Oriel College, Oxford. In 1841 Thomas began his work at the Brislington (Bristol) Lunatic asylum. In December 1841 he was appointed to the new chapel on Wellington Heath in the parish of Ledbury.

How he became owner of Hill Top, an estate just outside Ledbury, is not known to us at the moment, but he eventually sold the estate for six thousand pounds and sailed for Australia.

An extract from the Hereford Times, 17/1/1855:

*Testimonial. — We understand it in contemplation to present the Rev. Thomas Dowell with a testimonial of respect, as slight acknowledgement of his services as pastor of Wellington's Heath church, this parish, and also for his generous and kindly spirit towards the poor of Wellington's Heath division of the parish, during long course of years. It is a pleasant thing to speak of the virtues of a people, and do it sincerely and with pride, but it is a more pleasing circumstance to render honour unto man who is really deserving of it. ...*

*Seeing the utility of the garden allotment system, Mr. Dowell very kindly allotted off portion of the Hill Top Estate for allotments, which were let to the poor moderate rents this was beneficial measure for many who did not possess gardens of their own, it enabled the working man to rear vegetables cheaply for his family.*

According to The Age, 25/10/1855, Dowell arrived at Hobson's Bay on a barque, the Cornwall. He made his way to Yackandandah in 1856.

In his **A Nineteenth Century Village: Yackandandah**, Wodonga 2012, Colin

Barnard writes of Dowell's life in and around Yackandandah.

*He apparently arrived in Australia wealthy but lost much of his money on projects aimed at assisting and improving the lot of the forsaken and forlorn.*

*One such project was to Christianise the Chinese of Yackandandah, for which purpose part of his premises and a generous provision of food were set aside. A visiting Chinese gentleman brought up in the Church of England mission at Hong Kong was invited to help begin the project, and later, after the Reverend's hopes had fallen through, the Moore family was asked to form a small class of boys to be instructed in Chinese, a task which required them to learn the language by memory.*

*Another of the Rev. Dowell's schemes was an asylum he established for orphans, widows and destitute families on 400 acres of land about 16 miles from Yackandandah on Indigo Creek. Initially the Reverend settled about six families of the farm under a supervisor or governor brought from Melbourne and a 'sturdy' farm manager named Humphrey Pooley.*

*The Rev. Dowell supplied the families with all necessities and paid them wages to bring the land under cultivation, after which they would farm on their own account and give him a tithes of their produce. A school was established on the estate. Unfortunately, failure was inevitable. With the Reverend 'quick to discern worth, but no eye for the opposite', his 'so-called gentleman' governor who 'wore a high hat and did nothing for his parson's bounty except curse the dullness of country life', the governor's wife who apparently considered Pooley was there only 'to lay out her flower beds and gravelled walks, and keep her two acres of garden in proper trim', and a community of 'useless idlers' on the land, the 'able and honest'*

*Humphrey Pooley finally resigned his managership and went to a neighbouring farm. Even the veteran teacher, an ex-regimental school master from India, every six months 'drew his salary and then swilled away until it was gone.' The Rev. Dowell's farm went from bad to worse after Pooley's exit, into liability and mortgage, until finally its ownership was transferred to extinguish its debt. By February 1865 Dowell relinquished his ministry and was winding up his affairs, his house was for sale in March and reluctantly he returned to England.*

The farm was near the site of Koendidda, on what we now know as Pooley's Road. Dowell, exhausted some would say by his good works, wished to leave in 1861 but was persuaded to stay until he finally left in 1865.

1871 and 1891 censuses show he was the vicar of Evencoyd where a new



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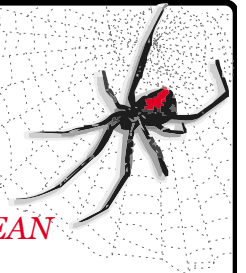
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church was built in 1870. Evencoyd is a small (population 365 in 1866) hamlet near Kington which is now in Herefordshire. He died on 22nd January, 1897 in Hereford.

## THE ARNOLD COLLECTION

Lorraine and John Powers visited recently with a wonderful gift for our Collection which relates to the Arnold family of Back Creek. Many of us will fondly remember Joyce Leitch nee Arnold, who was a valued member of our group and whose memories never failed to delight both our visitors and our members. Joyce and Lorraine are cousins.

The donation they have given us is varied, well documented and in very good condition. It consists of photographs, textiles, books, school items, a 1936



Lorraine and John Powers donate a wonderful gift of photos, textiles books and many other items

wedding dress and accessories, the fur of a fox caught at Back Creek, among many other items. The stories associated with many of these items will also be documented as they are catalogued, and later used, as we do, for exhibitions, our publications, research, and education programs.

John and Lorraine came over from Adelaide to visit us.

The entire donation can currently be seen as images on one of our screens at the museum. We encourage you to come and view them.

## JOYCE LEITCH'S KNITTING

Joyce Leitch nee Arnold, a loved past member of YDHS, and cousin to the donor of our recent acquisition, was a great knitter. On her death, we received quite a few pieces of her work. Some are now permanently in our Collection, the remainder we have decided to sell – which is why Joyce knitted them for us. Be quick if you wish to purchase some of her beautiful work.



Wonderful knitted items from the late Joyce Leitch, always a keen supporter of our lovely Museum

## BEHIND THE DOOR of the Newsagency and Chemist Shop

The double-fronted brick building c1868 (with addition in 2006) was in the past occupied for some years by Charles Falck, a watchmaker who was quite famous for his skill. Two of his clocks are on display in the Burke Museum in Beechworth. The premises was also the first site of Haig's General Produce and Fancy Goods shop. An earlier timber shop was occupied by the Isaacs, where it is assumed Alfred Isaacs operated his business as a tailor. Alfred was the father of Isaac Isaacs, Australia's first Australian born Governor General. There is much to learn about this famous past resident of Yackandandah, and you can visit the Museum to find out more.

## ON SALE

- Jams and sauces, made by our volunteers from local produce.
- Published books and booklets on the history of Yackandandah, past residents, and events.
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# YACK GARDEN CLUB

## A CHAT UNDER THE ARBOUR

### *Farewell and thank you - Coralie Magnus*



We were sad to say farewell to a long-time Club member in June 2022. Coralie and Rod Magnus have sold up and relocated to Tuross Head in NSW. Coralie has contributed to the Garden Club for many years. Whether helping with our Garden Expo events, maintaining

members' name tags or attending the many events held by the club, Coralie has been willing to lend a hand.

When Coralie and Rod first arrived in Yackandandah, she knew she needed to learn about gardening in a cold climate. It was very different from living in the Pilbara region of WA. This need for local knowledge inspired her to join the garden club; the rest, as they say, is history. Coralie enjoys gardening, and she loves growing veggies, in particular garlic. Coralie readily shared her

knowledge about growing garlic with club members, many of whom now grow garlic after listening to her guidance. When she moves to Tuross Head, Coralie plans to create raised garden beds for her veggies in between enjoying the coastal lifestyle and travel. We wish Coralie and Rod all the best for the future. On behalf of the members, we wish to thank you for all you have done for the Garden Club.



*Coralie Magnus - enjoying her garden in Yack before moving to the coast and Tuross Head*

### **A GARDENING TIP – WASPS – Jill Whitford**

Winter is an excellent time to check in your sheds and sheltered places such as stacks of pots for overwintering queen European wasps. I recently discovered nine of them in between layers of

hessian and plastic bags in my shed. They are dopey and slow and easy to squash but wear gloves as they can still sting! They can also get down glove fingers, so check before you don gloves!

### **WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO**

The AGM was held on 30<sup>th</sup> July at George Kerford Hall, Beechworth. It has become an annual event to hold the AGM in tandem with our mid-year lunch. Results of the committee selection were not available at the time of going to press.

Members have been busily taking photos in the hope of selection for the 2023 Garden Club Calendar going into its fifth year of production. Keep a look out for copies which will be available in local Yackandandah shops in time for a purchase for Christmas purchases.

### **CONTACT US**

Meetings: We meet at 'Wellsford House', Wellsford St, Yackandandah, at 7 pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, bi-monthly (beginning Feb.) 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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Phone: 0428 116 562, President Cheryl Frawley  
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## **Update of 'Capturing History – Bruarong Stories Remembered'**

### **Sutton – Hillsborough – Sutton Gold workings – Kinchington's Creek – Thallangananga Station – Thillingananga.**

Our Bruarong project is progressing, and we are well into our second stage. We have continued to receive wonderful family stories through reminiscences and images which have been added to the already collected research. We finished accepting information on Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2022. This information is now being developed into a digital resource where we will be holding all these valuable stories, research and photographs at our local Yack library. A book is to follow.



Thank you so much to everyone for your inspiring contributions to our project. Such rich and valuable history.

With the wonderful support of local family members, a funding application through "Saluting Our Service" has been made. If successful, it will enable research of our Bruarong Service Men and Women to be included within the Bruarong History Project, conservation of the Honour Board and a further interpretative panel in our Bruarong Community Centre. We will update you on this.

*Annette Bowers 0407 288 873*

*Ross Martin 0400 211 603*

*Heather Hillas 0458 118 234*

*Ruth Yule 0423 335 580*



### **WINTER**

Winter's chill is here again with frost and fog and freezing rain,  
Though frost will mostly bring warm sun when afternoons at last do come.  
Robins red, do Winter bring, while early morning magpies sing  
To brighten dullness of the day, as kookaburras laugh away  
In groups up high on local trees, or road-side poles on cross-arm tees.

Outdoor work is not the go, with tree-top cloud and temps so low,  
Thus book-work and internal chores require the days be spent indoors  
With warming fire or heater's glow, to take the chill off temps below  
The levels which we most enjoy, when costly fires we don't employ  
To keep us free from Winter's chill, while temps so low are with us still.

We shudder in the morning breeze as round the block we work our knees,  
So aches and pains in them defray and rheumatoid is kept away.  
Then back into a heated room to free us from the wintery gloom  
That tends to keep the mind depressed, as into warmer clothes we're dressed,  
And hope for sunny Spring-time days, to keep the Winter blues at bay.

Now August's here, the days are longer, but Winter's grip is getting stronger,  
With single figures many days, and mornings dank with foggy haze  
That hangs about till at least noon, and often joined by rainfall's tune  
Upon our roofs and gardens green, where native birds alight to preen  
Their plumage multi-hued and bright, to us a sighting of delight.

But in due time, Spring will be here, and gone should be the days so drear,  
And sun will meekly poke around the edge of clouds, as from the ground  
We hope to feel its warming rays, and shed the layers of Winter days  
We were obliged to wear so long, while Spring was slow to come along  
Its stellar path around the globe, at last to land on our abode.

*John McIntyre*



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Two friends were also interested in electric cars. We did our research, becoming familiar with some of the terminology, working out what we wanted/needed. We then went looking at local EVs on sale. This was fun checking them out with friends. I kept talking about EVs and this paid off as another friend told me of Kilowatt Cars in Yack who were importing 2nd hand Nissan Leaf EVs from Japan. This got a tick from me as this is one of the three Rs - Reusing.

These Nissan Leafs are imported from Japan and one of the advantages is they are also right-hand drive. It's important to check out battery life with second hand EVs.

I decided to buy a second-hand Nissan Leaf through Kilowatt Cars. My two friends have decided to buy new EV's online which should be delivered in July. They are new makes so in my mind they are as yet untried. They are still waiting, and I have been driving my car since February!

So - what gets a tick?

- ✓ My car had low kms and was in near perfect condition;
- ✓ It has a 62 Kw battery and its battery health when checked was 95%. Covering over 330 km plus on a charge;
- ✓ I liked the Nissan Leaf as it has been around for a while and its reputation is good;
- ✓ It was available right now;
- ✓ It is made in Japan and, to me, this suggests it is quality;
- ✓ I had a choice of colour;
- ✓ It was \$10K less than the same car new;
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- ✓ We got to test drive the car a few times before we bought it with Russell explaining all the features such as the 'e-pedal'.

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- ☺ I love the electric door lock which only requires me to have the key in my pocket, no rummaging through pockets or bags to find it especially when my hands are full.
- ☺ The e-pedal is great, this puts power back into the battery when breaking or going down a hill. It also enables the car to start breaking as soon as you take your foot off the accelerator. This also saves on brake pads. There are no oil changes, fuel filters, oil filters and air filters needed! What a cost saving - it's great.
- ☺ It is compatible with my phone so my contact list, apps, maps etc are all there. It is connected to Siri so phone calls are easy.

I love it.

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**Yack Creek Distillery's Cellar Door and dog-friendly grounds**

Yack Creek Distillery was established in 2016 where Jamie Heritage and a mate were discussing business opportunities, both having a passion for whisky and rum decided to explore the possibilities of how they could make their own. Not long after that, Jamie undertook a university short course in malting and brewing to refine his skills and to experiment with different types of grain, molasses and barrels.

The Distillery is situated 2 kilometres out of the township of Yackandandah on acreage with the Creek to the east and the Stanley State Forest to the south. The Yack Creek water used in the creation of the spirits stems from the Stanley Forest hills and includes brown trout and the Murray Spiny Crayfish, hence the logo was born from the crayfish.

The distillery uses a 1000 litre copper & glass tower still with stainless columns and a 130 litre stainless & cooper modular high column still.

The two stills allow flexibility to manufacture different products and enable experimentation. The spirit neutrals are created on premise from Australian

sourced grain and molasses and the young orchard on the property that was established 3 years ago assists in supplying our flavours and garnishes.

What is also important to us is the opportunity to use local produce such as berries and truffles to make our gins, therefore supporting other local producers.

Whisky and rum have always been Jamie's main interest while vodka and gin have developed along the same way. Experimenting and enjoying the huge flavours and profiles possible with gin is so interesting.

Whisky is in depth

too where a minor change in the process or recipe can make a large difference to the flavour and its profile. We record our processes and recipes within our database to enable us to hopefully reproduce any whisky or rum should we desire. Our current stock of barrels includes American Oak, French Oak and ex-red wine used to age our whiskey's and rums with a number of second-hand barrels being locally sourced from around the region.

Jamie likes to create a diverse number of products however, keeping

it in small batch quantities consisting of between 80 to 150 bottles. The aim is to keep the distillery a micro business that will produce small batches for release throughout the year.

Craft beer has been added to Yack Creek's repertoire in February this year where Jamie and his father, John have created ales, bitters, IPAs, lagers and stouts for those who are looking for something different. They have aged several beers in barrels previously used to mature the distillery's whiskey's and rums.

For the past two and a half years, Jamie and his partner, Paula have been running a successful on-line business for their spirits and added a cellar door, which opened in December 2020. To accommodate more people indoors during the winter period, they have recently extended the cellar door room. Visitors to the distillery can experience the range of whisky, rum, vodka, gin and craft beer all brewed and distilled in-house as a family owned and operated local business.

The distillery invites people to bring their own picnic and enjoy the surrounds while tasting our spirits and craft beer, or to create your own platter from the selection of cheese, dips, olives, pastes and salamis on offer.

The Epic Mountain Bike Trail provides a beautiful walk from the Yackandandah township past the Gorge along the Yackandandah Creek leading them out onto the distillery surrounds which are also dog friendly.

Yack Creek Distillery took out the Champion Victorian Distillery 2020 in the Australian Distilled Spirits Awards (ADSA) run by The Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria (RASV). They also won Champion Australian Micro Batch Spirit 2020 for their Blackstrap Rum and Silver and Bronze for a number of their whiskey's and gins.

Yack Creek Distillery can be found at 231 Bells Flat Road, Yackandandah



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### Indigo FM 88.0 News

Indigo FM have recently staged a Music Trivia night in Beechworth on 2<sup>nd</sup> July which was well attended and a lot of

fun. Greg Morrison who has hosted our music trivia nights since 2017 did a sterling job as presenter for the night. The winning champions for the night came away with the prize of a huge hamper to share. A big thank you to all the sponsors and organisers. If you missed this event don't worry another music trivia night is in the pipeline for Yackandandah later in the year so we will keep you posted.

Our fantastic regular shows such "Just Press Play" with Gary (Thurs 9-10pm), "Asleep at the Wheel" with Harvey (Sun 2-4pm) and "Everyone Deserves Music" with Scott (Sat 10-12pm), "The Blurred Crusade" with Dean (Sat 6-8pm). The Yack Primary School kids are back from holidays and producing weekly shows each Monday and Wednesday from 4.00pm. Our Internet Radio Station airs the shows of the Yack PS kids from 10am-12noon each Sunday also, so tune in to hear their youthful perspective of the world and what is happening at Yack Primary School. Bron and Ange continue to produce a monthly 2 hour show with different themes. Recently they presented a NAIDOC week special. It is available via podcast on the [www.podomatic.com/pdocasts/indigofmradio](http://www.podomatic.com/pdocasts/indigofmradio).

If you are not able to catch a show or listen to your favourite presenter as it is happening, you can download a podcast of their show so you can listen to your favourite local music sounds at any time. Our Indigo FM show podcasts continue to be downloaded at a record rate, proving that many folks are enjoying the sounds of our fabulous local independent radio station! If you would like to catch up with any shows that have gone to air recently, just head to the [site www.podomatic.com/podcasts/indigofmradio](http://www.podomatic.com/podcasts/indigofmradio) or through the indigofm website.

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

Live streaming of Indigo FM is not far away, following on from the successful trial of this service from the Beechworth studio. We hope it won't be too much longer before we have live streaming for the Yackandandah studio also. Keep an eye on this space for further updates....

Indigo FM President Scott has been assisting the kids and staff at



Wooragee and Osbornes Flat Primary Schools to record and create podcasts using our new portable recording device; a Rodecaster Pro. The object is to engage with nearby rural schools in the Indigo Shire who are not able to walk to one of our studios to further contribute a fresh, diverse and youthful radio presence to Indigo FM radio. It has been enjoyed by all and provides an opportunity for young budding radio presenters to produce shows that can be played on air. Keep an ear out for these new young presenters on air soon!

Indigo FM would like to offer the opportunity to members of the community to join us to add their show ideas to our evolving schedule. Getting your own radio show on the airwaves is easy. It's free to be trained as we like to keep it accessible to all. 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. They can be regular programs - as in weekly, fortnightly or even just occasionally. If you are interested, just email us at [indigofmradioyack@gmail.com](mailto:indigofmradioyack@gmail.com) to find out more. To view Indigo FM programs you can check out the Yackandandah Program Guide at [www.indigofmradio.com/listen/program-guide/yackandandah/](http://www.indigofmradio.com/listen/program-guide/yackandandah/)

Enjoy listening in and please support our unique local radio station; 88.0 FM Yackandandah!

### Laughter

Laughter, while it lasts, slackens and unbraces the mind, weakens the faculties and causes a kind of remissness and dissolution in all the powers of the soul; and thus it may be looked on as weakness in the composition of human nature. But if we consider the frequent reliefs we receive from it and how often it breaks the gloom which is apt to depress the mind and damp our spirits, with transient, unexpected gleams of joy, one would take care not to grow too wise for so great a pleasure of life.

*Joseph Addison, English essayist and poet (1672-1719)*



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### TOURISM EVENTS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS GRANT PROGRAMS

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There's \$15,000 available through the Community Events Grants program and \$30,000 available through the Tourism Events Grants (plus another \$35,000 for logistics support).

If you're an event organiser planning an event that celebrates your community or that aims to increase visitation to Indigo, we strongly encourage you to apply.

Closing date is Monday 15 August, 5pm. Head to our website for the full funding guidelines and to apply: [www.indigoshire.vic.gov.au/grants](http://www.indigoshire.vic.gov.au/grants)

### BOOKING THE PUBLIC HALL OR COURTHOUSE?

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

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

Each venue has a calendar showing details of existing tentative and confirmed bookings and allows you to make your own booking on-line. The hire rates are extremely reasonable and haven't been increased for a number of years.

Jenni Lannen, the Booking Officer can be contacted by email at: [publichall@yackandandah.com](mailto:publichall@yackandandah.com) or by mobile on 0459 271 801



## MY OLD FLAT SIDED BILLY

You asked me how I like my tea  
I'll try to make you understand,  
A heap of dried leaf in my palm  
Then chucked in with my hand.  
I only drink the strongest brew,  
No teabags, I desire.  
You've brought it all back to me  
A flat sided billy by the fire.

We only pass this way but once  
So take fond memories by its hand  
And lead them to the campfire's gleam  
Droving cattle all over the land.  
Once more hear a yarn, recite a poem,  
Being free from posts and wires.  
Just give me one more sip again  
From the flat sided billy, by the fire.

I can see old mates in the campfire's gleam  
Reciting poems, or talking praddle,  
The usual topic at the time  
Horses, bullocks, or some saddle.  
I'd give now, the little bit I own  
Or pray to someone higher,  
To take me back to some dusty track  
And flat sided billy, by the fire.

And when I rest on the big stock route  
To a place that's so much higher,  
Just place that billy on my grave  
That you took from near the fire.  
For I may sometimes crave a drink  
Or does this sound real silly?  
I only want the tea that comes  
From my old flat sided billy.



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By registering, you'll receive notification of new engagement opportunities direct to your email inbox and you can opt in or out of specific engagement topics based on your interest or involvement in the subject matter.

If you would like to join this group, simply click on the link below to register and find out more.

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

## YACK LIONS CLUB MARKETS



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

21st August

18th September  
20th November

16th October  
18th December

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

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# THE ARTS IN YACKANDANDAH

## You think you leave forever

*Miranda Lello wrote this prose poem for **There's a Valley**. The piece was given multi-voice treatment in the staged version by the Yackandandah Theatre Company. Miranda grew up in Yackandandah attending the kindergarten and primary school here and then Wodonga High School. She now lives in Canberra and works for the Commonwealth Government as a General Manager in the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water.*

You think you leave forever. And you do. But also, where you live now there is a pagan circle on the mountain that seeks to summon the magic back into the land, and up on the hill there was a door carved into the tree which led, not to another land, but to another level of this reality. You remember going there, once.

You think you leave forever. And you do. The distance between the bus stop and the top of the hill is nowhere near as far as it once was. The post office is boarded up. In the school grounds there's not a portable in sight. There's no milk bar anymore.

You think you leave forever. And you do. But also, the first time you left, when you saw the thick Liffey moving dark and slow through a distant city, you could hear her speaking, because you learned her language staring into willow-bound current waters under the bridge.

You think you leave forever. And you do. But also, there was the summer you came home and lived in the house by yourself for a month or two, and you were alone a lot of the time. You'd started to smoke and Mum and Dad didn't know yet but you'd sit out on the deck and look at the stars, which were still the same, and smell the bush, which was still the same, and you could feel the ways you were different. You'd drive the road into Albury in the mornings, in the afternoons, late at night, and it was the same but mostly you'd been a passenger before and that was the summer you really got to know how it felt in its curves. You drive past the kindergarten and remember how cross you were when you didn't get to be the angel with the gold halo in the nativity play, just a supporting role.

You think you leave forever. And you do. But also, when you went to visit last weekend, you talked about the time you got stuck in the blackberries and Anthony asked how you got in there in the first place and there were tunnels, there were these tunnels through the blackberries and sometimes they only went in one direction.

You think you leave forever. And you do. But also, where you live now is ringed by muted green hills cloaked with eucalypts and in the autumn the trees that line the streets turn iridescent yellow, orange red and whenever you see the leaves piled up you want to kick them over and run away even if you'll get told off later in the main street.

You think you leave forever. And you do. But rhythms are written into your blood and skin, and when you visit and you're watching a band play at the Folk Festival in the back garden of the pub you sense the laneway where you and Keira Jensen picked mulberries and convinced one another that werewolves existed and met at the full moon in the memorial park and the world is full of secret doorways but they're easier to identify if someplace taught you how to talk to rivers, how to find maps in trees.

And even though you left, forever, where you live autumn mornings are still chill and clear and bright and there is a week in August where you feel the earth may never wake again but then in the darkness you smell the wattle blooming; you still walk every day on land that connects through the knobbed spine of the continent to the place where you were made.

Miranda Lello

## Enough

It ended the way it began. Or, perhaps, it began the way it ended. Really, who can say? And, as it happens, it really doesn't matter anyway. What happened, happened, and justice, more or less, was served.

Arts  
Yackandandah

Although it didn't play out on the grand stage, for all to see in the glaring light of day, the ripples would be felt until the end of days. Which, of course, was not for very long at all.

In the beginning, there was God, or at least the Word, and, when it all went down to the wire, it seemed that God was all alone again and, if there was a Word, then only God was around to hear it. Whatever He may have made of it all, none shall ever know, but one can imagine a shrug, rolling of the eyes and another utterance of a Word which, as history tells us, was never printable in the first instance.

Where had it all gone wrong? When did it even begin to turn south? God created Man, thought it looked good, and had another go with Woman. Easy as falling of a log! Falling, ah yes, they couldn't be trusted. Some of the animals had been a good idea, but then, rabbits, and how spiders had seemed appropriate, well, God only knew!

Give them free will and some raw materials to work with. See what they can make of it, should be a good watch. Just the right amount of everything, which, used in the right way, would be enough to keep things rolling in perpetuity, as long as people were sensible and only took what they needed. And it wasn't like they would just burn everything, was it? Free will meant deciding what you needed now and what to put away for later generations. It may actually have been the point at which God just assumed that, knowing what was fair and just and doing what was fair and just were the same thing, was where the whole circus got a bit wobbly.

But that's what Governments were for! Everyone working together for the common good of all. Equality, Fraternity and Justice For All! Hard to imagine how He hadn't thought of that last time he started one of His projects. The last lot had just started squabbling from the beginning - and then the lizards ate them all anyway. Guns would solve that. If everyone had a gun, then everyone would be safe. Parents could send their children off for a free and equal education without having to worry about something terrible happening while they were away. Simple!

All in all, though, it hadn't quite worked out as planned, or at least, anticipated. But there was always time to start again, to start time again. So, in the End there was the Word. And the Word was...

Enough!

David Lacey

The full script of *There's a Valley* is available in book form for \$5.00 from the Yackandandah Newsagency or contact Bev Lello at [beverley.ello@gmail.com](mailto:beverley.ello@gmail.com)

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**To keep in the loop or for further details, please contact  
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## “There’s A Valley”- Yackandandah Theatre Company, May 2022

Those who thought that theatre had died during the Covid lockdowns were pleasantly surprised when three great audiences came to see *There’s a Valley* over the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2022. Hot on the heels of a Helen Haines’ victory came a show with heart and soul to warm us through.



David Pietsch and Sally Dodds

This show started as a thought bubble and a Writer’s Group workshop with Bev Lello and Leisa Whyte, and landed as a show with music, video, song and theatrics. Along the way there were additions from Yackandandah Historical Society and Kelvin Schultz. Brendan Hogan and the students from Yackandandah Primary School gave us a unique video perspective. Nine actors, Uke-N-Dandah, The Myrtles, a Chamber Choir, Sally Dodds

and David Pietsch collaborated to remind us about what it is to live in a small town tucked under Big Ben in North East Victoria. Light and sound by Chris Lello and Matt Charles-Jones & son, Tarn, created a wonderful atmosphere. Bar assistance from Arts Yack volunteers was greatly appreciated and the opportunity to bring food and share with friends was eagerly accepted by the audiences over three performances. The fabulous afternoon tea on Saturday from The Women’s Shed will be talked about for years!

Our show explored reflections of past and present residents from

Ada Cambridge to Yackandandah’s youngest commentators from the Primary School film maker group. After a dramatic entrance by the Theatre Company President, a word collage of brief memories gave us a light entry into the night. Comedy from Fleur Cunningham and Lou Scheidl exercising with their poles; Geordie Graham offering his enthusiastic partner unconditional support to join all Yack’s community groups; Lisa and Fleur contemplating a move to the country, Donna Picton revealing her love affair with her new home and Dan Carberry and Jan Salter reflecting on their luck at finding such a magical place to live, all gave us insights into why people have come to live in Yackandandah.



Lisa Mason



Dan Carberry and Jan Salter

In Act 2 we saw the opposite and felt the angst of leaving, sometimes forever, and the hope of return. Lisa Mason and Matt Bennett delivered more soulful and contemplative monologues. We also witnessed the sheer joy of the Ralph Vaughan Williams composition, *The Lark Ascending*, played by David Pietsch and Sally Dodds. Our final piece which was written by Miranda Lello, explored the impact a childhood in Yackandandah can have on an adult. The piece was performed by the ensemble and reflected on looking and experiencing new surroundings while remembering childhood events and feelings. A rendition of *There’s a Valley* by Jane Thompson and James Rigby ended the performance.



Donna Picton



“You Think You Leave Forever”

When a director takes on a new show there are question marks and fears of what if? In the era of Covid this show was designed for an ensemble that could become fragmented and to be delivered to an audience that could be gathered rather than crowded. The way in which actors, musicians and other contributors came on board to deliver showed an undented enthusiasm for theatre and performance.

**Writers:** Bev Lello, Leisa Whyte, Chris Zerst, Donna Picton, Ros Ridgeway, Joanne Metzger, Michael Metzger, Kirstin Coates, Rex Little, Ali Pockley, Ada Cambridge, Lilian Croker, Miranda Lello

**Actors:** Louise Scheidl, Lisa Mason, Donna Picton, Fleur Cunningham, Geordie Graham, Matt Bennett, Dan Carberry, Jan Salter, Bev Lello

**Sound and Light:** Chris Lello, Matt and Tarn Charles-Jones, Tony Boon (Professional Audio Services)

**Video and Photography:** Brendan Hogan and Yackandandah Primary School, Kelvin Schultz

**Director:** Margie Gleeson

So, what is next?

Yackandandah Theatre Company will host an event for those wishing to join us - watch for the signs.



Margie Gleeson, Director

Margie Gleeson  
Yackandandah Theatre Company

# HORSES FOR COURSES

I received a call from a dear friend about a proposed ride at Mt. Stirling in the Mansfield district. Luckily my 50 year old Ford F100 had just been repaired after a stint in Matt's workshop.



Steve on Sal

I joined a loose group riding under the banner "Fit – Let's Ride", twenty five riders coming from as far away as Warrnambool, Colac, Bacchus Marsh and Numurkah to camp outside Razor Back Hut. A commercial group of trail riders were camped next door, and by the smell, were obviously eating better than my cooking.



The intrepid horses and riders in snowgum country

## HORSE SENSE

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From the Book of Beginnings by Dr. R and L Brasch

2022	Millimetres	Days of Rain
January	212.2	7
February	3.0	1
March	80.4	5
April	46.0	10
May	96.6	12
June	126.8	19
July to 14th	7.0	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>572.0</b>	<b>56</b>
To: 14/7/21	485.6	51
To: 14/7/20	576.8	63

## Reg's Rain Report



**I USED TO BE INDECISIVE.  
NOW I'M NOT SO SURE...**

Glorious weather and terrific rides on bridle paths led by the unflappable Simon who was obviously at home in the region. Rides to Pineapple Flat on the Upper King River, a six hour trek to the summit of Mt. Stirling then onto a busy Craig's Hut from the movie "The Man from Snowy River" with top views extending over the Indian's Head (Mt. Cobbler), Mt Buffalo and beyond.

Evenings were spent around a luxurious fire, yarning, yawning, stargazing, a little boasting, mirth and reflection while Melissa strummed her guitar and sang (with a little help from Oliver) some Dylan, Johnny Cash and Casey Chambers – cool!



On top of Mount Stirling

My last day - up at first light, feed and unrug Sal (who powered along all trip). Fifteen riders head out for a two hour early morning ride around the cold southern side of Mt. Winstanley. Then back along its acute ridge including the Rock Steps. Through snow gums and pastures with Buller Ski Village perched across the deep valley. With riders aged 15-70, it was a slightly challenging but very rewarding morning.

Back at camp – wash Sal, eat, pack, cheerios, three hour drive home, 2 hours on the couch – zzzzz.

PS While riding in the forest behind Yack, I heard a lyre bird going through its routine. I've seen and heard many lyre birds elsewhere, but never, I think, in the Stanley Forest. My horse always becomes somewhat agitated around them as I'm sure she can pick its call as a "Liar"!

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## Yack Football and Netball Club



As finals near, many of the Yackandandah Football Netball Club teams are in excellent positions to compete for premierships. We've been fortunate in both football and netball to have most of the teams sitting in the top five all season, from seniors through to juniors, and we'd love (even more of) the community to get behind us as we count down to finals action. There are still a few home games left in the season, so if you're looking for something to do on a Saturday, come on down to Butson Park. We're playing there on 6<sup>th</sup> August (versus Thurgoona) and 20<sup>th</sup> August (versus Rutherglen). We serve good coffee, Gum Tree Pies (and other great food) and the bar opens from 12 noon. All welcome!

The finals kick off on the 27<sup>th</sup> of August out at the "MCG of the Bush", Sandy Creek. Get on the Yack train!

Footy photos credits with thanks to Wayne Burr (Gameday Photography Services) and Simon Ginns Photography for these images

### COMMITTEE NEWS

Committee positions are up for grabs. Have you ever thought about joining the club committee? Being on the committee provides the opportunity to be in the driver's seat of our club, taking part in decisions and initiatives that take the club forward. It's a role that requires a level of commitment, but the rewards are well worth it.

At the end of this season, there will be a number of roles that will become vacant, including that of President. This is not a bad thing; in fact it's vital - every successful committee needs a regular injection of new energy and ideas to enable it to stay fresh and relevant.

The retiring committee members aren't going anywhere either, and will happily make themselves available for advice and information during the transition period. So if you've ever thought that your ideas, skills and enthusiasm could be put to good use at the club, please consider nominating for the committee at the next AGM after the season. **Importantly, if you are considering this, please let current member of the committee (see below) know as soon as possible! We want to know that there are people in the wings prior to the AGM rolling around.**

For more information about the upcoming vacancies, please contact Secretary Trevor Matthews on 0407 271 450.

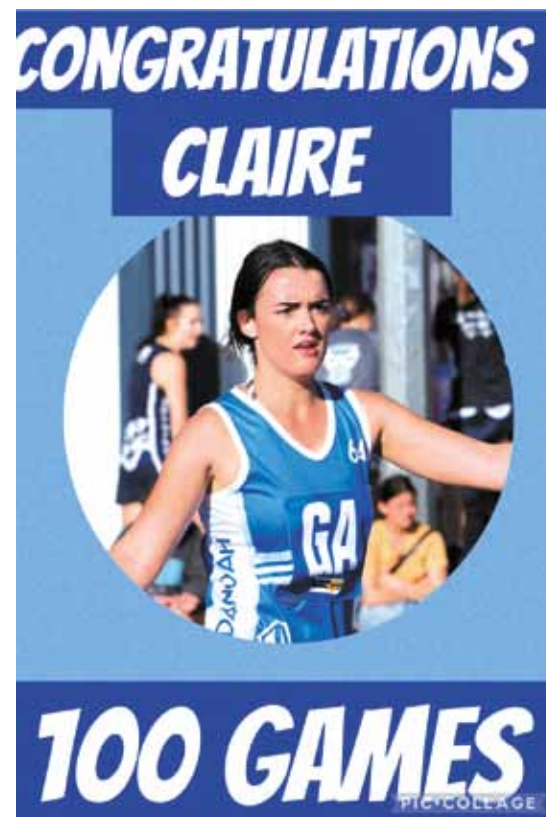
### Nominations for Clubperson of the Year and Life Membership

Believe it or not, it's starting to get to that time when we need to turn our minds to these two awards and who might be good candidates. We don't award life membership every year, but don't let that stop you nominating someone you feel is deserving. Please submit nominations, addressing the following,

to [secretary@yackfnc.com.au](mailto:secretary@yackfnc.com.au) by close of business on **3rd September, 2022**.

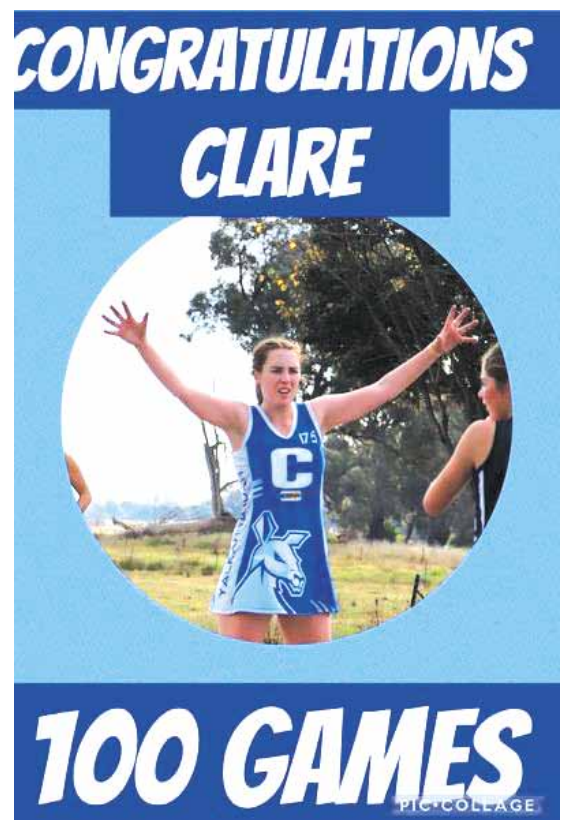
For Clubperson of the Year, please submit the nominee's name, and a paragraph stating why this person should receive the award. Please include details of the service your nominee has carried out during the season.

For life membership, your nomination should address the criteria from our policy manual. Please note that the committee reserves the right not to award life membership if it is believed that there is no candidate that adequately meets the criteria.



### MILESTONE GAMES IN NETBALL

Congratulations to Clare Rowland, Meg Pendergast, Claire McIntosh and Mara Bell! May you play many more games in the blue and white!



## LOOKING FOR A VENUE??

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

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

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

**email:** [sportspark@yackandandah.com](mailto:sportspark@yackandandah.com)

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



## YACK TENNIS CLUB

The Tuesday night tennis stalwarts have played throughout the winter cold but with the warmer weather just around the corner, thoughts now turn to the 2022/2023 summer tennis season.

Come October, there will be plenty of tennis available for all ages ranging from our Hot Shots program for young kids just starting out, junior coaching, junior Saturday morning competition, Kiewa Talgarno afternoon competition and of course, let's not forget, the social Thursday night competition.

Tennis is awesome for keeping fit and having fun whacking a ball. Yack Tennis Club is calling for registrations of interest for the Thursday night social competition beginning 6th October. The key word here is social – it's perfect for those who want to play regularly in a relaxed atmosphere without the Saturday afternoon competitive commitment.

Past Thursday Night Teams (reigning champs Red, Blue, Green and Orange) are invited to confirm their team's participation for the upcoming 2022/2023 season asap. Yack Tennis Club welcomes new players and it would be fantastic to add a new team to the Thursday night social mix. Either get your friends together in a brand-new team or if you would rather join an existing team, Yack Tennis Club can help with that too.

Visit the Yack Tennis Club website (<https://play.tennis.com.au/yackandandahtennisclub>) for information on membership. There are adult, junior or family membership options and once you're a member, you'll have access to play at the courts whenever you like all year round.

Annual membership runs from the start of the summer season in October 2022 to September 2023.

Senior Saturday competition - please contact Matt Bayne on 0447 727 002.

Junior Saturday competition - please contact Rebecca Stamp on 0437 253 334.

Thursday Night Social competition – please contact Libby M'Crystal on 0499 111 005.

Don't forget to keep an eye out on the Yack Tennis Club Facebook page for details on upcoming junior and adult competitions. <https://www.facebook.com/YackandandahTennisClub/>

**YACK TENNIS CLUB**  
**THURSDAY NIGHT SOCIAL TENNIS**

Calling all players!  
Time to shake off that Winter hibernation!

Thursday Social Night Tennis is coming back with our friendly summer competition starting in October

**Mixed Doubles Format 4 players/team**  
**Time 7:15pm for 7:30pm match start, Thursdays**  
**Venue Yack Tennis Courts, Sports Park**  
**Ball Fees \$5/player (ie. \$20/team) weekly**  
**Membership \$50 adult/year (play all year round) - Or Family Membership available if you have kids playing the Junior 22/23 Summer Competition**  
**Starts Thursday 6th October 2022 till Easter (Christmas/January holiday break included)**  
**Contact/Register Libby M'Crystal 0499 111 005**  
[play.tennis.com.au/yackandandahtennisclub](https://play.tennis.com.au/yackandandahtennisclub)

## RECIPE OF THE SEASON

### Mary Berry's Simmered Red Cabbage and Cider

Easy. Serves 6

Mary Berry simmers red cabbage with redcurrant jelly and cider to create a gorgeous side dish that's bursting with sweet, tangy flavour. Red cabbage is a hearty vegetable and perfect to serve in the autumn as a delicious accompaniment to game dishes.

#### Ingredients

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|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1 tbsp          | olive oil                            |
| 2 knobs of      | butter                               |
| 1               | onion, sliced                        |
| 1kg (2lb 3oz)   | red cabbage, finely shredded         |
| 250ml (10fl oz) | cider                                |
| 4 tbsp          | redcurrant jelly                     |
|                 | Salt and freshly ground black pepper |

#### Method

- Preheat the oven to 160°C/140°C fan/Gas 3.
- Heat the oil and a knob of the butter in a deep ovenproof saucepan. Add the onion and cabbage and fry for 3–4 minutes. Add the cider and redcurrant jelly, season with salt and pepper, bring to the boil and boil for a few minutes.
- Cover the pan with a lid and place in the oven for 1-2 hours or until completely tender. Using a slotted spoon, transfer the cabbage to a warm dish, leaving the juices behind in the pan.
- Place the pan on the hob and reduce the liquid until the colour has darkened and it has reduced to a syrupy consistency. Stir in the remaining butter, remove the pan from the heat and pour the syrupy liquid over the cabbage in the dish.

Can be made up to 12 hours ahead. To reheat, put into an ovenproof dish, cover with foil and bake in a moderate oven until hot, or stir gently in a pan on the hob. Freezes well once cooked.



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The women's Matchplay Champion for 2022 has been decided; Angela Bishop and Libby M'Crystal battled it out in the Dot Martin event, with the honour going to Angela Bishop. Congratulations to Angela, and to Libby for making it into the final.



Angela Bishop with the Matchplay Championship trophy

The men have begun their Matchplay event, with the winner yet to be determined.

Six participating sand green clubs in the Nth East District Golf Assoc (NEDGA) will have added incentive to attract entrants from both sand and grass green clubs with a revised women's challenge, the *Heather Eggleston Sandgreen Challenge*. Entrants must attend four out of the six bowls, with the trophy going to the player with the best aggregate score out of the tournaments attended, participation in a min four being required. Players who attend all six of the sand green bowls will receive an added bonus point. The Challenge is promoted by the six clubs - a wonderful example of interclub connection to obtain the common goal of wanting the maximum number of entrants to attend their annual event. Thanks go to NEDGA who have donated an exquisite crystal trophy.



Crystal trophy donated by NEDGA

# YGC Yackandandah Golf Club



The YGC extends an invitation to all members of the community who would like to play in a friendly, social game of golf; **come along on the third Saturday of each month, 9 for 9:30** (9 holes.) There is generally a mix of grades, men and women, with no need to book, just turn up. Non-members will need to pay green-fees of \$15.

For more membership information or to inquire:

Visit the YGC web page – <https://golfclub.yackandandah.com>

Email: [yackgolfclub@gmail.com](mailto:yackgolfclub@gmail.com) / FB: Yackandandah Golf Club /

Women: [chris.zerbst@gmail.com](mailto:chris.zerbst@gmail.com)

## YACK COMMUNITY BOWLING CLUB

Yackandandah Community Bowling Club recently held our Presentation Night. Members and guests enjoyed a self-catered two course meal prior to the presentation of our annual awards.

In addition, we held our AGM on Friday afternoon,



Frank Artis (club president) made the presentation to our Ladies Champion, Mary Tragardh and the runner up, Trish Tobin. Well done ladies!



Wayne Furze made the presentation to our Men's Champion Daryl Davies (centre) and the runner up, Frank Artis. Well done guys



Frank Artis, Evelyn Furze, Helen Kelley and Don Dahlenberg

Community Bowling Club.

In addition, this year we presented two Life Memberships to say thank you to two very respected members, Helen Kelley and Ray Melbourne. Helen and her late husband Bob Kelley had been connected with the Yackandandah Community Bowling Club for many years. She was on the Match Committee for a number of years and organised the Night Bowls in her later years. Helen was the Lady Champion on more than a



Frank Artis, Ray Melbourne and Don Dahlenberg

3<sup>rd</sup> June followed by drinks and nibbles. Frank Artis, our President, reported a successful year for the club, but we unfortunately could not continue our success on the green. Better luck next year.

Our annual Community Bowls event sponsored by Sue and Peter Russell has continued to be a great success. We thank them for their continued support for this event.

Frank Artis has remained as President for another year as has our Treasurer, Frances Boehm. Our Secretary for this year is Meredith McIntyre after Anne Corcoran did not stand for another term. A big thank you to all our office bearers and the volunteers for the work undertaken. In addition, a thank you to all our sponsors of Yackandandah

few occasions. In addition, in 2005 Helen represented our club in winning the Ovens and Murray Ladies Champion of Champions.

Ray Melbourne has been a member of Yackandandah Community Bowling Club for many years.

He was also the green keeper for a number of years and during that time he arranged the installation of the irrigation system now used to water the green. In addition, he and Vicki cared for the garden, keeping it looking beautiful for the members and the local Yack residents.

Anne Corcoran  
Secretary



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