

Yackity Yak - 100 issues old!

From this:



Yackity Yak celebrates its 100th issue this month, and what a milestone!

But what came before it? There is a rather interesting history of our community newspaper, newsletter - call it what you will.

Some form of written communication has clearly been something very important for Yack as it has been reinvented on quite a few occasions. See pages 16 and 17 for some of its history and a few of the front pages that show just a hint of Yack's progress over the years.

A big thank you to all those that have had a finger in the pie of Yackity Yak over the years, and there have been many from editors to those responsible for getting it out to the good people of Yack. We must also not forget the advertisers without whom this paper wouldn't be a happening thing.

A proud history indeed, and many thanks to the Yackandandah Museum for allowing access to all the back copies of these historical newspapers and having the foresight to collect them all in the first place.

To this:



YCDCo celebrates its 20th year

How time flies! Could it really be twenty years since we were looking at losing our fuel supply in the Yack High Street? And what a long way YCDCo has come in that time. Thank heavens Yack has people with forethought, insight and great work ethics that enabled the community to end up with a business that is the envy of many a larger town. It is still a beacon to other townships with dying businesses. Read about how YCDCo was set up by seven intrepid locals on Page 14.

And from this:



To this:



YACK CRICKET CLUB - CLEANS UP AT T20 COMPETITION

Lady Luck looked kindly on Yack Cricket Club in December 2021 as part of the "Toyota Bash for Cash" competition.

Geordie Graham had the foresight to enter the Yack Cricket Club into the competition. If they were selected as one of the lucky clubs, they would receive \$500 for every six hit during one game. And they were!

In their selected game between the Melbourne Renegades versus the Hobart Hurricanes, 18 sixes were hit, totalling \$9,000 for the Club. A group of loyal Yack Cricket Club members saw all these sixes hit during the game - doubtless with a great deal of cheering.

The winning funds have been allocated towards the maintenance of the Sports Park oval.

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And not before time, we must say. It has been much needed and hopefully will stop idiots speeding through our busy small village of Yack.



YACK FOLK FESTIVAL - A COVID CASUALTY FOR THE THIRD SUCCESSIVE YEAR...

From the Festival website:

"It is with the heaviest of hearts that we must inform you the 2022 Festival has been cancelled. This is very disappointing for everyone involved but given the ever-spiralling number of daily COVID cases and the ever-changing Government restrictions, we are left with no alternative as the health and safety of our little community are paramount. Many of our supporters have indicated their reluctance to be involved in large, crowded events at present which we totally understand.

We may look at re-booting the event sometime in September, 2022 but that will depend on the planets aligning in the correct order and Government guidelines in place at that time."

YACKITY YAK

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102	June/July	Friday, 20th May, 2022	Tuesday, 31st May
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104	Oct/Nov	Friday, 16th Sept 2022	Tuesday, 27th Sept
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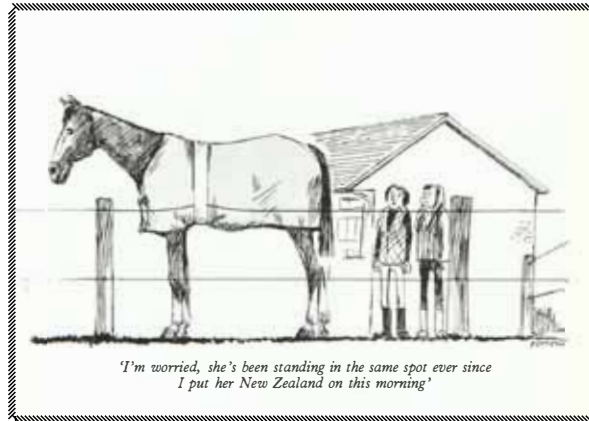
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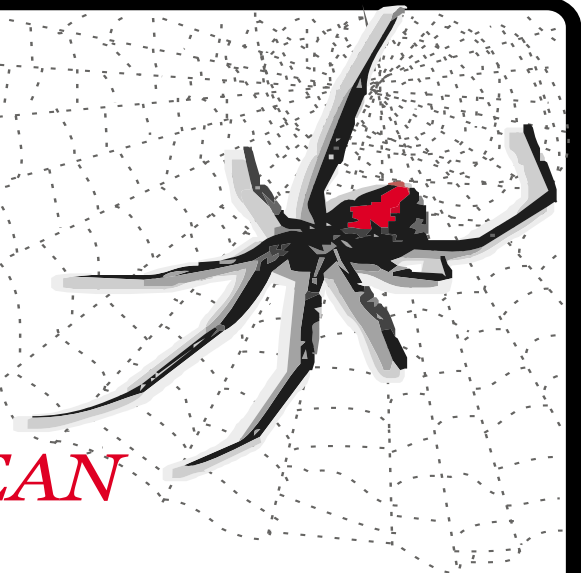
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I live and work on the land of the Wiradjuri, Waveroo and the Dhudhuroa people. I would like to acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the Traditional Owners of these lands, in the spirit of reconciliation. I recognise that First Nations peoples have cared for Country and lived sustainably for millennia, and that sovereignty of this land was never ceded. I pay our respects to First Nations Elders past and present, and to emerging leaders.

I would like to share my story of my work as a Rural Doctor. I am a rural GP, (a doctor of over 30 years' experience) working in Albury in busy General Practice. I live in Indigo Valley on the farm where I grew up, and work one day a week, in my other business (called Lifestest) where I provide preventative health programs to national companies, Local and Federal Government business across Australia and soon to be in our area in February and March working with the Indigo Shire.

In the past year, I have been very active in talking out about the impact of Climate Change on my patients, in particular, the negative effect of bushfire smoke on the placentas of my pregnant patients and the subsequent serious impact on babies born to this bushfire smoke exposure. I have been interviewed locally by ABC (Sally Sara, the World Today), ABC The Drum, 2GB, CBC, Irish News, BBC Radio and BBC World News (going out to over 100 million people) and Al Jazeera about this issue (see links below.)

I have also been involved in a newly released Amazon Documentary, called "Burning." <https://www.if.com.au/burning-trailer/> Burning is the first Australian documentary that Amazon has funded, Eva Orna (Melbourne Academy Award Winning producer who grew up in Melbourne and is now based in LA) is the director, and Kate Blanchet has produced it. It is available on Amazon Prime.

As a doctor who is focussed on preventive medicine for my patients, I want to talk about the negative impact of Climate Change on my patients and community so that we can all work urgently together, to reduce the heating of the planet. "Burning" won the Sustainable futures award at

the 2021 Sydney Film Festival. It is now shown in 240 countries around the world from the 26th November, 2021 and won a standing ovation when shown at COP26 in Glasgow. The film also features Greg Mullins (RFS), Bruce Pascoe, Tim Flannery, and the secondary school student who started school strikes for climate in Australia - Daisy Jeffery. In September, I was invited to speak at the



Senate Enquiry to the lessons learnt from the Black Summer Bushfires 2019-2020. In particular, I called on the Federal Government to have a National Consistent Air Quality Monitoring, along with the installation of local air quality monitors connected to real time delivery of information to people's phones via a free app such as AirRater.

In 2022, I will be working with our local Federal Member, Dr Helen Haines, and also the Federal Minister for Rural Affairs, David Gillespie, to pilot

smoke apps in our local bushfire prone areas. As a rural GP, I am continually working to help protect my patients from the toxic effects of inhaled bushfire smoke. I want my community to be provided with real time accurate information on local air quality, particularly when there is toxic bushfire smoke around, so that they can act accordingly to protect themselves. I would love to see a smoke monitor on every CFA shed and every small rural town in our area.

Further links if you are interested.

<https://www.news.com.au/lifestyle/parenting/babies/baby-born-with-packaday-smoke-exposure-despite-the-mum-never-touching-a-cigarette-in-her-life/news-story/ff018cbd9c269e7cc7b92e8d9b864914>

<https://www.abc.net.au/radio/programs/worldtoday/bushfire-smoke-poses-risk-to-pregnancies/12665412>

<https://www.newstalk.com/podcasts/highlights-from-moncrieff/effects-bushfires-human-health>

<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2020/10/1/bushfire-danger-smoke-puts-lives-of-mothers-and-babies-at-risk>

BBC Radio 5 live online link to the programme: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000mqsl>. I was on in the final hour of the programme at around 04:15 UK time.

<https://www.abc.net.au/radio/sydney/live/>
<https://youtu.be/jV50v-G7gZ4>

<https://www.abc.net.au/radio/programs/worldtoday/bushfire-smoke-poses-risk-to-pregnancies/12665412>

<https://theconversation.com/pregnant-women-should-take-extra-care-to-minimise-their-exposure-to-bushfire-smoke-129349#:~:text=Precautions%20to%20take%20if%20you're%20pregnant&text=Recommendations%20from%20NSW%20Health%20include,candles%2C%20or%20frying%20and%20grilling.>

<https://www.2gb.com/podcast/expectant-mothers-warned-of-harm-from-bushfire-smoke/>

Dr Rebecca McGowan, MBBS, FRACGP, DipObsRANZCOG, DipForensicMedicine

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A RAMBLE WITH THE EDITOR

Lots to celebrate in this edition as you can see from the front page and a few things to be sad about, including the cancellation of the Yack Folk Festival for the third successive year. Such a pity, particularly as Shane Nicholson and his music is brilliant, and I was one of the first to nab tickets to see him live... Let's hope that we may see it back later this year, or that 2023 will see our favourite little Folk Festival back in action again.

However, we can celebrate 100 editions of Yackity Yak and look back at its history and what came before it. Many thanks to Moira Dale for jogging my memory of this important anniversary, and also to Susan Reynolds who helped me ferret out all sorts of interesting newspapers connected with Yackandandah at the Museum - such a font of knowledge - thanks Susan!

YCDCo is also celebrating its 20th anniversary of the inaugural meeting to set up the now well known Servo and Rural Store. The Age have got wind of this, and some of the Board and staff had a happy couple of hours recently recounting the story of YCDCo. It will be interesting to see the Age's spin on this.

COVID-19 has now been let out of the box and we are now completely responsible for our own actions regarding this as many people escape from the cities and come north. In many ways, it's changed our habits radically. We tend to shop and run, and not spend a great deal of time where there are people we don't recognise, and our property has benefitted from that with much more gardening done! Travel more widely has disappeared for the time being and our new camper trailer still awaits its

virgin voyage some 8 months after purchase. We have been foiled largely by the weather that seems to attract torrential rain every weekend we have planned to use it! Still, ours is not to question why and we certainly don't mind the rain although the wetter weather has brought

on bouts of Barber's Pole worms (*Haemonchus contortus*) with the sheep locally, so keep an eye on your woollies, and if they are developing "bottle jaw" or chronic anaemia, then get them wormed PDQ with a wormer for barbers pole. Sheep and goats so affected with this parasite develop a baggy watery pouch under the jawline amongst other symptoms, but a dose of a suitable wormer can keep this at bay. These worms can reproduce very quickly and can cause fatalities in your sheep and goats so don't ignore any likely symptoms.



It has been great not having to overly worry about really dry conditions and the likelihood of wildfires; the garden and property have rarely looked better at this time of year, and autumn is now only a matter of 5 weeks away as I write this, so we will be looking at getting in the winter's wood supply soon. The weather has really been amazingly benevolent to us with nothing over about 36°C which is miraculous for this part of the world looking back at the past 20 years or so.

It has been worrying however to see the Yack and other Shire pools having such a poor staffing attendance over the season to date. I hope our councillors are looking after their ratepayers and townships with this in mind. When speaking with locals about this and the lack of opportunities to swim, everyone has said that in this instance they are happy for the pools to make a loss and their rates to be used to balance the books. The thought of people having to travel miles and miles to use public pools is not a good one just from carbon emissions alone, and the Shire need to have a good think about the swimming facilities in the five townships and not concentrate on just one solution.

Enjoy the rest of the summer.

Ali

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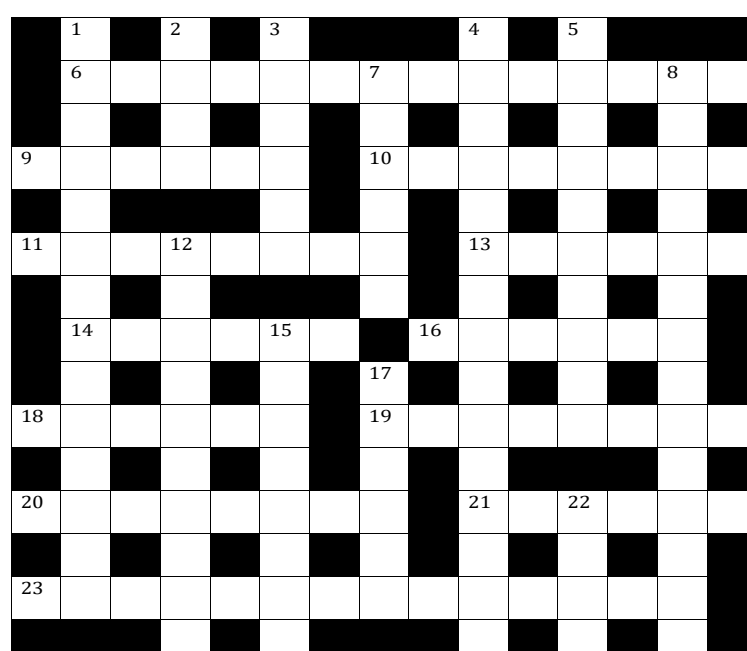
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CRYPTIC CROSSWORD #3 Clues

ACROSS

- 6 These show evidence of disease (9,5)
9 He divides his bacon rasher (6)
10 Twelve inch imprint left by bowler (8)
11 He may reoffend when troubled (8)
13 Unrefined food needs hearty ingredients (6)
14 Things look different in the dark (6)
16 Time alters condition of bread (6)
18 Can't say this in Scotland (6)
19 Anxiously Lisa Yuen solves a problem (8)
20 Disturb water source to combine ingredients (4,4)
21 Initially I need drinks before I leave the Shire (6)
23 With careful start, plot mechanism will lead to achievement (14)

DOWN

- 1 A trip on the dance floor (5,9)
2 Poetic distance (4)
3 Mark journalist with fear (6)
4 Nine drinks! (3,4,3,5)
5 From the start George fusses about moraliser (10)
7 Implies that friends lack dedication, initially (6)
8 Heavenly dancers in Scotland! (8,6)
12 Motor space reveals power house (6,4)
15 Conductor determines it before the first bar! (3,5)
17 You will find this clue in the centre of things (6)
22 Initially don't ever enrage rescued animal (4)

Answers on page 18. Thank you very much Bill. Our cryptic crosswords skills are improving exponentially!

YACKANDANDAH CFA

PROFILE: LT MARGRIT BEEMSTER

When the Brigade's 4th Lieutenant Margrit Beemster first approached the then Yackandandah Captain, Cameron McKern with the idea of "doing something more to help the Brigade" little did she realise just how involved with the CFA she would become.



Lt Margrit Beemster

"As coordinator for the Haring Lane Community Fireguard Group at the time, I'd become much more interested in fire safety and prevention and wanted to learn more," says Margrit who joined the CFA in 2013.



Lt Margrit Beemster with Neil Padbury at the Buffalo Valley fire, 2020

"Cameron suggested I do the Minimum Skills firefighting training [now General Firefighter] which I did, and, somewhat to my surprise, found I really liked the training, being on the fire truck, and being part of a team."

Since then, other than operational firefighter, Margrit has taken on a number of roles within the Brigade. These included the Brigade's Community Education and Information officer (2015-2019); Publicity and Promotions officer (2019 to the present); and 4th Lieutenant (2019 to the present). She is also a member of the Brigade's Fire Equipment Maintenance (FEM) team which services fire extinguishers around the town.

At a district level she was a member of the District 24 inaugural Women's Reference Group (2016-2019).

In her eight years with the CFA, Margrit has turned out to many local fires and incidents as well as being on strike teams to other parts of the state.

"You learn something new every time," says Margrit who qualified as a Crew Leader last year. "And you never know quite what to expect when you get a call out. I can remember a call out to a 'toaster fire' which was so much more than that by the time we arrived."

She says the two bushfires that have had the biggest impact on her since becoming a firefighter were the Indigo Valley fire in 2015, and the Corryong fire on New Year's Eve 2019.

"With the Indigo Valley fire - my first experience of a big fire - I saw just how quickly a fire can travel, grow in size, and change direction with a wind change," she says. "With the fire at Corryong - my first experience as a scribe in a strike team leader's vehicle - I got to see just how complex it is to protect a township from a major and unpredictable fire."

Margrit finds being a member of the Brigade is fulfilling at many levels. "I think it is good to be able to 'give back' to a community I have been part of for close to 40 years," she says. "At a personal level, it has also been very satisfying (and challenging at times) to learn new skills such as using breathing apparatus. Sometimes I think I should have joined the Brigade when I was younger as it can be very demanding physically at times, but then I wouldn't have had the time to be as active in the Brigade as I have been able to be at this stage of life. But I've always said, while I still can still climb up onto the truck I will, so I can learn as much as I can for when I no longer can... and then I might see how else I can help out, maybe in an Incident Control Centre or something like that."

Margrit is proud to be a member of the Yackandandah Brigade. "I have found the members of the Yackandandah Brigade to be, not only very welcoming and friendly, but also encouraging," she says. "While we look after the community, we also look after each other."

HELPING OUT A NEIGHBOUR



Yackandandah firefighter Dennis Arne's photographs capture the joint effort that went into putting out the fire.

It's been a very quiet summer fire season so far this season but one incident in December – a large hay



shed fire at Mudgegonga – gave us the opportunity to help out a neighbouring Brigade.

Two Yackandandah trucks – the Pumper Tanker and Tanker 2 – turned out to the fire to support the Mudgegonga Brigade, along with tankers from Myrtleford, Gapsted and Rosewhite.

WILL THE FIRE TRUCK MAKE IT UP YOUR DRIVEWAY?



Low overhanging branches create problems with access.

With all the rain we've been having and the warm weather, everything has been growing like mad including the trees and shrubs lining driveways. So, it is worth a reminder to check access to your property i.e., can a fire truck get through your gate and up your driveway? Is it wide enough all the way along for a truck to get through? Are there any overhanging branches that might be in the way, particularly when the branches are wet, heavy and lower than usual? Your car may still get up the driveway, but our trucks might not be able to. The trucks measure around 2.7m wide, 3.1m high, so we need a clearance of at least 3.6m wide and 3.5m high to get through, and more if we need to manoeuvre around corners.



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YACK ANDANDAH WOMEN'S SHED



Welcome to a new year!! Our Committee is planning some great workshops, guest speakers and social activities for 2022 and would welcome some suggestions and ideas on activities that we could try.

There will be a Members' Meeting on **WEDNESDAY, 9th FEBRUARY at 6.30pm at the MEN'S SHED** to get us all together and thinking about which direction we should take for the coming year. Should you wish to join us, please consider becoming a financial member for \$25 which helps to cover costs of some materials and subsidises some workshops. Please contact us at: yackwomensshed@gmail.com

We want this year to be fun and interesting, but we need our members to come along, stay in touch and tell us what works for you. We have spoken to felter, Vivien Naimo about demonstrating how she makes some of her stunning wet felted creations and we are hoping to get enough ladies together to

run a workshop in the next month or so. I have played with wet felting and found it to be fun and easy once you have been shown some of the techniques. Once we have chosen a date, we will advertise on our Yackandandah Women's Shed Facebook page (you don't need to be a financial member to join the page, but you will if you choose to do the workshop).

Power tools and how to use them!!!!

We know this is what so many of our ladies have been waiting for! Some of the men from our Men's Shed have agreed to run some workshops for us! Also on offer is how to carve a wooden spoon. The mosaic group that meets once a month on a Saturday has proven to be fun and productive. Did you see those stunning Xmas trees and pots on our stand at the Fun Fair prior to Christmas? We would also like to get a little group together who are interested in patchwork and quilting.... Can we tempt you? Please come along to our Members' meeting for more information on the 9th February.

The Christmas Fun Fair was even better than we could have imagined! The weather was perfect, crowds supported our amazing vendors, and it seems that the children's activities were a fun way to get the whole family involved. Thank you to all of our



Fruit of the YWS mosaic group!

members who came along and helped run our craft stall, to those who contributed items to sell and those who grabbed a job and did whatever was needed to make the day such a great success. It was a lovely way to bring the Yackandandah community together and showcase the quality of our local artisans. The feedback we received from vendors, sponsors and the public was so encouraging.... See you all again at the end of the year!!

We welcome members old and new to the first Women's Shed session for 2022 on Friday 11th February. The Shed will be open from 9.30am. Hope to see you there!

Lynne Davies





Yack Women's Shed all ready to go at the Fair!



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The Yackandandah Lions Club would like to recognize and celebrate the contribution that Kevin 'Jock' Johnson has made to the Yackandandah Lions Club since he became a member in 2012. Many of you will have chatted to Jock selling raffle tickets outside Yack Foodworks on Saturday or at the Lions Club Sunday market.



farming parents. One of five brothers, he has been a contributing member of the Yackandandah community since he was a 12 year old trapping and selling rabbits to local businesses. Jock married Vicki, a local girl, in 1981 with whom he has four children. Jock is a farmer, an electrician and for a number of years he and Vicki ran the Yackandandah hardware store.

In addition to many other activities, Jock's support of the Lions Club fundraising through the monthly raffle has been an outstanding contribution to funded club projects. Jock is involved with the Yackandandah Men's Shed and has also been awarded a life member of the Yackandandah Football Club. He was a keen football player in his younger years playing for 19 years, then running the boundary for a further 6 years in addition to committee membership and his ongoing role manning the entry gate for home games for the past 15 years.



Jock, a twin, was born locally to dairy

Life has not always been kind to Jock and Vicki with the tragic loss of their oldest son, Adrian Francis aged 10 years in 1992.

Jock strongly believes he would not be here today without the support of the Yackandandah community and the Football Club during this time of unendurable grief and loss.

Jock turns up for the community and believes that the community gives back in return. He says he only has the one grievance in life and that is when others choose not to be involved in the clubs and organisations that keep Yack the best place to live.



YACKANDANDAH COMMUNITY ON SHOW

Friday 25 February, 2022
5pm - 9pm

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Yackandandah is set to witness yet another neat collaboration and leap forward on a Clean Energy future. Around mid-year we will see the installation of an Electric Vehicle (EV) Charger in town.

TRY has secured a \$44,000 grant from the State Government's Zero Emissions Vehicles program that will support the installation of a 50 kW Tritium destination charger. Community-owned 'social enterprise' YCDCo will own the charger and continue to be a pivotal provider of transport fuels (and other services) in our little village. Further, in an expansion of the services of Indigo Power, they will operate and maintain the charger and connect e-car drivers with renewable energy.



That's a Wrap! TRY's 100% Renewable Feasibility Results

After well over 12 months TRY has got to the end of our 100% Feasibility Study. Just how will we achieve a 100% renewable energy supply?

One of the most challenging aspects of widespread infrastructure change is figuring out how to do it right. An exciting finding in our 100% Feasibility Study is that Yack has already reached 60% renewables in the electricity that we use. And compared to the average rooftop solar installation density around Australia of 31%, Yack's is 58%. That's significantly higher than the leading states of SA and Qld that have an average of 40% rooftop solar installation density. For the 100% Feasibility Study, TRY teamed up with Mach2 and other consultants to analyse the best way to get our town to 100% renewables. The resulting Feasibility Study report is available on our website!

TRY is powered by volunteers, grants, donations and huge levels of community support. It is extremely important to us that these resources are used wisely, and with respect. This means ensuring that we are getting the best bang for our buck. We want to use technology that is projected to have as much positive impact on the community as possible for an achievable cost.

This means acknowledging that supplying all of our energy needs all the time, independent of the grid (a 100% Gross target), is challenging and expensive. The more feasible end of the spectrum is a

100% net target, which means on average the town generates more than it

This has been made possible with key funding inputs from YCDCo, as well as the contributions from Indigo Shire Council and TRY. A local business has also offered sponsorship support to see the project blossom – and with a little intrigue, their identity will not be announced until the unveiling of the charger!

Over the past 18 months, TRY has been working with Indigo Shire to identify, plan and locate this charger in



Mark McKenzie McHarg presenting the Feasibility Study progress at the town hall meeting on 3 December 2020

Yack. After considering closeness to the main shops, strength of the electricity grid, and suitable car parking spots, a Planning Approval has been received to install a charger at the carpark at the back of the Seniors Citizens Centre, with an entrance off Wyndham St.

The Zero Emissions Program is striving to create a dense network of electric chargers right across regional Victoria and will address a key barrier to the expanding uptake of clean energy mobility. And indeed, a key pathway to Australian States matching the boom of e-transport globally.

And for our town, yet another example of what happens when a forward 'leaning' town sees a clean energy opportunity, whether that be energy-resilient emergency services, affordable E-cars, a solar powered post office and delivery service, e-bike vegetable deliveries or microgrids.

Bring on smart energy!

Matthew Charles-Jones



Simone at the TRY stall at the Yack Christmas Fete. PC J. Milbank

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uses throughout the year . This is significantly more achievable and ten times cheaper than a 100% gross target.

When doing the modelling and analysis of Yack’s energy use there are so many factors. We have taken into account infrastructure cost, suitable locations, economic savings, reliability and resilience, and current and future energy requirements. What the study discovered is that the most cost-effective and timely way to get Yack to 100% renewables is to continue building on the work we have already started – behind-the-meter, solar and battery installations with smart energy management. This means that TRY will continue to seek funding for subsidies on solar and battery systems for residential, business and community buildings, and replace electric resistive hot water systems with efficient CO2 heat pump systems.

The study has found that if this was implemented on four hundred extra properties, plus installation of two or three community batteries, two backup diesel (or later hydrogen) generators, and an intensive energy efficiency program, we could achieve outcomes that match the whole of community needs. The study found that large-scale infrastructure is not feasible in Yackandandah because of a lack of suitable land, and it requires significant grant or philanthropy inputs (\$5-8 million minimum), and also has significant regulatory hurdles. But our goal can still be reached by taking a behind-the-meter approach.

This result is hugely encouraging. It means we have huge achievements on the board already that are paying off both economically and environmentally, and have taken us a long way towards our goal. It also means that we are practiced and prepared for the work to come.

We thank the people of Yackandandah for their support and encouragement and can’t wait to show you what we are going to do next!



Clare Bishop

AMNESTY YACKANDANDAH’S NEW BOOK LIBRARY

Amnesty Yack have collaborated with the Yack Men’s Shed to have a book library in town for all to enjoy.

Books are an important part of learning and relaxing for all ages, and having a community book library lets people share their books with others in the community.

Anyone can take a book from the library, we just ask that you replace it with another book, or make a donation to Amnesty for the book taken.

Amnesty Yack has a number of books donated to us and we’ll monitor the library to try and make sure that there is always a range of kids, teen, and adult books available - so that all can be enjoyed.

The book library is located at the front of 8 Hammond Street (just down from the supermarket car park.



Amnesty Yack’s new quirky book library at Hammond Street,



If you have a larger number of books than will fit into the library that you’d like to donate please call Brydie on 0400 245 979 to arrange drop off.

Brydie Donnelly

*“The more that you read, the more things you will know, the more that you learn, the more places you’ll go”
Dr. Seuss*

Council secures Changing Places funding

Sir Isaacs Park will be the location for Indigo Shire’s first fully accessible restrooms. Indigo Shire Council has successfully secured \$110,000 under the Victorian Government’s Changing Places program and will contribute \$234,000 towards the total construction cost of \$374,400.

Sir Isaacs Park was chosen following community and stakeholder consultation in late 2021 in which Council received more than 400 survey responses, with many nominating the Yackandandah location as the preferred site. Disability service providers, carers of people living with disability and Council’s Community Access Committee were also involved in the consultation.

Mayor Cr Bernard Gaffney says Council has a long-term vision to transform Sir Isaacs Park into an all abilities accessible destination in Yackandandah. “The current toilet block will be replaced with unisex accessible toilets and a Changing Places facility including adult change tables and hoists,” Cr Gaffney said. “The Yackandandah community is highly inclusive and aware of the barriers that the heritage town presents, as with all Indigo Shire towns. This new facility is a great step forward in removing these barriers, allowing people with disabilities to get out and about and enjoy our Shire. A Changing Places facility will provide greater access to social and tourism opportunities for people with a disability, their families and carers and we are extremely grateful to the Victorian Government for including Yackandandah in this latest round of funding.”

Construction of the new facility is expected to commence mid-2022.

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YACK COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS LUNCH 2021 – WRAP-UP



Our Christmas Lunch numbers increased again this year to 65 attendees (including volunteers) which is about our average number. A late lifting of restrictions allowed the day to go ahead with the only restriction being wearing masks while not eating or drinking. Very easy to handle given that's what we're there to do!

We welcomed quite a few new faces this year which was great to see. We also had our regular group of locals returning which hopefully means we must be doing something right since starting in 2016!

In a first for our lunch this year, one extremely generous Yackandandah resident (Ray Fahey) donated a Chrisco



Christmas Hamper to the value of \$1,500. This meant that every family that attended received a mini hamper to take home on the day. It was a pleasure to be able to hand out these bags along with a small array of presents made up from the hamper and others provided from sponsors.

Each year the Yackandandah Lions Club donate a box of the individual Christmas Cakes that are included in the "take-home" bags of treats on the day.

This year we were also successful in receiving sponsorship from WAW, together with a grant from Indigo Shire. These funds along with donations from individuals, and money received on the day, will ensure that the event can continue in 2022.



Lunch in full swing

Once again a big "thank you" to the Yackandandah Football & Netball Club for the free use of their facilities on the day. It was noted by a few attendees that it would be great to have this event in the new clubrooms – hoping they would be air-conditioned.

To my regular group of volunteers – Sam & Jono from Rafferty's, Denise & Wayne Maybury, Fiona Greiner, Jenny Anthony & Jack Kelley – thank you for your continued support and willingness to assist to ensure the event runs smoothly. To all the other volunteers

who give up their time to help on the day and to clean-up – a huge thank you. It's heart-warming to observe everyone pitching in to help pack up at the end of the lunch.

Thank you to the following for their generous support of this community event:

Rafferty's Catering Wodonga	Ray Fahey	John & Frances Boehm
Louise Humphrey	Yack Lions Club	Troy & Jacqui Eder
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Hopefully we can experience another lovely lunch in 2022. See you there!

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Beechworth and District Community Bank would like to invite applications for the scholarship program for 2022. The program will assist students experiencing challenging circumstances complete further study in 2022 and beyond. There are two scholarships available, one for TAFE study and one for undergraduate University study and applications for both close on **Friday, 18th February 2022.**

General qualification criteria for both scholarships:

- You are an Australian citizen or permanent resident.
- Students must reside in or attend school in the Indigo Shire Council area.
- You can demonstrate leadership both within, and outside, your school community.
- You can demonstrate the challenging circumstances (financial &/or social) hindering your ability to undertake further study; and
- You are an academically motivated student who can demonstrate community involvement.

Qualification criteria for the TAFE scholarship

- You must be aged 16 to 25 as at 29th January 2022 – students under the age of 18 years will require parental / guardian consent to accept this scholarship.
- You must have left secondary school (having completed Year 10 as a minimum).
- You have been offered a place to commence study in 2022 at an approved Australian TAFE institute campus

Eligible courses include Full-time or competency-based completion (Apprenticeships),

Certificate I, II, III or IV, Diploma, Advanced Diploma or Associate degree

Course must be of at least 10 weeks' duration for full-time study or the part time equivalent.

You can be studying on campus and /or off campus (including online).

You can be studying on a full-time or part-time basis.

The scholarship award value for TAFE study is \$1,000 per year for 2 years or for the duration of the successful recipient's course up to a maximum of 2 years (whichever is the lesser), subject to the criteria set out above and satisfactory academic performance.

Qualification criteria for the undergraduate bachelor's degree scholarship

- a first-time tertiary student at first year undergraduate bachelor's degree level in 2022.
- have been offered a full-time place to study on campus for a bachelor's degree in an approved Australian course at an Australian university, TAFE Institute or College Campus.
- have completed Year 12.
- must be aged 25 years or younger as at 29th January 2022.

The scholarship award value \$3,000 per year for 2 years, subject to the criteria set out above and satisfactory academic performance.

For further information please contact the Beechworth & District Community Bank at 78 Ford St, Beechworth on 03 5728 3122 or go to

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Yackandandah Community Centre



If you're looking for more connection to your community or even the opportunity for a good chat and to make new friends, then volunteering at the Yackandandah Community Centre (YCC) Op Shop could be the answer. YCC relies on volunteers to operate the great Op Shop in the High Street.

Volunteers, Trish May and Marijke Mascas said they could vouch for the benefits they gain from volunteering at the Centre. "Volunteering at the YCC Op Shop is a great way of meeting people and helping you feel like you are part of the community," Trish said. "I see volunteering here as a great chance to have a good chat. There are a range of things you can get involved in, so come and try it." Trish moved to Yackandandah a little over a year ago and rented a house while she hunted for a property. As it turned out her neighbour on one side was the YCC chairman and on the other, one of the Op Shop volunteers!

So, it was only natural that conversations with neighbours turned to ways she might connect with the community and then volunteering. She initially agreed to fill in at the Op Shop when other volunteers were unavailable, and then volunteered more regularly when COVID border closures meant one of the volunteers was unable to attend for an extended time. "We came from Bright and always loved Yack when we travelled through. There is a strong drive in the town to give back to the community, it's not just about making money from the tourists at the cost of the locals," Trish said. "I love the fact that the money raised by the YCC Op Shop is donated to local community groups, that doesn't always happen in the larger organisations. I've retired from full time teaching so now I have the time to do something for other people. When I was working full time and had young kids there were often times that I would see people volunteering their time to help my family, such as the kids' soccer coaches, so now I have the time to give back some of the time others have given."

Having moved to Yack two years ago, Marijke said volunteering at the Op Shop had given her a valuable connection to the local community and people visiting

the town. "There are some fascinating people who live in or visit Yack" Marijke said. "I have worked in Op Shops before and have had a wandering way of life but have now settled in Yack. I've volunteered all my life, it's a good feeling being able to help other people. I like keeping active and volunteering is a good way of creating connections. We often have terrific chats with people who come into the Op Shop."



Yackandandah residents, Marijke Mascas and Trish May outside the YCC Op Shop in High St. PC: David Thorpe

YCC Manager, David Thorpe said with the changes brought about by COVID in the past couple of years, the Centre was keen to enlist the help of new volunteers. "Our volunteers are fantastic, without them we wouldn't be able to run this valuable community asset," he said. "But with COVID we find it can be more difficult for volunteers to help out as regularly as they used to. We are really keen to encourage new volunteers, there is a real diversity of things that volunteers can do in the Op Shop, right from helping sort donations and stocking shelves and racks through to serving customers. And there is a lot of support for learning different aspects of the operation. We also see volunteering at the Op Shop as a valuable social connection so if someone wants to just volunteer to

greet customers and have a chat, that's also fine."

He said the YCC Op Shop has been operating for about eight years and in that time had provided a significant financial boost to community organisations in Yack. "The money we raise through the Op Shop goes back into the community in the form of YCC Community Grants which are allocated annually," he said. "We have helped provide Yack community Groups with equipment, improved facilities and created community events. We even donated the defibrillator, which is located the front of the CFA building in High Street which saved someone's life a couple of years ago. Volunteering at YCC is a great way of connecting with and giving back to your community."

For more information about how you can volunteer at YCC, contact manager David Thorpe on 02 6027 1743 or email manager@ycc.org.au

Volunteering is a great way to get to meet other members of the community and find out what suits you best. Check out the Yack Community On Show - see pages 7 and 23 and factor this into your calendar for February! Ed.



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Congratulations to Yackity Yak for 100 editions of our great little Community Paper. A terrific milestone!

2022 is a clearly to celebrate with YCDCo starting up 20 years ago in March. Read all about your community owned service station's history below, and reflect on its huge success in those 20 years. Well done to everyone involved in its inception and running over this time.

The Age has picked up on YCDCo's 20th anniversary of its inception this year. So expect to see some photos and articles in due course about YCDCo and how it has helped the township of Yack.

Our new website will shortly become live, so we hope that you will enjoy looking at it and find something of interest. The Board is delighted in its fresh new look, and thanks to all involved in getting this up and out there.

TAKEN FROM ISSUE #48 OF YACKITY YAK DATED JUNE/JULY 2013

In March 2002, a notice appeared in the window of the petrol station in Yack's High Street announcing that it would be closing in ten days' time. Seven local people got together and decided to do something positive about it. We initially formed a company called the Yackandandah Community Development Company Pty Ltd (YCDCo).

YCDCo was formed with an initial goal to secure the future supply of fuel in Yackandandah. Fuel is regarded as such a basic service function for the town that it is crucial to retain. Initially, this involved taking over the operation of the existing petrol at 12 High Street, but now has progressed to longer term solutions.

Having established a company as an operating structure, the directors of YCDCo formed the view that the petrol station issue might be the 'thin end of the wedge' and that other similar issues may emerge in future which call for a concerted community-based effort/response. We therefore decided to establish the company on a semi-commercial/semi-community basis. The idea is that the company having a commercial focus will ensure that we are not seen as a charity and is basically self-sustaining. It is locally controlled, is not beholden to politics and is not reliant on grants, subsidies or donations.

In a way, our Vision for YCDCo is to become a strong 'voice' for the broader Yackandandah community (business and residents). It is focussed on both general community-wellbeing, as well as the economic interests of the

Yackandandah community and surrounding areas.

The rationale for the existence of an organisation like YCDCo is based on the fact that the community's ability to respond quickly to issues and challenges which may arise (ie the petrol station closing) and to take positive steps to influence or control any such issues which may impact on its well-being, depends heavily on having some collective economic power and resources available in an organization which has only the town's interests at heart. The local Council also plays an important role in this but is limited by legal, political and resource constraints.

Therefore, the immediate goals of YCDCo were as follows:

- to undertake projects and initiatives which will economically and socially and culturally benefit the community of Yackandandah and its surrounding areas;
- to operate YCDCo on a commercially sustainable basis and generate profits to shareholders in the long term;
- to extend the ownership base of YCDCo so that it has a broad-based community ownership structure;

- to return 50% of any future profits the company generates (e.g. after operating expenses) back to community causes and projects (to be defined); and,
- to return the remaining 50% of any profits to YCDCo shareholders.

As of 5th December 2002, YCDCo Ltd became an 'unlisted public company'. What this meant is that we can have as many shareholders as we like and can raise public funds



YCDCo's First AGM at the Star Hotel (aka – the Boardroom). (L-R: Mark McKenzie-McHarg, Phil Newman, Cameron McKern, James Lacey, Glen Clarke, Dave 'Postie' Norman, Greg McCarten, David Larkin, Ian Moyle, Andrew Earl

through the issues of shares, subject to the Corporations Act. Our shares are not traded on a stock exchange (as with listed public companies).

At this stage there were 10 shareholders in YCDCo who

owned 11 x \$100 shares each.

In order to raise the funds necessary to build a new purpose-built fuel outlet with the capacity to receive full semi-trailer loads of fuel, dispense fuel to more than one customer at a time, etc, an Offer Information Statement was issued.

The process was launched in the Yackandandah Public Hall with between 200 and 300 people attending. Applications for shares closed on 21st May, 2003.

The share issue was a resounding success:

Total Share Applications Received	473
Number of Applicants	649
Average share package value	\$871
Largest individual package value	\$10,000
OIS target	\$382,000
Total funds committed (applications)	\$412,100
Subscription rate (%)	107.9%

Using the capital raised, together with a State Government contribution, made through the Indigo Shire to develop the Industrial Estate on which the new Yackandandah Station was to be located, the new service station was built, opening for trade on 5th December, 2003.

The rural supplies/hardware business opened for trade at Yackandandah Station on 18th February 2005. Despite some early glitches in getting the rural supplies/hardware/produce business up and running, the Board remains confident that this, together with fuel, will underpin the long-term profitability of YCDCo.

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And YCDCo continues to go from strength to strength with a number of great developments at the site over the past 18 months and a very healthy bottom line.

We are always looking for active, talented board members to keep up the good work, particularly younger members of the community and women.

Check out our website for details or contact our Company Secretary.

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EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST ARE BEING SOUGHT FOR A PART TIME FINANCE POSITION AT YCDCo TO START IMMEDIATELY

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YACK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Yackandandah Museum/ Historical Society Annual Christmas Raffle was drawn on 18th December 2021, and the prize winners were:

1st Prize - Large Hamper won by Brett Rochow

2nd Prize - Medium Hamper won by Ross Barlow

3rd Prize - Small Hamper won by Phil Buttner

The Historical Society would like to thank all the generous donors, ticket sellers and everyone that purchased tickets in support of the Museum.

Membership

Becoming a member of the YDHS helps us to keep our unique history vibrant and within reach of the community. Membership fees are \$20 single or \$35 family. You will receive a bi-monthly Newsletter giving you facts on many aspects of Yack's past, be the first to know about upcoming events and free admission into the Museum, Membership runs from 1st May to 30th April each year. We currently have three mini displays

currently showing at the Museum: **From the Top to the Bottom** now showing, highlighting the Star Hotel, the Yackandandah Hotel and the Bridge Hotel

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Recreation of the Staghorn Flat Honour Roll

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Donations of Books

The Yackandandah Museum is now able to again accept donations of books for resale as our stocks are getting low.

We are a self-funded organisation, and the sale of books play a very important part in our survival. If you wish to make a donation and the museum is not open, please leave the books at the side door.



Volunteer Jim Ralston hangs a frame for the Staghorn Flat exhibition aided by Nancy Sluga

For further information contact the Museum:

P: (02) 6027 0627

E: museum@yackandandah.com

Website: yackandandahmuseum.wordpress.com

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Lifestart – Health literacy program

In partnership with Indigo Shire Libraries, Lifestart will deliver an actionable, accessible and engaging health literacy program for men and women presented by local doctor, Dr. Rebecca McGowan.

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

There will be one-off sessions in Tangambalanga and Beechworth and a program of four sessions in Yackandandah and Rutherglen commencing in March 2022. If this sounds interesting to you, please contact your local library to find out more about the dates and times.



Well known Indigo Valley resident - Dr. Rebecca McGowan

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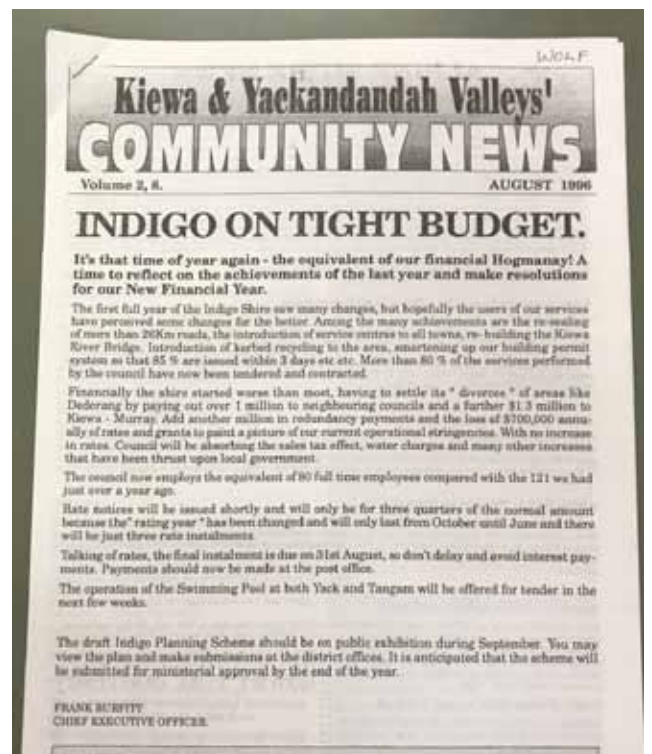
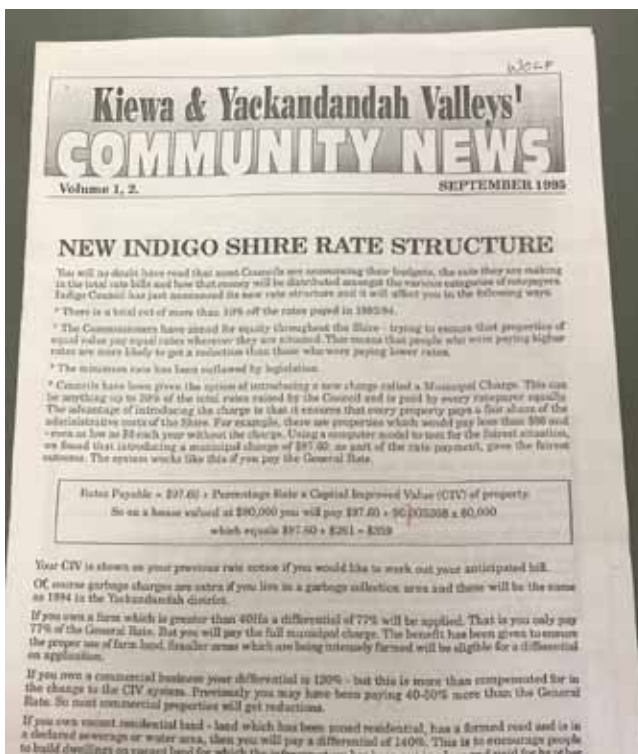
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A WHISTLESTOP TOUR AROUND YACK'S COMMUNITY NEWSPAPERS AND A BIG THREE CHEERS TO 100 AMAZING EDITIONS OF YACKITY YAK

One of the earlier predecessors of Yackity Yak was the Yackandandah Community News which ran from March 1990 to February 1995 with Shirley Dobson as editor for the whole period. This was then incorporated into the Ovens and Murray Advertiser for a short period of time. The Kiewa & Yackandandah Valleys' Community News was published from September 1995 until January 1997 with Kelvin Quonoey at the helm, and was at that point taken over by the Indigo News, again with Kelvin as editor (operated by the Indigo Shire) in August 1997. Sadly, that didn't even last a year and it ceased publication in April 1998 due to financial issues.

It wasn't until March 2005 when Yackity Yak first made its appearance with Zinna Davies and Julie Keeble at the helm. And the rest is really history.

One hundred issues and seventeen years on, the paper is still provided to Yack and district residences free of charge, and is also freely available at various outlets in the township including the Servo, the Post Office, the Community Centre, the Newsagency, the Shire Office, the Visitor Information Centre and the two doctors' surgeries. Like so much in Yack, it is eyed with envy by other townships who see Yack as the town where anything is possible!

Congratulations to everyone who has had something to do with this great little community newspaper. It is only by standing on the shoulders of those who came before that Yackity Yak has done so well. It really is something to be exceptionally proud of. Three cheers for Yackandandah!

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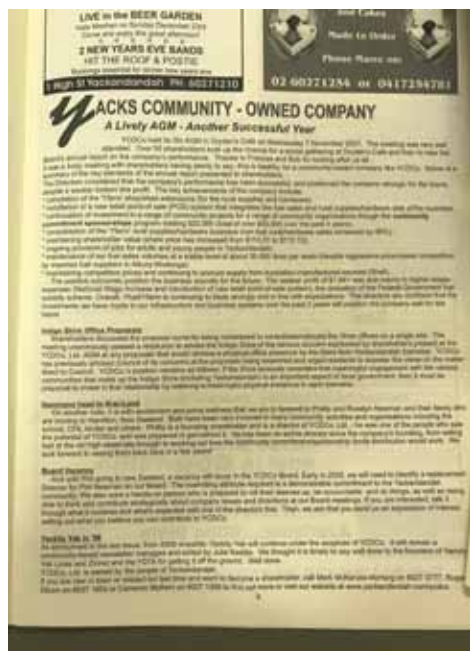
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Advertisers in the August 1997 edition of the Indigo News

Here's a little taster of businesses advertising in 1997 in the Indigo News. Lots of many familiar names and a bit of a ride back in time to some of the businesses that became a real part of Yack whilst they were in operation. Lovely to still see some familiar names still operating today.



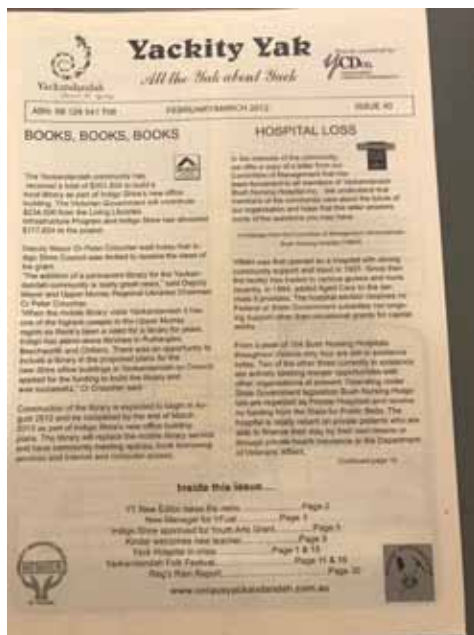


Issue No 1 is sadly missing from the Yack Museum's archives. If anyone has a copy lying around, they would love to have it to make up the entire collection! YCDCo started to archive copies of the paper from edition #19 onwards, and they are all available on their website - <https://ycdco.com.au/yackity-yak/>

In looking through the archived editions at the Museum, it was easy to pull out some interesting front pages of Yackity Yak, and hopefully one from each editor over the years to show the changes in the township that were happening, and also to look at the editor's style and skills.

It was in 2008 when the supermarket was earmarked for a major upgrade. The previous supermarket run by the Obornes was in the building now operated as the Post Office, and a lovely little supermarket it was too offering fantastic produce for such a small space. Foodworks has now gone from strength to strength in its location.

2009 saw the Shire obtain funding to upgrade both the Public Hall and the Sports Park. And truly Yack has never looked back from these fantastic upgrades to 2 very special venues. Does everyone remember the furore over the "checkerboard" colouring of the Public Hall facade?



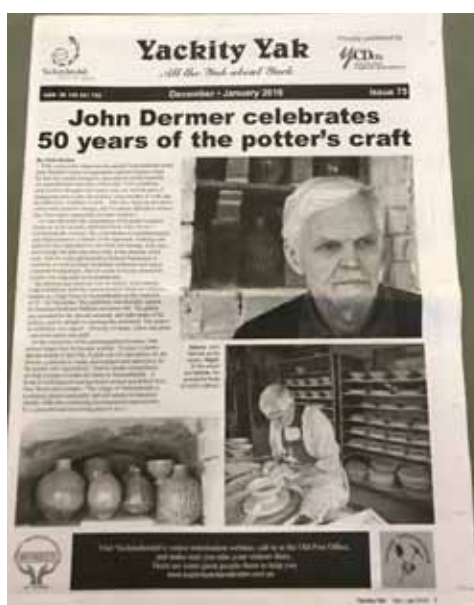
There have been a few editors over the 17 years that Yackity Yak has been in circulation and they are listed alongside. Here are the front pages of some of the pivotal editions published which also show the change from an A3 printed folded magazine to a full blown newspaper which is printed at North East Media (the home of the Wangaratta Chronicle). Using them for printing meant a huge reduction in printing costs.

Thanks must also go to the Board members at YCDCo who oversaw and assisted the editors with Yackity Yak. These include Matthew Charles-

Jones, Kevin Poyner and Phil Newman amongst their number and there will doubtless be others who currently remain anonymous. YCDCo took over the responsibility of Yackity Yak in 2008 from the Yackandandah and District Tourism Association who had run it from its inception in March 2005.

Yackity Yak is funded purely from its advertising revenue and receives no assistance from its parent company or any grants or other funds. It now has a comfortable operating balance and continues to attract new advertisers.

Editor	Issue #s	Dates
Zinna Davies	1-11	March/April 2005 – Dec/Jan 2007
Julie Keeble	1-21	March/April 2005 – Sept/Oct 2008
Shayne & Jenn Willis	22-39	Nov/Dec 2008 – Dec/Jan 2012
Naomi Davis	40-45	Feb/March 2012 – Dec/Jan 2012/3
Ali Pockley	46-61	Feb/March 2013 – Aug/Sept 2015
Lauren Salathiel	62-66	Oct/Nov 2015 – June/July 2016
Annie Brown & Bron Nolan	67-69	Aug/Sept 2016 – Dec/Jan 2016/7
Michelle Walsh	70-74	Feb/March 2017 – Oct/Nov 2017
Bec Busby	75-79	Dec/Jan 2017/8 – Aug/Sept 2018
Julianne Toth	80-82	Oct/Nov 2018 – Feb/March 2019
Ali Pockley	83-	June/July 2019 -





Indigo FM would like to wish you all a New Year full of patience as we enter our third year of this rampant pandemic. Hopefully this will

eventually settle down and we can look forward especially to supporting music and the arts which have taken a significant hit over the past couple of years.

Firstly we were happy to hear the major prize winners for our radio marathon month were Yack's own Nigel Smith who won the custom made hat from Feather and Drum. The other prize winner of the original photo of Mt. Buffalo by Kev McGennan was won by Duncan Phillips who donated it to the Vine Hotel in Wangaratta. Many other prizes were much appreciated and we would like to thank all the businesses and individuals who came on board and contributed to Indigo FM's radio marathon.

Indigo FM recently participated in the Yack Christmas Fair, held on 5th December at the Memorial Gardens and facilitated by the Yack Women's Shed. Indigo FM supplied the music for the fair during the day showcasing local music presenters and their shows while various presenters gave their time at a successful Indigo FM stall. Check out the podcast for interviews, the fabulous Uke-N-Dandah's performance and music requests from the day on our website.

To join up or renew your membership for 2022 you can head along to the Membership page on our website under the Get Involved menu. Add one in with your membership and receive the slightly cheaper Members' rate.

Some hugely exciting news. We welcome both Osbornes Flat and Wooragee Primary Schools to our team, with a view to commencing some podcasting/content creation from early 2022. We recently received an Indigo Shire Community Grant toward a Rodecaster Pro which will assist us greatly in engaging rural schools like Osbornes Flat and Wooragee who aren't within walking distance of one of our studios. Our past experience at setting up very successful primary school models with Yackandandah Primary School has us very confident that we can grow this area of our organisation and continue to put air fresh, energetic, youthful radio voices.

We're also looking to engage Landcare groups. The latter focusing on recording some "bush/nature" podcasts. A bit of a different soundtrack for certain times of the day, the cacophony of birds chirping. A bit like waking up in a tent minus the mozzies. Stay tuned for further details.

Indigo FM has an evolving playlist and podcasts of past shows to listen to. Our regular shows and presenters - Chris with "Horn Chowder" (Wed 10am), Gary with "Just Press Play" (Thurs 9-10pm), Harvey with "Asleep at the Wheel" (Sun 2pm) and Scott with "Everyone Deserves Music" (Sat 10-2pm).

We're always keen to add more local shows to our schedule. They can be regular programs - as in weekly, fortnightly or occasionally. An example of the latter is Bron and Ange's theme time shows which will run on a monthly basis in 2022.

Indigo Fm is always keen for more presenters to join the evolving nature of this unique and local radio station. Getting your own radio show on the airwaves is easy. It's free to be trained as we like to keep it accessible to all AND it doesn't have to be music specific. All ideas are welcome. Just email us at indigofmradioyack@gmail.com to find out more.



Indigo FM's stall at the recent Christmas Fair

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

And to check out our podcasts, head to the site www.podomatic.com/podcasts/indigofmradio

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If there is sufficient community interest, the Lions Club will arrange a day and time in late March for this information session and you will be notified of the details by text.

We look forward to hearing from you.

*Jane Moore President
Yackandandah Lions Club.*

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD #3 Answers

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Ali,




Yack Garden Club members look after the main street gardens with a monthly working bee but we have always overlooked the vacant horse trough outside the gardens at the top of the street.

However, one keen gardener, Greg Sappone, who is not connected to the Garden Club, has taken it upon himself to beautify the old horse trough. Thank you Greg, this

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Jill Whitford



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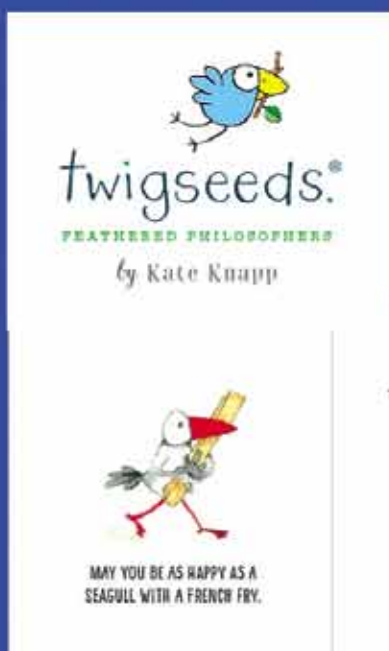
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From “The Other Side of You”, a novel by Salley Vickers published by Harper Perennial.

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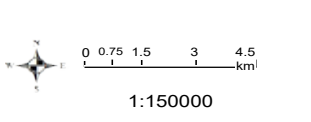
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PLANNED BURNS AROUND YACKANDANDAH - 2022

Crews from Forest Fire Management Victoria (FFMVic) Ovens Fire District will work alongside the Country Fire Authority (CFA) to carry out a planned burning program over the next few months. These planned burns will help to reduce flammable vegetation, which reduces the risk of a bushfire.

The burns planned to be delivered around Yackandandah are shown on the map. FFMVic is unable to give you an exact date when these burns will be lit as the final decision to proceed can only be made on the day of the burn, following monitoring of weather conditions and local fuel moisture levels.

We encourage you to sign up to the Planned Burns Victoria automated SMS and email notification service about any upcoming FFMVic and CFA planned burns. There is no charge to register or to receive messages. Please go to www.plannedburns.ffm.vic.gov.au and follow the links.

We recommend you regularly seek information about burns proposed near you to stay informed about when the burn may occur, and this can include:

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HORSES FOR COURSES - The Silver Brumby

A call from my brother after he watched the movie recently jogged some good but distant memories.



A young Russell Crowe in the saddle

My partner at the time, Deb – a good horsewoman – and I dropped into the Carrier's Arms for a pot. After saying hello to a few mates, I noticed two blokes and a young lady finishing a counter meal. A baby wombat slept in a basket at the blonde's feet. Barry, whom I've know for years said hello, we both sidled over and were introduced to Murray and Lisa as they explained

they were heading back up to Dinner Plain with another truck load of horses. They were preparing for the filming of the horse scenes in Elyne Mitchell's famed tale of the Silver Brumby.

"Why don't you come up and check it out? Plenty of beds at the company's rented house/chalet." The horse wranglers had their own pad – about 10 horsemen/women, truck driver, fencer etc. A weekend spent feeding (a big job with up to 80 horses) and exercising some of the riding horses around Dinner Plain. We met a young Russell Crowe, a cool bohemian, who didn't mind mixing with the rough end of town (us)!

Me being between jobs went up for a month's work as Deb hurriedly organised a couple of weeks off work. We spent a couple of days exercising horses around the village, then they started trucking horses from behind the pub out to location. Deb and I and the fencer, Malcolm, camped in a big tent, with up to 50 horses nearby, and a couple of night horses yarded even closer. We would spend two or three nights at a time at Horse Hair plain or Junction Plain. Every morning Deb and I would saddle up and put those five bloody coloured horses back behind the electric wires!

They then split the crew and we luckily relocated to Pretty Valley above Falls Creek with thirty plus horses for some of the helicopter shots seen at the end of the movie.

Day 1 – Plan A – we run a mob across the valley, we drop right back out of the helicopter's view. They get the footage, then it's over to us. Though we can't catch up with the run-away mob through a myriad of watercourses, rocks and low heath-like flora. Horses split, then cause mayhem amongst others and support staff back at the hut!

Day 2 – Plant B - I'm sitting out in Pretty Valley on Trembles. I pick up horses and run them 2-3 kms into holding paddocks. "Great job" everyone said. Actually, the day before had knocked the sass out of them – they just wanted to go home!

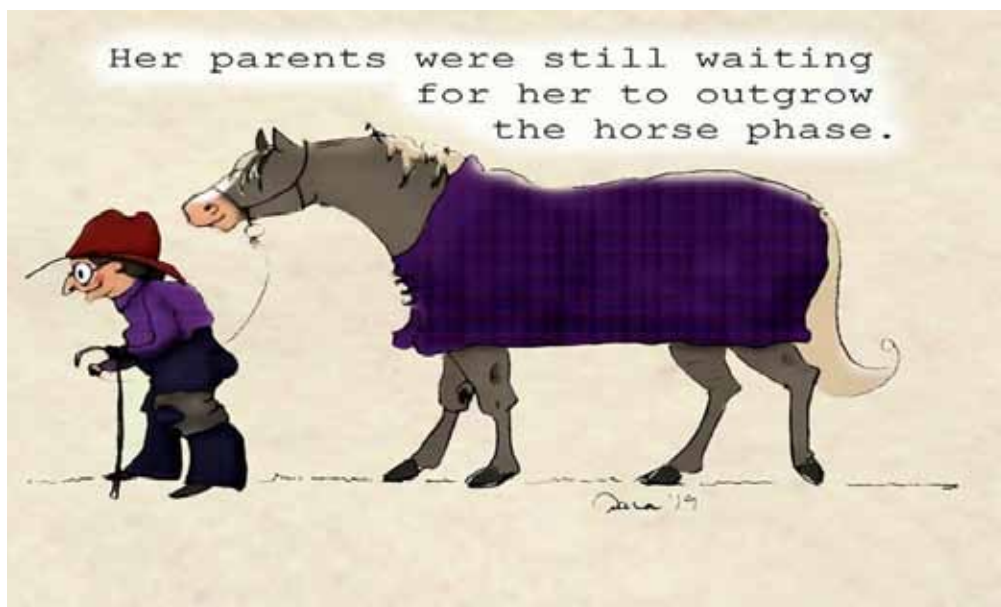
The film crew packed up, wranglers into Falls Creek to party, Deb was leaving tomorrow. A mountain hut, warm crackling fireplace – mmmm! Oh and 30 thirsty horses you had to bucket water from a dam to scooped log troughs.

So much for love and romance. Some great scenes were never captured on film. I picture the other guys and gals after a long day, running a mob of horses down Junction Plain and crossing the Victoria River and into holding paddocks whilst the movie crew watched o in wonderment. Seems like it was yesterday, not thirty years ago!

Steve Pearce



Some of the back stage wrangling crew



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Dear Yackandandah Community

Would you like to be involved in showing our appreciation and support for our health care workers working in our major hospitals in areas that have suffered most from prolonged lockdowns and high numbers of patients suffering from COVID-19?

Our community has been so fortunate over the last two years, avoiding long lockdowns with curfews and low infection rates. We also live and work in a beautiful environment.

Our doctors, nurses, carers, cleaners, trolley pushers, orderlies and all the support staff, have had two long years of providing care and doing that whilst wearing full PPE, every day for hours at a time. They are exhausted and fatigued but will continue to look after us. Sadly, the general public do not always show appreciation and there are reports of staff being abused.

We propose that as a gesture of appreciation, members of our community can leave a gift if they would like to do so, with the Yackandandah Community Centre in the High Street. The gifts will go in a hamper, which will be then delivered to the Emergency and ICU staff at our major hospitals.

Gifts that would be appreciated are for example, special biscuits, teas, chocolates, chai - items that are good to share .

I have been told "we are always grateful to have a treat with our tea breaks."

If you have any questions etc, please contact Mary Hughes on 0409 179 926.

YACK LIONS CLUB MARKETS



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

20th February

20th March

15th May

17th July

18th September

20th November

17th April

19th June

21st August

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.

Please check what's happening via their Web page:

yackandandah.vic.lions.org.au

BOOKING THE PUBLIC HALL OR COURTHOUSE?

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

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.

Jess Padbury, the Booking Officer can be contacted by email at:

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YACK COMEBACK EVENT

There's a great event happening on Friday, 25th February between 5 and 9pm in Wellsford Street opposite the Primary School

This is a great opportunity to learn about what our terrific community groups, clubs and organisations do in our great village of Yackandandah. Come along to discover more ways to be involved in our vibrant local community.

Interested in showcasing your group at no cost? Then contact Margo on 0447 848 604 immediately.

This is a free event featuring a street party, fabulous, local musical entertainment including The Ladybirds plus face painting and activities for the younger folk in the Memorial Gardens.

Tea, coffee and cakes will be served in the Senior Citizens Hall and Scoop 21 will be giving away their delicious ice cream. Shops are also being asked to stay open a little later for some retail therapy.

Indigo Shire successfully obtained Federal and State funding Bushfire Recovery and COVID-19 dollars, specifically for bringing communities together. There has been a lot of money for infrastructure, but this is a different bucket of money which is to be spent to specifically help communities and local businesses.

Trish McGowan (Yack Sports Park), Margo Northey (Yack Women's Shed & Golf Club), Matthew Smith (Lions Club), Craig Ramsey (Yack Folk Festival) and Pieter Marick (Toastmasters) have all been involved with the setting up of this event which unsurprisingly takes some organising.

It will be great to see lots of people rock up to support this event, and the call is also out for local musicians who might fancy a gig in the bandstand in the Memorial Gardens. Please phone Margo for a chat.

This is going to be a COVID safe event, but if for any reason the event has to be cancelled, this will be notified on the Yackandandah Community Facebook page and other outlets.

In the event of wet weather, then the stalls will move to the Public Hall and under the verandahs at the Senior Citizens.

Come and check it out - it will be a great all age event and a nice way to say goodbye to the summer.



Margo Northey and Trish McGowan take a breather before Yack Community goes on show!



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RECIPE OF THE SEASON

What to do with overgrown zucchini, 6 easy suggestions for using these pesky veggies that arrive in their thousands at this time of year, or not at all!

1. Make side dishes.
2. Make zucchini soup.
3. Stuff zucchini with your favourite stuffing (meat, vegetable, rice, mushrooms...)
4. Use it in stir-fries.
5. Make zucchini patties mixed with potatoes.
6. Make zucchini sauce with tomatoes and preserve it.

Freezing blanched zucchini

Slice the zucchini into thick rounds or cut into batons. Bring a pan of water to the boil. Steam blanching helps preserve produce before it's frozen by destroying enzymes that can increase how quickly foods spoil go off. Steam briefly. Pat dry, then lay the zucchini on a second tray and freeze until solid. Transfer to a labelled resealable freezer bag and **freeze for up to a year.**

More suggestions for what to do with all these zucchini?

1. Zucchini fritters. ...
2. Zucchini tarts. ...
3. Zucchini noodles.
4. Zucchini sides. ...
5. Zucchini pizza.
6. Zucchini pickle

There are absolutely no shortage of recipes on the interweb, so get down and have a bit of a look.



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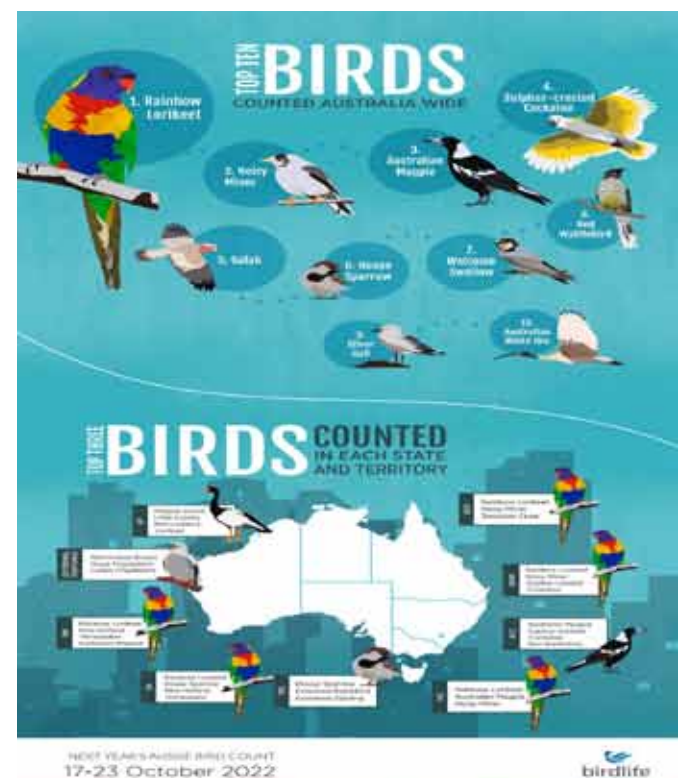
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- Friday February 11: Buddy Dingo & Jim Dusty
- Wednesday February 16: Cable Ties & Moody Beaches
- Friday February 18: Bad Knees
- Saturday February 19: Dallas Alice
- Friday February 25: Emma Clark (full band)
- Saturday March 5: Anna Smyrk (full band)
- Friday March 11: Mick Daley's Corporate Raiders
- Sunday March 13 (Labour Day Eve): Paul Kidney Experience & Bodies
- Friday March 18: Torpedoes
- Friday March 25: Easy Browns
- Saturday March 26: Ajak Kwai (full band)
- Friday April 8: Riley Catherall
- Saturday April 9: Loulou, Skink Tank & Lite Fails
- Friday April 15 (Good Friday): The Laurels
- Saturday April 16 (Easter Saturday): Baby Blue
- Sunday April 17 (Easter Sunday): The Kissin' Cousins

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Great to hopefully have some live music happening around the traps, particularly with the cancellation of the Yack Folk Festival. Ed.

YACKANDANDAH WRITERS

A LITERARY SOIREE

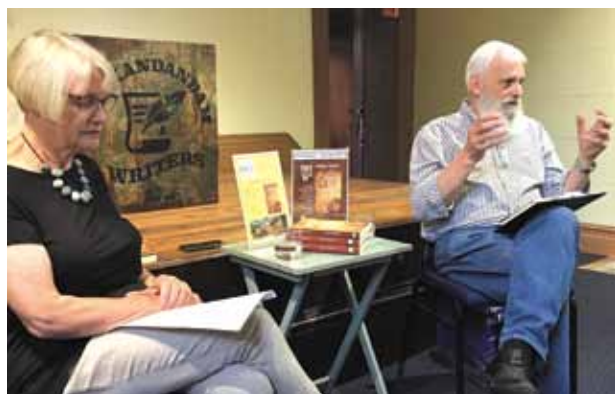
Our writing group ended the year with two events. In early December we held a literary soiree, an event organised to celebrate the release of Michael Metzger's book *Under a Different Star*. This had been published in the middle of the year. COVID-19 had

made it difficult to hold an official launch, so Michael had started selling his book through local outlets. We wanted to officially celebrate this wonderful achievement by one of our writing group members so hatched the idea of a literary soiree in the Yackandandah Courthouse.

Bev Lello asked the questions and Michael provided the responses as well as reading excerpts from the book. The book is part memoir, part novel and Michael spoke passionately about the dilemmas and choices his parents faced under the Nazi regime in Germany. In the words of Marian Robinson, it is 'a wonderful story of love and hope.'



A very receptive audience at the Court House to officially launch "Under a Different Star", written by Michael Metzger



Yack Writers - Bev Lello and Michael Metzger at the Literary Soiree

THE CHRISTMAS FAIR

Michael's book was also available at the Yackandandah Writers' stand at the Christmas Fair. The aim of the stand was to promote our group and also to make available for purchase our Yackandandah Writers' anthology, *Convergence*.



This publication features the best two pieces of writing each of our group members produced in 2021. Bev Lello also sold her short story collections, *Tailwind* and *Borrowed Spaces* as well as the scripts of two Yackandandah Theatre Company Productions, *From Here to There* and *Living Memory*.



Yack Writers' Michael Metzger, Owen Smith and Bev Lello at the December Christmas Fair run by the Yackandandah Women's Shed

From our point of view, it was a fun and successful day.

The Yackandandah Writers will continue to meet on the first Wednesday of the month in the Yackandandah Courthouse from 2.30 pm – 4.30 pm.

If you are interested in joining the group, contact Bev Lello on *beverley.lello@gmail.com*

OAK TREE

The seat beside me on this park bench is empty except for her presence as unbroken as ever it was, just like the oak tree in whose reality we sit. Through the patterns of its foliage the sky is bird's egg blue, the breeze an insistent rustle that shimmers the leaves of the nearby elm.

What did she think as she sat here, often alone, her walker parked beside her – her 'Johnnie Walker Still Going Strong' as she was all those years ago. Did she remember times walking in the forest with her Johannes before war and separation changed everything? Or was it the dappled floor of the forest at the border that promised freedom but delivered captivity? Did she remember her homeland, her family, the passage of time?

The tree endures. It has weathered the years (though not as many as she who sits with me now) silent and strong, testimony to the dictates of the seed from which it grows. A clutch of acorns in a glass dish affirms the generations

in what was once her home.

A light plane chops the air as it flies overhead and I'm reminded, as she must have been, of those engines of war that dropped fire and death on cities, towns and homes, the choking smoke of loss and despair. In the silence that follows its passing, the throaty call of a magpie clears the air, rising to a carol of light, air and hope.

It is nearly ten years since she departed this world and I am joined by that other woman she loved, a companion in times of sorrow and joy – the oak tree in my life as Johannes was in hers. And as each summer brings new leaves, so life is renewed, memory is rekindled and love is replenished.

There is a scar on the branch before me, the wound where a branch was lost. It mirrors the scar on my heart, the mark of vacancy and the mark that affirms her presence, the giver of leaves, the giver of life.

Michael Metzger
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Watching “Don’t Look Up” made me see my whole life of campaigning flash before me

I’ve broken down on TV too, trying to explain the horror of the climate crisis to those who wield power and do nothing

No wonder journalists have slated it. They’ve produced a hundred excuses not to watch the climate breakdown satire “Don’t Look Up”: it’s “blunt”, it’s “shrill”, it’s “smug”. But they will not name the real problem: it’s about them. The movie is, in my view, a powerful demolition of the grotesque failures of public life. And the sector whose failures are most brutally exposed is the media.

While the film is fast and funny, for me, as for many environmental activists and climate scientists, it seemed all too real. I felt as if I were watching my adult life flash past me. As the scientists in the film, trying to draw attention to the approach of a planet-killing comet, bashed their heads against the Great Wall of Denial erected by the media and sought to reach politicians with 10-second attention spans, all the anger and frustration and desperation I’ve felt over the years boiled over.

Above all, when the scientist who had discovered the comet was pushed to the bottom of the schedule by fatuous celebrity gossip on a morning TV show and erupted in fury, I was reminded of my own mortifying loss of control on Good Morning Britain in November 2021. It was soon after the Cop26 climate conference in Glasgow, where we had seen the least serious of all governments (the UK was hosting the talks) failing to rise to the most serious of all issues. I tried, for the thousandth time, to explain what we are facing, and suddenly couldn’t hold it in any longer. I burst into tears on live TV.

I still feel deeply embarrassed about it. The response on social media, like the response to the scientist in the film, was vituperative and vicious. I was faking. I was hysterical. I was mentally ill. But, knowing where we are and what we face, seeing the indifference of those who wield power, seeing how our existential crisis has been marginalised in favour of trivia and frivolity, I now realise that there would be something wrong with me if I hadn’t lost it.

‘I tried, for the thousandth time, to explain what we are facing, and suddenly couldn’t hold it in any longer.’

In fighting any great harm, in any age, we find ourselves confronting the same forces: distraction, denial and delusion. Those seeking to sound the alarm about the gathering collapse of our life-support systems soon hit the barrier that stands between us and the people we are trying to reach, a barrier called the media. With a few notable exceptions, the sector that should facilitate communication thwarts it.

It’s not just its individual stupidities that have become inexcusable, such as the platforms repeatedly given to climate deniers. It is the structural stupidity to which the media are committed. It’s

the anti-intellectualism, the hostility to new ideas and aversion to complexity. It’s the absence of moral seriousness. It’s the vacuous gossip about celebrities and consumables that takes precedence over the survival of life on Earth. It’s the obsession with generating noise, regardless of signal. It’s the reflexive alignment with the status quo, whatever it may be. It’s the endless promotion of the views of the most selfish and antisocial people, and the exclusion of those who are trying to defend us from catastrophe, on the grounds that they are “worthy”, “extreme” or “mad” (I hear from friends in the BBC that these terms are still used there to describe environmental activists).

Even when these merchants of distraction do address the issue, they tend to shut out the experts and interview actors, singers and other celebs instead. The media’s obsession with actors vindicates Guy Debord’s predictions in his book *The Society of the Spectacle*, published in 1967. Substance is replaced by semblance, as even the most serious issues must now be articulated by people whose work involves adopting someone else’s persona and speaking someone else’s words. Then the same media, having turned them into spokespeople, attack

these actors as hypocrites for leading a profligate lifestyle.

Similarly, it’s not just the individual failures by governments at Glasgow and elsewhere that have become inexcusable, but the entire framework of negotiations. As crucial Earth systems might be approaching their tipping point, governments still propose to address the issue with tiny increments of action, across decades. It’s as if, in 2008, when Lehman Brothers collapsed and the global financial system began to sway, governments had announced that they would bail out the banks at the rate of a few million pounds a day between then and 2050. The system would have collapsed 40 years before their programme was complete.

Our central, civilisational question, I believe, is this: why do nations scramble to rescue the banks but not the planet?

So, as we race towards Earth system collapse, trying to raise the alarm feels like being trapped behind a thick plate of glass. People can see our mouths opening and closing, but they struggle to hear what we are saying. As we frantically bang the glass, we look ever crazier. And feel it. The situation is genuinely maddening. I’ve been working on these issues since I was 22, and full of confidence and hope. I’m about to turn 59, and the confidence is turning to cold fear, the hope to horror. As manufactured indifference ensures that we remain unheard, it becomes ever harder to know how to hold it together. I cry most days now.

George Monbiot



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See <https://housetheatre.com.au/colab/> for more details

Expressions of interest close at 6:00 PM, Monday, 7 February 2022



Flight

On wings alive, defying nature, rising slowly to the sky,
As angels ‘scending into Heaven, leaving sordid Earth behind.
Powering skywards, space awaits me, freedom, room to move around,
Infinity in three dimensions, such joy to soar above the ground.

A spirit chained to Earth below me, a dungeon dark would bright compare,
While darkness lit by starlight shining, enthrals a pilot in the air.
No fear of heights, though far below me, solid ground awaits descent,
But first the thrill of wild blue yonder, a life’s desire at last to rent.

For centuries, mankind’s ambition, to separate from solid Earth,
And freely glide in space or Ether, copy birds with stable mirth.
The power of thrust, forever onward, seems to conquer skyward space,
And justifies the new location, denied to those of human race.

Should we all be meant to wander above the ground for miles on high,
Propellers slicing air asunder, turbines alight across the sky?
A bird is light as is a feather, space designed within its frame,
But we are meant for e’er to weather, close to soil, Earthlings our name.

Yet human drive so undiminished, knows no end to where it goes,
Underground, or ‘stars the limit’, where takes the mind, the soma flows.
While feathers, flapping wings, are missing, our drive compels we reach the sky,
Or anchored to the ground forever, while mind alone in space can fly.

John McIntyre

YACK GARDEN CLUB

UNDER THE ARBOUR

An interview with our Club President, Cheryl Frawley



President Cheryl in her garden

Why did you join the Yack Garden Club?

We were new to Yack, and I was keen to meet other people who were interested in gardening. We wanted to develop gardens on our property, and I wanted to learn

more about gardening particularly in the climate and geography around Osbornes Flat.

Why did you put your hand up to be President?

At one of the AGM's, the position became vacant, there didn't seem to be anyone leaping forward to take on the role, I wanted to be sure the Club had a future, so I put my hand up.

What is it about gardening that you love?

It is my happy place. I love getting my hands dirty and I love seeing my plants and trees grow and flourish. I can think of nothing better than going into my veggie garden, picking peas, beans, tomatoes, beetroot, corn, silver beet, strawberries and many other delicious foods, then taking them inside and sitting down and eating them. I can get lost in my garden for hours, but I also love to stop and have a cup of tea under one of my trees.

Which plants do you enjoy seeing in your garden the most?

I am a big fan of roses, they are such beautiful flowers. I love my irises, with their many different and varied colours, and my native plants which bring amazing birdlife up close to our house. One of the reasons we live here in the North East of Victoria is the amazing autumn trees which gift us so many colours, just love my Pin oaks, October Glory and ornamental pears. I must mention my fruit trees, because I just love my peaches, apples, oranges, cherries, plums and nectarines.

What garden have you visited that you fell in love with?

I just loved visiting the Queen's Garden at Buckingham Palace, and the Royal Botanical Garden at Cranbourne is one that always comes to mind. I have aspirations of visiting Cruden Farm down at Langwarrin - it has been on my 'to do' list for many years.

What would you say to someone considering joining the Yack Garden Club?

The Yack Garden Club has open arms for anyone interested in gardening. We are a group of people who love to share our knowledge, to help each other with ideas and to help within our community.

We love contributing to our community by way of maintaining the gardens and tubs on Yack's High Street, and pruning at the cemetery. We love a good morning tea after any garden activity, and we love to share laughter and good times. Come and join us and find out for yourself.

A GARDEN TIP - GROWING ROSES FROM CUTTINGS:

The best time to take cuttings is mid-summer, when the wood is semi-hard. Find a stem or heel which you can even snap off with your fingers. Cut off the flowers and trim back to one or two leaves. Dip in hormone powder or honey (or commercially bought root solution) and then plant it in a pot in a mixture of peat and sand. Cover the pot with a plastic bag or half a used plastic bottle and place in a shaded position; within six weeks roots and shoots will appear, with flowers soon after.

Another method is to take hardwood cuttings while pruning in winter. Just below a node, cut off a piece about 300mm long that includes two or three nodes or buds. Wrap in a slightly damp paper towel, seal in a plastic bag and place in the refrigerator. After one month callus tissue (like a scab) will have formed at the base of the cutting. Around the end of August, before spring, either plant it in a pot with



Rose cuttings ready to be planted out

one or two nodes protruding from the soil or, using a stick, simply poke a hole in the ground where you want it to grow. Nine out of ten times, it will grow into a healthy plant that will flower within a few months.

Trusting you can smell the roses in spring!

Extracted from the book 'Two Dogs and a Garden', Derelie

Cherry. Ref: 'Paradise Garden' – Kulnura NSW.

WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO

Thank you to Yack Creek Landcare and Plasticwise Yackandandah

In May 2021, the Yack Garden Club held our Garden Expo event at Osbornes Flat Hall. The purpose of an event such as this is to raise funds to support the ongoing activities of the Club, and in accordance with our Constitution, it also allows the Club to contribute to our community by way of financial or in-kind support. We had many stall holders participate on the day, which helped make the day a success all round. There were two local not for profit organisations who came along and had stalls on the day; the Yack Creek Landcare group and Plasticwise Yack. In appreciation of their support at

our Expo event, and also in support of the amazing two groups and the work their tireless volunteers do, we have decided to make a donation to them both.

At our recent AGM, our members were delighted to agree to donate the amount of \$500.00 to Yack Creek Landcare and \$500.00 to Plasticwise Yack. We know these funds will be put to good use, so once again thanks on behalf of all members of the Yackandandah Garden Club.

Club member Jill Whitford has just harvested her first Yackandandah Gold tomato for the season, and look at that weight - 499 grams! These tomatoes come from the same line as those grown by Graeme Ridgeway

who grew such beauties in his garden at Osbornes Flat a few years ago. Jill nurtured her seeds using an electric blanket, then distributed widely to all and sundry. She is sure there are more around, can anyone beat that weight?



WHAT'S COMING UP

1st February, 8am – Streetscape meet in High Street to tend the tubs and garden beds. The team meets on the 1st Tuesday of every month.

6th February, 6pm – YGC is hosting a Farewell Garden Party at Osbornes Flat Hall in honour of our valuable members, Michael and Joanne Metzger who are moving to Wangaratta. Members of Yack Writers group and the Philosophy group to which they also belong, have been invited to attend as well.

10th February, 7pm – first Members' meeting for 2022. Guest speaker Jo Millar from Yack Landcare will talk about Yack Creek Landcare activities.

25th February – look for our stall at the Yack Comeback Celebration in Wellsford Street, Yack – hosted by Indigo Shire Council.

1st March – Streetscape meet in High St.

CONTACT US

Meetings: We meet at 'Wellsford House', Wellsford St, Yackandandah, 7pm on the 2nd Thursday, bi-monthly (beginning 10th February). If you are interested in joining us, please contact our secretary on the email below (membership is not required to join in a meeting).

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YACK CRICKET CLUB

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After achieving ultimate success in both Grades A and B of Cricket Albury Wodonga's District competition, significant changes have taken place for the season 2021/22. Gone are the days of wearing more traditional mainly white uniforms and using red balls. Now teams all wear coloured uniforms and use the modern white ball (cue the howls of 'Pyjama cricket' from staunch traditionalists!).

This innovation has required significant investment for the Yackandandah Cricket Club as it makes the transition from predominantly white to royal blue, white and silver uniforms. To outfit the three senior teams and two junior teams, the club invested over \$5,000 in the off-season. This investment was made easier with the generous assistance of club sponsors but most significantly the contribution of a \$3,000 grant from YCDCo to offset the impost on the club.

Club President, Andrew Lockett, said of the grant recently "It certainly helps our club's financial position with COVID-19 making fund-raising activities difficult. Everyone involved in the club really appreciates the assistance of YCDCo".

Like all organisations Yackandandah Cricket Club has been hampered with restrictions on social gatherings and its usual forms of fund-raising making a significant investment in new uniforms posed a challenge.

The new season has been hampered by COVID-19 and wet weather, however the new uniforms appear to be doing their job with teams off to solid starts in their respective grades.

A reminder that spectators are more than welcome on Saturdays at the Sports Park to cheer on the 'Roos in Blue' and casual Sports Park users are reminded to please clean up after their dogs to assist the club's volunteers as they maintain the oval surface.



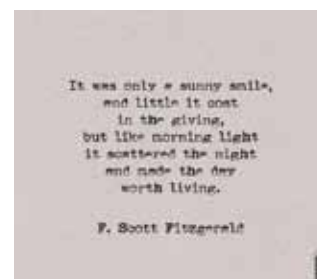
Mitch Maginness and Ben McIntyre modelling the new coloured uniforms featuring sponsor logos and player numbers



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2021	Millimetres	Days of Rain
January	128.2	8
February	63.8	4
March	55.6	8
April	6.2	4
May	98.4	9
June	106.2	12
July	190.6	20
August	59.8	11

2021	Millimetres	Days of Rain
Sept	133.8	11
Oct	71.8	13
Nov	149.8	9
Dec	77.0	5
TOTAL	1141.2	114
2019	639.6	95
2020	905.6	122
2022	Millimetres	Days of Rain
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YACK FOOTBALL AND NETBALL CLUB

YACK TAKES OUT CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP FOR 2021!

The Yackandandah Football and Netball Club is an institution in our town, offering sporting, recreation and social opportunities for close to 200 kids and adults. Here are a few of the recent achievements of the club, along with a look forward to the coming season.

By most standards, 2021 was a very successful year for the club. Putting aside the fact that we were unable to take part in finals due to covid-19, we have a lot to be proud of. Perhaps the pinnacle of that success was the fact that we took out the Club Championship for the Tallangatta and District football and netball competitions - an incredible effort, considering that Thurgoona has held this title for the past nine seasons!

The championship is based on the number of wins achieved by each of the club's teams throughout the season. Testament to this is that we had eight of our ten sides finish in the top five, with the remaining two finishing just out of finals contention. This truly shows that we are heading in the right direction. Well done everyone!



Club President, Trevor Matthews, receiving the 2021 Championship

LEAGUE BEST & FAIRESTS

We had two league best & fairest winners for 2021.

Beck O'Connell took out the TDNA A Grade netball best & fairest after an amazing season. Huge congratulations! Beck joined Yack in 2021 after having also won league B & Fs in the Ovens & Murray and Hume leagues. To say we're glad to have her is understatement! And now she's on the coaching staff! And showing the depth of our netball group, Alanah Sutton finished fourth in the league count.

Jim Lawson capped off a terrific season in U17s football by taking out the league best & fairest, an outstanding effort considering he's still got a year left in that grade. A Yack junior through and through, Jim has been a consistently strong contributor to every side he's been part of. Congratulations Jim!

MINOR PREMIERS AND PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Another notable achievement for our club was the minor premiership for the senior football team. The seniors lost just one game for the (albeit shortened) season to finish on top of the ladder

when the season unfortunately ground to a COVID-induced halt. As Homer (senior coach Darren Holmes) said: "This is nice, but we've got unfinished business" (or words to that effect). Nonetheless, this is an achievement not to be sneezed at (if you'll excuse the pandemic pun) and the club is excited



Josh Garland receiving the Dunn's Twin Cities Player of the Year award from Jon Dunn, Managing Director of Dunn's Twin City Cranes, the league's major sponsor

by what 2022 holds.

Josh Garland provided another highlight for Yack when he was announced the Dunn's Twin Cities Player of the Year. This award, voted on by opposition coaches, is an exceptional honour - well done Garlo. Garlo came to Yack as a result of his marriage to former junior and superstar shooter Jess (nee Fisher-Curnow), who returned last year and dragged her hubby with her. We're so glad that happened, both for netball and footy!

CLUB PRESENTATIONS

YFNC also held our club presentations late last year, with some notable awards being handed out.

The club awarded life membership to a club legend: senior premiership player and leading goalkicker, and former senior and junior coach (U12s and U17s), Ross Hillary.

Ross has been involved with Yack since the early 90s. He has coached the senior side in two separate stints, and was a key member of the 2000 senior premiership side coached by Ross 'Chuck' Hedley. He then went on to coach the U12s, back when his son Jay was playing that level, and then took on the U17s, coaching them to successive premierships. Congratulations on receiving life membership Ross!

We also awarded two Club person of the Year awards.

One to Michael Bell, for his tireless work to improve the facilities of the club's netballers, including pivotal involvement in upgrading our courts and converting the old DELWP toilet block into a functional changing room.

The other to Mel Lawson for the many roles she plays within the club, including (but not limited to) our merchandise, Thursday night dinners, putting up with Andrew and barracking REALLY loudly at games (you may have heard her).

Thank you to both Michael and Mel for their service to our great club.

2022 - A YEAR OF PROMISE

Thanks to those who attended the

club's recent AGM. The new committee for 2022 is:

President: Andrew Lawson
Vice-president: Justin Maybury
Secretary: Trevor Matthews
Treasurer: Chris Kenny
Netball Operations: Melissa Rowland
Football Operations: Sam Pan
Member welfare: Chris Telford
Building & Surrounds: Michael Bell
Fundraising: Jane Moore
Communications: Matt Lane
Events: Vacant - EOIs welcome!

Please let us know if you'd like to run the club's social calendar for Season 2022.

We'd like to acknowledge the outstanding work of outgoing members Carla Jenkins (Netball Ops) and Clare Rowland (Events) and thank them for their service on the committee.

NEW CLUBROOMS

A major focus for the committee in 2022 will be to progress our plans to build \$3 million new clubrooms at Butson Park. This is a hallmark project for the club, and one we are aiming to become a community facility. We currently have concept drawings and are working with the Indigo Shire to secure funding to progress to the detailed design phase.



NETBALL NEWS

The big news for netball over the off-season is the appointment of our new A Grade coach, Justine Willis. This is a huge coup for our club, and comes on the back of strong recruiting last year which saw Beck O'Connell, Jess Garland and Alannah Sutton join our ranks.

Jussy comes to Yack from Albury Tigers, and will be playing alongside our league B & F winner Beck 'Dids' O'Connell in the mid court, who, incidentally, has signed on as her assistant for next season. At 30, Jussy has experience coaching both juniors and seniors, and brings a strong emphasis on club culture, teamwork and contribution to the role. In her words, she's pumped to be part of our



Yack's Beck O'Connell in action. PC: Paul Martin

club.

Pre-season is already well underway for netballers as Justine and her assistant, Beck, look to shape a super-competitive senior netball squad. In welcoming Justine, we also acknowledge the fine work of Emma Maslen and Nicky Coleman, last year's coaches. Thanks girls!

Other coaching appointments for netball so far are:

B Grade: Vacant - expressions of interest welcome!

C Grade: Vacant - expressions of interest

welcome!

Under 17s: Ellie O'Neill

Under 15s: Bec Stamp

Under 13s: Jane Tinkler & Sim Lane

Midgets: :Alyce Pritchard



FOOTBALL NEWS

Pre-season training is also well underway for senior football, and the good news continues for this part of the club as well. We've managed to retain almost all of our list from last season and have added some promising new recruits to the mix as well.

This year joining us will be Angus Lingham, from Corowa Rutherglen. Gus is a tall backman who has spent four years playing senior football at Corowa Rutherglen against the best forwards

in the O&M. We would also like to welcome James O'Connell who has decided to follow in the footsteps of his wife Beck and join us at Yackandandah. James has 10 years' O&M experience and spent his last year at Thurgoona. Also joining the Yackandandah family is Brock Knights, who has played 100 O&M games with Wodonga Raiders and has spent the last few years at Holbrook.

Our football coaching positions for Season 2022 have been filled, and are as follows:

Seniors: Darren Holmes

Reserves: John Walker

Under 17s: David McKenzie

Under 14s: Steve Murphy

Under 12s: Ty Boddenberg.

All our football and netball coaches are greatly valued and appreciated for taking on the roles they do. It's no small thing taking on a coaching role, and we thank them sincerely and heartily.

YFNC'S MAJOR FUNDRAISING FUNCTION IS A GOER!

After some false starts, YFNC's Annual Major Function will take place at Butson Park on Sunday, 27 February

The Major Function is a draw with meal and drinks supplied, along with kids' activities such as jumping castles, face painting and the like. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and tickets are still available.

To purchase yours, get in contact with Andrew Lawson, President, on 0417 687 070.

The YGC held its AGM in early December, congratulations to the following Committee and office bearers, as elected:

- President: Terry Glass
- Vice President: Marian Barnard
- Secretary: Luke Wakefield
- Treasurer: Andrew Lawson
- Ladies Treasurer: Jenny Pretty
- Captain: Leo Glass
- Lady Captain: Chris Zerbst
- General Committee members: Margo Northey, Richard Ashman, Susan Purrington, Leo Glass, Rob Reeb, Hugh McCrystal, Michael Rogers, Peter Townsend, Sam Robinson and Pam Crosthwaite.



Presentation day. A Bishop, Mark Boehm (steps up to receive his mother, Frances's trophy), M Northey, M Barnard

The members' Christmas Ambrose & Presentation Day was also held in early December. This proved to be a well matched, mixed day of 2 ball Ambrose, followed by the presentation of trophies to both the men and lady Club Champions. Congratulations to the winners of all grades.

LADIES RESULTS

- A Grade: Angela Bishop
- B Grade: Frances Boehm
- C Grade: Margo Northey
- 9 Hole: Marian Barnard
- Dot Martin Matchplay Champ: Libby M'Crystal

MEN'S RESULTS

- A Grade: Ross Hillary
- B Grade: Richard Ashman
- C Grade: Russ Munro
- Oak Trophy: Russ Munro
- Matchplay Champ: Pete Billsdon



Worthy Club Ladies and Men Champions, Angela Bishop & Ross Hillary

COMING UP

19 Feb – 26 March 2022 (inclusive), YGC will be hosting "COME BACK TO GOLF @ YACK", a special six-week competition for players who like a hit but do not have time during the week, or anyone who has played a little golf and would like another go. please note, there is no provision for coaching, so



Frances Boehm, Angela Bishop & Margo Northey celebrate their win



having even a small amount of knowledge of the game will be beneficial. It will be a 9-hole, 2 Ball Ambrose event, followed by lunch. The entry fee of \$50 (payable at the time of registration) is greatly reduced from the normal green fees and prizes will be awarded each week, thanks to the event being co-funded by the Indigo Shire Council 2021-22 Community Grants.

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED: Please contact Chris Zerbst on the email below if you would like to find out more or to register. See our poster on page 19 for full details.

THE CLUB'S NEW DECK

The new deck is a highlight, complete with new chairs and something to be proud of. Our special thanks go to all the people who contributed to the funding, planning and construction.



For more information on membership or to make an inquiry:

- Visit YGC website – golfclub.yackandandah.com
- Email: yackgolfclub@gmail.com
- Ladies: chris.zerbst@gmail.com
- FB: Yackandandah Golf Club

YACK COMMUNITY BOWLING CLUB



Peter and Marilyn Court enjoying the Christmas Lunch, with our flooded bowling green looking like a lake in the background!

The members of Yackandandah Community Bowling Club enjoyed two get-togethers late in December. We gathered for a Christmas luncheon on Sunday, 17 December (the day it rained and rained!). We enjoyed a two-course meal including plum pudding for dessert.

We also gathered for a BBQ tea on

New Year's Eve where everyone had an enjoyable evening. Both occasions were enjoyed by those in attendance

We hosted some thirty visiting lady bowlers on 19 January. These ladies in addition to several members participated in our ladies tournament known as "Ida's Day" in memory of the late Ida Scholz. We recognised Ida's beautiful cooking by providing scrumptious sponge cakes for afternoon tea.



A delicious selection of sponges in memory of Ida Scholtz

Our Weekend Pennant Team scored a narrow win on Saturday, 22 January. Well done. Our annual Community Challenge sponsored by WSM has commenced once again.

We thank all sponsors and participants for their support. If anyone is interested in joining us, please contact Wayne Furze 0417 685 886.

In addition, an invitation is extended to all interested to join us for a roll and an informal drink on Friday evenings from 4pm.

Anne Corcoran
Secretary

LOOKING FOR A VENUE??

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

So, the next time you are looking for a venue to hire, consider the Yackandandah Sports Park.

More information can be found on our

- website: <https://sportspark.yackandandah.com/>
- email: sportspark@yackandandah.com

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!





Summer Opening Hours at YCDCo

Mon-Friday: 6 am to 7 pm
 Saturday: 7 am to 5 pm
 Sunday: 8.30 am to 5 pm



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 We have a 8 x 5 tandem trailer with cage available for hire.
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It's been pretty benevolent weather so far, but don't forget to be prepared for the rest of the 2022 fire season NOW. Don't leave it until it's too late.

We have pumps, reels, hoses - everything you might need to have you, your family and your property prepared.



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