

OUR VERY OWN FOLK FESTIVAL - BACK AGAIN WITH A VENGEANCE!

Just in case you may have been away, the Yackandandah Folk Festival was held over the weekend from Friday 22nd through to Sunday 24th March. The event drew a large crowd of visitors and was sold out over a week prior to the event (this makes five years in a row now!).

Before I give a general overview of the Festival, I'd like to begin by paying tribute to our wonderful "hidden army" of volunteers, many of whom came from the local community, following sightings of the "bat signal" in the night sky some weeks ago, when we looked like falling way short of the two hundred odd people it takes to run a music festival of this size. Many former committee members were spotted during the event, fulfilling various roles such as ticket checking, Festival office staffing, logistics etc plus we had a huge amount of support from the local area, which allowed us to begin breathing once again!

The planning phase commences about seven months out from the weekend, when the eight member organising committee starts booking hire equipment such as marquees, chairs, tables, lighting, venues etc, along with seeking Council permission



*The Street Parade - a great kick off for the Festival
PC: Dan Carberry*

to close the High Street for the duration of the Festival. As the weeks tick on ever closer to the Festival, t-shirts are ordered, food court vendor applications are fielded and some three hundred samples of music are auditioned, which are whittled down to just fifty five performers across our six venues during the weekend.

In this part, several of our overseas and local performers were forced to cancel their appearances due to illness, poor ticket sales for the remainder of their tours and a myriad of other reasons.

Luckily, we had reserves in both cases, and we managed to fill the blank spaces with some fine entertainers.

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TWO PROSPECTIVE STARS FROM YACK PREPARE TO TAKE TO THE STAGE



Lily and Maeve Van Duinen

It is not often that two siblings audition for parts in a local production, but for both Lily and Maeve Van Duinen of Yackandandah to be cast as two of the Von Trapp children out of a total audition of ninety children MUST be some sort of record.

Lily, 12 and Maeve, 10 were part of the intensive auditioning process last year, which saw a panel of four judges listen to the children reading from the script, singing and then dancing to gauge their overall performances. There were a couple of call backs with members of the cast including Maria, Captain Von Trapp and some of the main characters. Director of the production, Jeremy Zuber, finally called at home to confirm the parts and hadn't realised that Maeve and Lily were sisters. You can imagine the family's excitement when they heard that they had both been given principal parts as Marta and Louisa Von Trapp!

Whilst Lily performed in BYTESized Production's "Frozen Jr." last year and has experience with dance, concerts and gymnastics, Maeve has never been on stage before, so this is a big learning experience for her. Lily is currently at Trinity Anglican College in Thurgoona but was a student at Yackandandah Primary School where Maeve is currently at school. Brendan Hogan was Lily's teacher in Year 5.

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A RAMBLE WITH THE EDITOR

Well, now is the time to say goodbye... and a big welcome to Yackity Yak's new editor, Alisa King. You can read all about her on page 12 and please make her welcome. She will take over the paper formally with the June/July edition.



Ali on the appointment of the new Yackity Yak Editor!

It's been a good five + years at my second stint at the helm of the paper, and I've enjoyed relaying information to Yack and district over that time. I've built up many good relationships with people and organisations in the area and have loved seeing this little community paper flourish in these often testing times. Three years of COVID-19 was a challenge for everyone, but we have got through the various lockdowns and the days of border controls seems like a bad dream now even if the virus continues to quietly infect.

I would like to thank the various Board members of YCDCo who have overseen Yackity Yak and helped

me during my two stints as editor - Matthew Charles-Jones who oversaw the conversion of the publication from something a bit more like a parish magazine to the proper newspaper format we have become used to over the past ten years; Kevin Poyner with his steady hand on the wheel, and finally Phillip Newman, who has been a great support with all things Yackity Yak over the past five years. All are or were voluntary Board members with YCDCo, giving freely of their time and expertise to see great things happen. Thank you all, it has been great to have your support and, really, you have been the wind beneath my wings.

Retiring from the editorship of Yackity Yak will see me enjoy a bit more time on the farm, and to help Jack settle into his early days of retirement himself! Not always an easy step to make, but we have some plans to travel in Oz and to finally get the camper trailer out of the shed where it's been languishing for the past three years! The property will doubtless see heaps of much needed maintenance, as will the garden and the olive grove. We have young equines coming on and a few foals due over the next six months. I shall also get the watercolour and oil paints out again and continue my piano studies.

I would also like to thank all our advertisers and our regular contributors to Yackity Yak. We are funded only by advertising revenue - no grants... so it's important that the paper helps its advertisers. The paper would not exist without them and the terrific people that provide copy for others to read. Yackity Yak has been the envy of many a small town, and I ride only on the back of others before me who have worked very hard to see this beautiful little paper thrive.

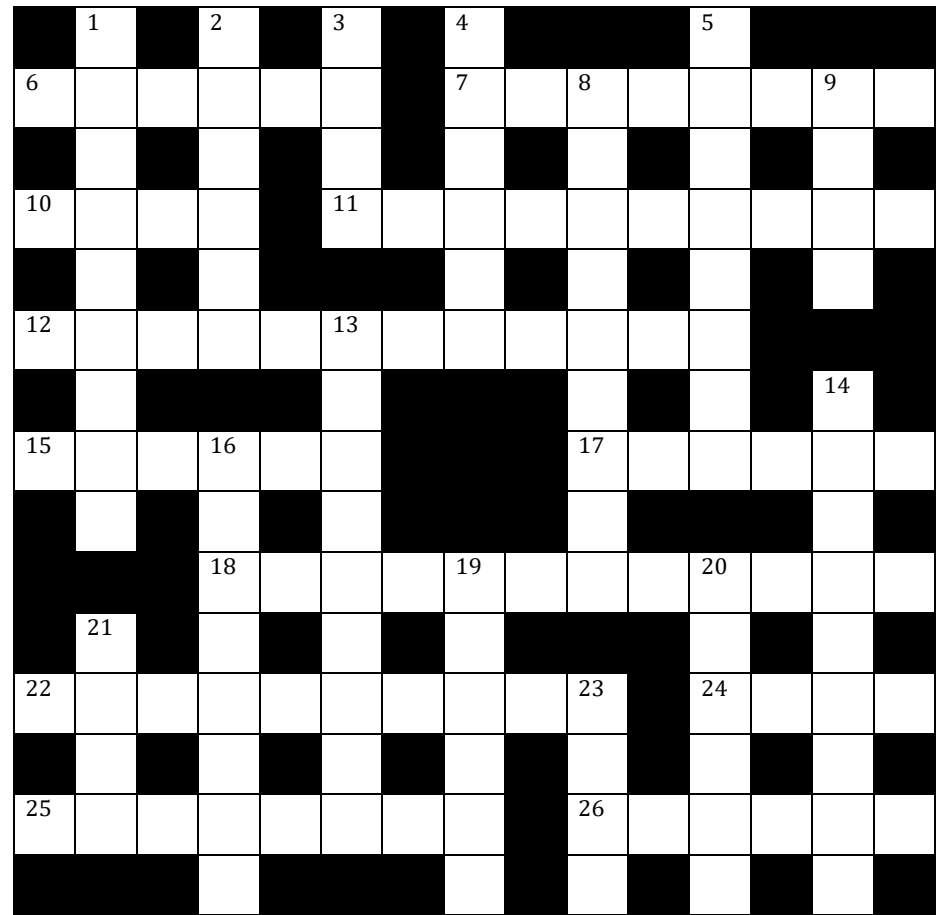
Alisa, I have no doubt, will do a great job in continuing Yackity Yak's reputation, and please support her as she finds her feet with the paper. I wish her all the very best in taking on the editor's baton!

All my good wishes go to everyone who has been involved with the paper, and now signing off for the last time... **Ali**



Ali on completing her last Yackity Yak

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD #17 Bill Buchanan



CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS #17

ACROSS

6. Forces crazy painter up the wall! (6)
7. Instruction to the record company to shred the cheese and leave the country (8)
10. Use your feet to get to the party (4)
11. Ultimate digit (3,4,3)
12. With a hundred on tour, they follow even heights (7,5)
15. Divers rely on this, apparently, at the pool (6)
17. If we allocate matches, we may pass ignition point (6)
18. The chambermaid doesn't need a computer to do these! (12)
22. Commentating may be seen as destroying writing (10)
24. Square sheep on public transport (4)
25. The warm waters of the loch! (8)
26. The labyrinth is surrounded by advertising (6)

DOWN

1. False pride and no biro let the lid be forced (5,4)
2. Serpent etc. obscured the view (6)
3. Proceeds of robbery when thieves tool up (4)
4. Episodic breakfast? (6)
5. Objects to, but be in favour of examinations (8)
8. Yearly records are found here (2,7)
9. Thanks to Northern monarch for storage (4)
13. One French and the German combine to weaken what belongs to me (9)
14. Ingredients warning for allergy sufferers (3,6)
16. Simple cipher (4,4)
19. Admits freely to being in the thick of it (6)
20. Seven Trappist monks discover how to capture quarry (6)
21. And yet I revealed the fabled creature (4)
23. Note sheep - a lightweight (4)

For answers to this edition's Cryptic Crossword, please go to page 28.

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A MAN OF MANY HATS

Brigade firefighter John House, 58, wears a number of hats as a volunteer. The retired Australian Defence Force major has been a member of the Yackandandah Fire Brigade since late 2006, a member of Yackandandah's CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) since late 2019, and



Air observer John House

a CFA air observer with Emergency Management Victoria's multi-agency Aviation Services Unit since October, 2021.

"I'm basically just using a bunch of skills I've inherently had a long time from my life in the army," said John, who retired in February 2023.

John, who was born in the UK, joined the British Army in 1982 "as a 16-year-old boy soldier". When he moved to Australia (Yackandandah) in 2006, he transferred from the British Army to the Australian one. During his military career he was in the Infantry and Medical (John is a UK registered paramedic) Corps.

"The Infantry, because I did a lot of reconnaissance, is very relevant to the air observer/air attack role," said John. "The Medical is very relevant to my CERT role." John joined the CFA soon after moving to Australia as a way of "networking into the community. And I liked the idea of firefighting; it was something I hadn't done in the army."

Over his time with the Brigade, John has been a Crew Leader, Training Officer, and 3rd Lieutenant. "The CFA has given me a great community-based network, lots of friendship," said John. "It has also made me appreciate volunteers. Sometimes there is a little bit of misunderstanding between professional and volunteer services, but I think what the volunteers do is way beyond what most people understand."

John became interested in the air observer role after seeing an advertisement from CFA's District

24 looking to recruit more air observers. "I was interested in the role because, for me, it was about using a lot of the core skills I already had from my roles in the Army," said John. "As an air observer, you must be very good at navigating and map reading, you've got to be able to communicate across a number of different radio networks simultaneously talking to the people on the ground, to other aircraft ... and it is a very, very strategically important job of finding where the fires are."

His air observer course, which was interrupted by COVID, was done over several weekends at different airfields, culminating with a planned flight mission. "The key thing is the navigation, being able to navigate a plane from A to B and knowing where you are, on the map, at all times" said John, one of three CFA members on the course. The others were from Forest Fire Management Victoria and Fire Rescue Victoria.

John explained that air observers who go up in light aircraft with the pilot and an air attack supervisor have two main roles – aerial detection, and aerial reconnaissance.

"Aerial detection is where, classically, after a thunderstorm that's gone through the High Country, we will go up for three or four hours and look for lightning strikes and what's on fire," said John. "Aerial reconnaissance is where you are sent out, possibly on a going fire to assist the ground crews or to go forward and see whether there is spotting and just gather information for that bigger intelligence picture on the fire."

A third role is assisting the air attack supervisor, the person who directs the aircraft that drop water or fire retardant. "I will sit with them on Pre-Determined Dispatch days either Albury or Ovens, and as soon as there is a fire on a hot Forest Fire Index day, we go up, typically accompanied by at least one bomber aircraft," said John.

"I really enjoy the role of air observer almost better than I thought it would, because you are given an awful lot of responsibility and I like that. There's a couple of million dollars' worth of plane, there's the pilot, you plan the route, you find the fire and then you call in the other agencies."

John aspires to be an air attack supervisor and currently is being mentored by two experienced air attack supervisors, Mick Hillas, also Captain of the Allans Flat Fire Brigade, and David

Brown, a station officer with Wodonga Fire Rescue Victoria.

Regarding his involvement with CERT John said: "Again it's maintaining a skillset I've already got but it's also, literally, about helping people when they are having a bad day."

So, what does John do when he's not wearing his CFA hat, his air observer hat or his CERT hat? "Whatever Jess [his wife and fellow brigade member] tells

me to do," said John, who lives on a small property out of Yackandandah.

SAFE WORKING AT HEIGHTS

Four Brigade firefighters, who undertook their Safe Working at Heights training last year, took the opportunity to practice their new skills and to try out the Brigade's new working at heights safety equipment at the Flaggy Creek sub-station in early February.

Work needed to be done on the sub-station's rooftop solar panels and fortunately the Brigade has



The Safe Working at Heights tea, (Left to Right) Gavin Mascas, Neil Padbury, Cameron McKern and Lt Andrew Padbury

two electricians amongst its ranks – Gavin Mascas and Lt Andrew Padbury – who have done the Safe Working at Heights course.

"It was an ideal opportunity for us to practice what we've learnt and try out our new safety harnesses and equipment," says Gavin, who is also the Brigade's Health and Safety Officer. "We can

use this equipment when we need to access the roof of a building which may be for a number of reasons such as checking an air conditioner that has been on fire, looking at chimney



Practising Safe Working at Heights

fires or helping cover a damaged roof. We could also use it for additional safety when we need to work near a cliff edge or steep embankment."

THE SUMMER THAT WAS

With all the rain we've had up until the last few weeks, it was a fairly quiet summer from a firefighting perspective for our Brigade this year. Our callouts included false alarms at Yackandandah Health, motor vehicle incidents, support for our

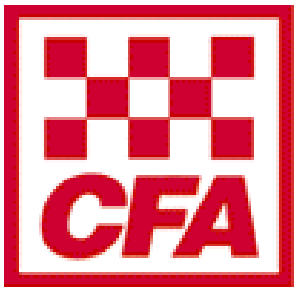
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Continued from page 5 neighbouring brigade, Mudgegonga, for a fire started by a lightning strike, and a bushfire in the Stanley Forest which fortunately, because of mild weather conditions, was brought quickly

under control. However other parts of the state, in the west and southwest, experienced major fires during February.

Brigade firefighter Neil Padbury was one of sixteen District 24 firefighters that were part of Strike Team 2499 (Hume Region Strike Team) that



North-western corner of the Bayindeen-Rocky Road fire. PC: April Padbury

went to assist fellow firefighters with the Bayindeen-Rocky Road Fire at Beaufort near Ballarat. That fire burnt a total of 22,086 ha and had a perimeter of

168 kms. Neil was on the nightshift for what ended up being a four-day deployment (February 26 to 29.)

“All the trucks were crewed by CFA members from different brigades,” says Neil, a former captain of the Yackandandah Fire brigade and member of the CFA since he was “sixteen or seventeen.” “It was great to see how well people who did not previously know each other were quickly able to work well as teams to get the work done. Every time I go out, I get a little more experience for future events. Going to other areas also helps pay back for the times brigades from other areas have come here when we’ve had fires too big for us to handle on our own.”

Also on a five day deployment to the Ballarat Incident Control Centre at the time was April Padbury. April, as a staff member of District 24, was deployed as part of Incident Management Team’s Public Information Unit - Community Liaison. April is also a volunteer member of the Yackandandah Fire brigade.

Trauma Care Workshop

Two Brigade members, Brin O’Brien and Lt Margrit Beemster took part in a one-day CareFlight Community Education Trauma Care Workshop, held at the Yackandandah Fire Station, on Saturday February 10, and again on Sunday, February 11.

The aim of the workshop(s) was to provide pre-hospital trauma care training to first responders and community members. Also attending the workshop were members of the Yackandandah SES and CERT (Community Emergency Response Team.)

“The day was a good mix of theory and practical application in a variety of scenarios we may

be faced with as first responders,” says Margrit. “I certainly found it an interesting and informative day.”

Bacon and egg rolls at Yackandandah Folk Festival



Cooking up a storm outside the fire station

Our egg and bacon rolls were such a hit at last year’s Folk Festival Sunday market, we decided to do a repeat performance this year...and again they were a big hit with the morning crowd, as was the “pushing the little trucks along a firehose” activity for the kids. Many thanks to our Brigade members who made it all happen. This year we also had a raffle with the money raised going to the annual Good Friday Appeal for the Royal Children’s Hospital in Melbourne... and the winner was Colleen Shaw, from Lilydale. Thanks to all who supported this worthy cause.



Winner of the Good Friday Appeal raffle Colleen Shaw from Lilydale with Captain Chris Wingard

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Yackandandah SES Update

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WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO

We have been busy busy busy for the first part of this year. We have gained four new members! We are busily training them up, getting them ready for their first assessment in the coming weeks. To complete this assessment, they have to learn and build on a range of skills including compass use, searching techniques, rope knots and lashings, generator and ladder use and be able to use different forms of lighting equipment. We are so excited to have Eve, Quenten, Jo and Sienna on board and cannot wait for them to be able to join us on jobs.

We've had a handful of jobs where we have been called to assist Ambulance Victoria in the extraction of their patients, this is usually in the form of a walk out with our fantastic mule. As always, we love working with and continuing to develop our relationship with our fellow emergency services.

MEET US!

It's been a while so let us introduce ourselves and our roles in Yackandandah SES.

Our controller Jackie Ashman joined the Yackandandah SES in 2003 and has been our controller for a over a decade now. She is an enthusiastic ASAS member (Alpine Search And Survival) and in 2020 she walked the Kokoda Trail. On her limited days off you can find her hiking up a mountain, any mountain.

Yackandandah SES is lucky enough to have two amazing Deputy Controllers; Mario Scalzo and John Williams. Both John and Mario are dedicated members with a collective experience of over 20 years. They are both integral parts of our unit's ASAS team and love a good challenge. Mario is a ripper soccer player/coach and John is always wearing something orange.

Yackandandah SES have two dedicated trainers; Brett Reddy and Louise Rietmann. Both have a world of knowledge in skills, leadership, training and running courses. Brett loves 4WDing, navigation and anything outdoors. Louise loves building her team up, communications and searches. Together they make a great training team, always up for a challenge, creating exciting training tasks and opportunities.

Keith Hunter is our Unit maintenance guru. Something is broken? Nope, Keith has usually already fixed it. He knows where everything and anything is and has a lifetime of knowledge as our unit's oldest member. He's also Jackie's father!

Michael Sidoti has been a member of Yackandandah SES for over 10 years joining in 2010. He is a sparky by trade and enjoys the camaraderie of the Yackandandah SES Unit.

Joe Riella is one of our lifetime members. A dedicated, committed boating and Road Crash Rescue (RCR) member for that entire time. He has been a member for 30+ years, countless jobs, training, experience and friendships. Joe brings so much knowledge and background to everything that he does. Our favourite training that Joe has done is definitely his knots training sessions.

Steve Roberts is another dedicated life-timer! 30+ years is a long time. He has been an important part of our ASAS team as well as our RCR team. He was also controller for a time there.

Shayne Willis is our Community and Education Facilitator and you will often see him volunteering around town for the many other groups.

Many may not know but we actually have associate members in the Yackandandah Unit. These members volunteer and are a vital part of our unit, they just don't attend jobs or train in the same ways that we do. Jan Cashen is our fantastic business manager - what would we do without her? Ann Hunter is our catering manager. If we need anything while on a search, Ann has it covered - lunch, drinks, snacks, sugar, all of it.

TRAINING

This year we have used the daylight to our advantage and most of our training has been out and about in Yackandandah. We've taken advantage of our amazing Epic Trail, driving and walking the tracks so that we are familiar with them. We've utilised our 4WD tracks and the Stanley Forest. We've upskilled in land search and gone back to basic to relearn our knots and navigational skills.

We are in the middle of training up our new members, so this consists of a hands-on training program followed by a full day assessment. Then they will be able to participate in jobs and end their probation period. We are so excited for them to join us in assisting the community.

We look forward for a great year to come.

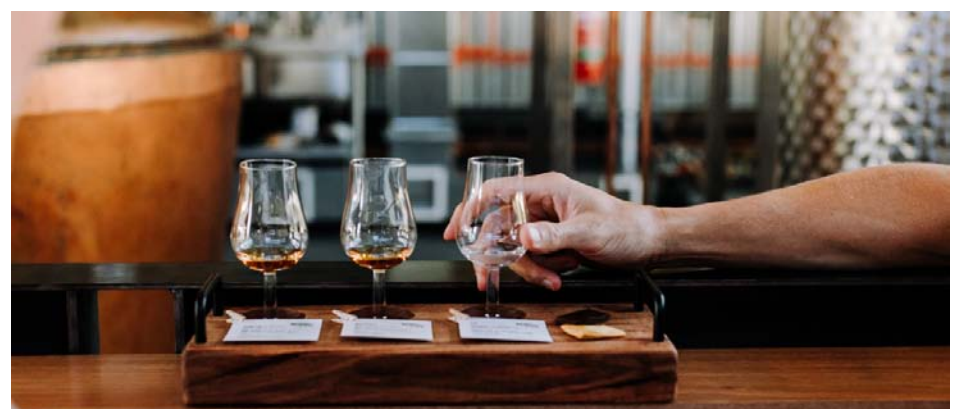
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YACK LIONS CLUB

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The Lions Club Sunday Market in Yack

Kevin and Gail Cox have taken over the management of the stall holders implementing a user friendly online booking system for the IT savvy and telephone/text options for the non IT savvy. They also ensure a wide range of goods on offer. We are extremely grateful that Kevin & Gail have taken on this important role.

Lions Club were delighted to have the Osborne's Flat Hall group running the January BBQ followed by Osborne's Flat Primary School in February as an important fundraiser for these groups. They did a great job and we hope to have them back soon.

The RSL will be running the raffle and BBQ at the April Market, so please come and support these hardworking volunteers.

Meredith McIntyre

Vice President

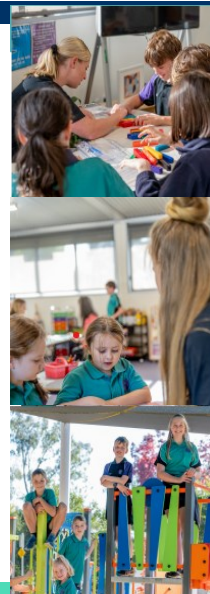


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YACK RECYCLE HUB

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are interested too and are often seen photographing the filing cabinets and their signage – it's such a great model for community recycling.

Accepted items fall into seven main categories - just follow the signage on the drawers. You can deposit your teeth cleaning products, makeup packaging, sports and active shoes, plastic bread tags, dish +

air freshening products, writing implements and razor products. For more information, go to the Plasticwise website for the full list of accepted items: <https://www.plasticwise.net/yack-recycle-hub> Plasticwise volunteers who take the items on the next leg of their journey from RECYCLE HUB to re-use have kept a tally.

Here is Yack's current score:

- SPORTS & ACTIVE SHOES - 318 pairs**
- TEETH CLEANING PRODUCTS - 10 kg**
- MAKEUP PACKAGING - 10.5 kg**
- WRITING IMPLEMENTS - 6kg**
- DISH + AIR FRESHENING PRODUCTS - 2 kg**

SPORTS AND ACTIVE SHOES are the most numerous recycle items. Plasticwise volunteers take them to Rebel Sports in Albury (see other outlets).

The shoes are made into road base. What a fantastic second life for items that would normally go straight to landfill.

Future development for the RECYCLE HUB might include a drawer for aluminium blister packs. We are looking for volunteers to assist with this by taking bags of blister packs from the RECYCLE HUB

to Chemist Warehouse, Wangaratta or Wodonga.

At present, we are limited to recycling only a select number of items that can be dropped off in various places for free. With more funding, we can expand the items we can recycle via paid [Terracycle](#) boxes. If this is something you'd like to put some financial backing behind, your donation would be a huge gift to the community –

and the planet.

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Wendy Kerr



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YACK WOMEN'S SHED

International Women's Day on 8th March was celebrated by a group of local women sharing a drink whilst highlighting the strength and quality of women who have continued to strive for greater equality. Cheers to our friendship and diversity!



International Women's Day celebrated by members of the Yack Women's Shed

a delicious BBQ on the day (thank you to the Lion's Club for allowing us to use their BBQ). I'm sure it will be a glorious day filled with plants, art, food and all things garden related.

Recently the Mosaic group investigated the Myrtleford Mosaic Trail which meanders along the river commencing at Rotary Park. The day was spent enjoying the many mosaic installations and as they ran out of time, promised to return. This walk/bike ride sounds like a great attraction.

Our Mosaics and Woodies groups have been calling the Old Jam Factory home for some months now (thank you Rex Little, for your generous support). Zinna and the Mosaic ladies can be found there every week busy creating some beautiful art. Many have been making bee hotels, bird baths and other garden themed pieces for the upcoming Garden Club Expo on **Sunday, 5th May** at Osbornes Flat Hall. What a hive of industry! The Women's Shed will be cooking up a storm with

The Woodies group are getting stronger, both in numbers and muscles! Some have been constructing a solid timber work bench. What a great achievement!

The PADSIP program facilitated by Mark Silver that proved to be so rewarding for everyone involved last year will be commencing again in Term 2. This Intergenerational collaboration is between children from local schools and elderly residents from Yack Health. In the coming weeks the students will have the opportunity to listen and document life stories of the residents culminating in a presentation ... spoken, written, dramatized or filmed. The sheer joy that was shared amongst the generations was unforgettable! Yack Women's Shed are very proud to be able to support this Community initiative by helping to liaise and encourage communication between everyone. See page 22 for the full article.

The next Members Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 30th April at 7pm at Yackandandah Community Centre. We are very welcoming of new members and look forward to hearing suggestions for any activities that you may like to see initiated.

We can be contacted at:

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Members of the Yack Women's Shed busy with their mosaics



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YACK LIBRARY NEWS

School holiday activities @ Indigo Shire libraries

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Bee-Bots at Beechworth - Bee-Bots are programmable floor robots designed for children to use.

Ages: 5 – 8. Bookings required

Beechworth Library *Thursday 4 April 10.00 – 11.00 am.*

Sand Play Fun - Come along for some imaginative play and create your own sand picture!

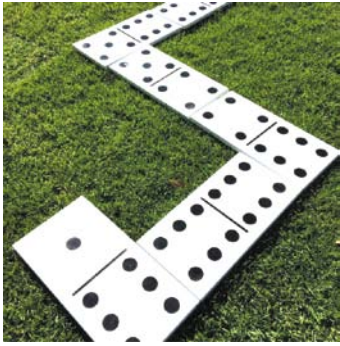
Ages: 5 – 85! Bookings: Not required - this is a drop-in session.

Chiltern Library *Monday 8 April 2.00 – 4.00 pm.*

All things Harry Potter - Join us for an afternoon of Harry Potter activities, creativity and craft.

Ages: 7 – 12. Bookings required

St. Mark's Church Hall, Tangambalanga. *Tuesday 9 April 2.00 – 3.00 pm.*



Games Galore - We'll have giant games including 4 in a row, tangram, and tumble tower set up for you to try! Ages: 5 – 12. Bookings required

Rutherglen Library

Thursday 11 April 10.00 – 11.30 am.

Yackandandah Library.

Thursday 11 April 2.00 – 3.30 pm.

Storytime - Storytime will resume on Thursday, 18th April at 9.30am in Yack Library. All preschoolers and their carers are welcome to join us for songs, rhymes, stories and craft.

Family History Talk April

Our family history specialist will be back at Yack Library on Wednesday, 17th

April at 10.00 am. This group meets each month to explore and share local and family history research tips and resources. It is a friendly group with a shared interest in our rich local history and in our own family albums. Join us to discover the many collections and online resources that can help you become a family history detective in 2024.



"Lyn Dene", Yackandandah. From James Thompson Moore family album circa 1908. PC: Library of New South Wales

Home delivery - Indigo Shire Libraries offers a Home Delivery service on a fortnightly basis for those who can't make it to the library. If you know of someone who would like to be part of this service please contact the library to have a chat.

Contact us - if you have any questions for us please call Yack Library on 02 6028 1180 or send us a message at yackandandahlibrary@indigoshire.vic.gov.au

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When: Saturday, 27th April from 10am to 12pm
Where: Allan's Flat Recreation Reserve, near the BBQ. Light refreshments provided

Please book at <https://events.humanitix.com/all-things-turtle>.

For more information contact Kerrie 0418 427 730. Other upcoming events will include: What do Koalas Want, Nest Box Construction and Placement, Blackberry Control with Goats. If you would like to be on the mailing list for any of these events please contact Kerrie on landcare.kerrie@gmail.com.

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AN INTRODUCTION TO YOUR NEW YACKITY YAK EDITOR - ALISA KING

As I sit writing this piece I am looking out at the trees in my beautiful new garden. The first signs of autumn are here. Most of the deciduous trees already have a scattering of colourful leaves and there is a distinct dry rustle in a breeze. The leaves on one tree turned a vibrant yellow earlier in the week and most of them have already fallen. I'm surprised at how quickly the garden has changed. I have so much to learn about this beautiful little village and its people.

After 25 years of living in Europe I recently returned to Australia. I'm a teacher by profession and my last post was in an international school in Switzerland. Prior to that I had spent many years in Scotland and a brief spell in France. At the moment I manage an online business. I also do some tutoring for a charity and when this goes to press, I will be knee deep in NAPLAN Writing Exam marking. Working remotely has allowed me to choose where I would like to settle and Yackandandah is such a wonderful place that it's a privilege to be able to call it home.

I visited just over a year ago and stayed in a lovely Airbnb with some friends from Melbourne. We began our exploring at the tourist office where I picked up a copy of the Yackity Yak. From the moment I first read the paper I wondered if it would be possible to contribute or help with its production if I moved here. I couldn't believe it when the position was advertised and am delighted to be the incoming editor. The Yackity Yak is both a great read and a very useful resource for locals and tourists alike. The sense of community that the paper projected as I sat and read it that first day was wonderful and it definitely added to the appeal of the town.



The community spirit in Yack is very special and I soon discovered that it wasn't just in the pages of the paper. The friendliness and helpfulness I have experienced in the last few months has made a daunting move more of an adventure. The range of clubs, groups and activities also available is astonishing for such a little place and it speaks volumes about the residents.

I have actually spent a couple of months postponing my first ride with the local 'slow' mountain bike group. I have heard that the inverted commas are key in this description and that the local riders are revered. However, the encouragement and kindness from the group has been nothing short of amazing. Time to get out there...

My newest hobby, which I do with my young kelpie, Meitli, is herding. I am not sure who loves it the most as we are both completely addicted. As a beginner with limited farming experience I am certainly the clunky one in the team as Meitli is blessed with oodles of instinct. We now have 3 sheep at home to work and it's so much fun. If we meet in the street and you are short on time, best not mention dogs or sheep at the moment. I have a tendency to waffle on with enthusiasm!

I do, however, look forward to meeting lots of you and learning more and more about the Yackandandah community. Ali is going to be on hand to help me put together my first couple of editions and will remain on the YCDCo board keeping an eye on everything. She has done a marvellous job for many years and will leave some big boots to fill. It's an exciting new start and I am looking forward to reading all your submissions and sharing your achievements with our community.

Alisa

New Zealand is a country of thirty thousand million sheep, three million of whom think they are human. *Barry Humphries (1934-2023) Australian comedian, satirist and actor.*

I once complained to my father that I didn't seem to be able to do things the same way other people did.

Dad's advice? "Margo, don't be a sheep. People hate sheep. They eat sheep." *Margo Kaufman (1954-2000) American humorist, broadcaster and pug lover*

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Early stages - the Von Trapp children practice their choreography

It's not often that children are involved in mainstream productions locally, so The Sound of Music gives the two girls great opportunities to enjoy their love of singing, dancing and working with kids their age. There are a couple of colleagues of Lily's from Frozen so a whole new friendship group has arisen from this production.

The first rehearsal was held in December 2023 together with a "meet and greet" with the whole cast - quite an intimidating affair to meet some 39 prospective nuns! Scores and scripts were given out early and the cast was instructed that it would be scripts down in early February.

Work now starts in earnest with a limited time until the production. There are lots of lines and songs to learn and most of the children have small monologues in the production. There are three rehearsals each week and it's very intensive work from now on.

Mum (Beatrice Castles) and Dad (Jared Van Duinen) are getting to know the songs very



Rehearsal time - the Von Trapp children considering their "Favourite Things"

well now as the girls sing them all round the house, but the girls are mainly helping each other. There are some harmonies and melodies to learn so they have been working together on these with the help of a vocal tutor at rehearsals. Costumes are made and currently being fine-tuned for the performances. There will be seven shows, and the girls will need some time off school because of technical and final rehearsals.

As you can imagine, Lily and Maeve will be well supported by their family and friends in the performances next month.

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Yack02 scores funding from 100 Neighbourhood Batteries Program

A mid-March media announcement has revealed the Yackandandah community has just received a \$300,000 grant from the Victorian Government's *100 Neighbourhood Batteries* program to go towards our second community battery, *Yack02*.

This is an exciting step forward for Yackandandah's efforts to shift 100% renewable energy and to enhance the town's availability of power even when the main network experiences an outage.

The funds will be used to directly purchase a 200 to 250kWh hour battery to be housed at the Sports Park and a \$40,000 grant from the Australian Ethical Foundation with support from the Yackandandah Folk Festival will secure the purchase of a 65kW solar system. The solar system will power the facility through the day and also charge the battery. Each evening the battery will meet the needs of the Sports Park users and any unused power will be fed for use to the local grid, further reducing dependence on coal fired power.

This installation will slash costs to the volunteer Sports Park committee, composed of the many hosted sports clubs, as well as carbon emissions. Importantly, the battery can also run the main part of the stadium during a power outage, which will be very handy after emergencies or extended outages.

Interestingly, the Sports Park is itself an amazing exemplar of community innovation, having materialised as result of many thousands of hours of volunteer vision and contribution and supported by Indigo Shire Council. Yet to be formalised, it is anticipated that Indigo Shire will assume ownership of the battery for the community.

Addition of electricity storage has become critical to Yackandandah shifting to renewable electricity to manage the volume of locally installed rooftop solar. Batteries reduce pressure on the local grid and allow daytime generation to be used in times of highest demand – typically early evening.

The \$42 million *100 Neighbourhood Batteries* program is delivering 25 neighbourhood batteries across 20 Victorian towns in this round, including Phillip Island, Queenscliff, Wodonga and Wangaratta, with Yack being one of them.

This is yet another critical milestone in our steady and shared march toward a 100% renewable, affordable, local and resilient energy supply.

Juliette Milbank



Some of TRY's committee members, in front of Yack's first community battery Yack01, are now eagerly awaiting the town's second one. PC: Noble Photographic

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Musical highlights I hear you ask? Well, where does one start? There were so many outstanding performances over the 2½ days. For mine, US Acapella group Windborne, were my WoW! Performers. Sublime, pitch perfect harmonies with only the occasional jew's harp for accompaniment were amazing to behold. Band-wise, I found it hard to go past All Strings Attached/Gypsy Rumble for outright energy and antics and Stonetrain for dirty blues done so very well. Several soloists stood out too like Khristian Mizzi, Joel Havea and Mezz Coleman. Girl Friday and The Sepia Tones provided smooth jazz-tinged tunes and soulful vocals courtesy of Tracey Hogue (my new best friend ha ha!). There truly was something to satisfy even the most discerning musical palette and many ticketholders I spoke to over the weekend, complemented us on the variety and quality of performers. Likewise, many performers I chatted to complemented us on the laid-back vibe of YFF, where everything simply happened, and nothing appeared to be an issue. Lots of pre-event greasing of the hamster wheel's axle, helped immensely in this endeavour!

The fabulous photos you see accompanying this article and on the Yack Community Facebook page courtesy of retiring committee member Dan Carberry, will give you a very small idea of what went on. From the colourful Friday night street parade featuring about 400 children from local schools and led by the ever-popular High Street Shufflers, to the final jam session in the front bar of the Star Hotel on Sunday night, it was a full-on weekend of musical delights, which resulted in some very tired looking eyes around Yack on Monday morning (mine included)! Thanks to everyone who helped make it such an incredible weekend. Here's to YFF 2025!

Craig Ramsay

THIS WAY NORTH RELEASE DEBUT ALBUM – 'PUNCHING UNDERWATER'



*This Way North performing at the recent Yack Folk Festival
PC: Dan Carberry*

Produced by Ainslie Wills and Jono Steer, with new film clip shot by Richard Iskov.
Life affirmingly super unreal!!! - Tim Rogers

Critically-acclaimed duo This Way North released their long-awaited debut album *Punching Underwater* on February 8th, 2024. The album is co-produced by award-winning artist Ainslie Wills and esteemed engineer and producer Jono Steer.

Years on the road, touring in Australia and abroad, gave the two-piece indie pop-rock band an appreciation for open space and adventure. Landing in north-east Victoria on Dhudhuroa country when the pandemic hit, long-time friends, collaborators, and partners, Jungalwalla and Leahy traded freedom on the road for a home amongst ancient trees and

high country valleys. This unexpected move, drawing in close and giving themselves the gift of stillness, prompted unbridled creativity and culminated in this debut album.

This Way North has previously been named Music Victoria's Best Regional Act. With 3 EPs under their belt they have continued their rise across Australia, New Zealand and Canada, supporting artists such as Vika and Linda Bull, Ash Grunwald and Kate Ceberano.

For their forthcoming album, *Punching Underwater*, the duo are in peak song writing and performance form, culminating in a record that displays their creative prowess both musically and lyrically.

Award-winning musician Ainslie Wills took the helm of producer for the first time, sharing the duty with long-time creative partner and producer Jono Steer. This dream team allowed Cat and Leisha to delve deeper into each song lyrically and musically, finessing each track to bring out the best of their incredible ability. Recorded across studios in Melbourne and Romsey in central Victoria, the lush dynamic sounds of each song hold their own both individually and collectively.

Big harmonies and strong melodies, this record is full of it. Whilst their previous records have been about travelling on the road, *Punching Underwater* travels within the self. The introspective nature came about when Cat and Leisha had the time and stillness to go inward and explore their own insecurities, imposter syndromes, and self-doubts. The battle of trying not to fall in love, confidence and self-love, anxiety, the highs of being content and happy, to the lows of war, the joy of evolution as a woman... there is something for everyone. Ultimately though, the songs end on a positive, with the exploration leading to the celebration of the self and wherever life beckons.

"My Love" perfectly delivers This Way North's Zeppelin-esque tones and musical mastery with a catchy as fuq blues-rock banger. Definitely my fave up-and-coming Australian band! - Abbe May

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Mayor, Sophie Price says feedback from riders has been overwhelmingly positive. "Mountain bikers just love the quality of the trail and the beautiful Australian bushland scenery. We've received praise for the amazing flowing trails and the quality of the construction. The general consensus is the Indigo Epic is an absolute gem of the High Country."

The trail has also had a positive impact on the local economy with spend data showing dining, entertainment, and travel spend across Beechworth and Yackandandah increasing by 18% from 2022 to 2023.

The \$2M Indigo Epic project was jointly funded by Indigo Shire Council and the Federal Government through its Building Better Regions Fund and was the culmination of many years of planning and engagement with community, particularly the Beechworth Chain Gang and Yack Tracks MTB clubs.

"We are grateful for the vision and tenacity from the Beechworth Chain Gang and Yack Tracks MTB clubs in making this trail a reality and we look forward to continuing our close working relationship with them to ensure the trail is well-maintained for years to come," Cr Price said.

For more information about the Indigo Epic Trail, visit the Ride High Country website at:
<https://www.ridehighcountry.com.au/mountain-biking/indigo-epic-trail/>



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

BLOW YOUR TRUMPETS, GIRLS!

What a great article by Kim and Rae about Yack Riding Club in the February/March 2024 edition of Yackity Yak! The membership is almost entirely female, who can look so feminine when dressed up and stepping out, yet so steely eyed when pushing a barrow of sand, or cleaning tree limbs around the arena.

Many people want to talk of the financial benefit community groups

bring to the country. The equine industry are massive supporters of rural Australia, Australian manufacturing and Australian agriculture – horses are "Made in Australia".

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Steve Pearce
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Planned burns are ignited where they will achieve the greatest impact to reduce the risk of fires. FFMVic also undertakes mulching, mowing, slashing, and spraying, builds fuel breaks, and upgrades and maintains the public land road network to help keep communities safe.

Autumn is generally the best time of the year to undertake planned burns as the weather is more stable and fire behaviour is manageable and predictable.

We often work with CFA crews to deliver our planned burning program.

The Ovens Fire District has scheduled 31 planned burns for ignition including:

- Leneva - Baranduda Range Track 268 hectares 7km north of Yackandandah

FFMVic works closely with the Bureau of Meteorology to assess weather conditions, such as humidity, temperature, and wind speed, and only carries out burns when the conditions are suitable, and it is safe to do so.

Forest road closures will be in place during and after planned burns. Before you travel, we encourage you to visit the Planned Burns Victoria website and sign up to receive notifications, so your trip isn't affected.

Smoke from planned burns may cause concern for some people, but it's important that fire crews take the opportunity while conditions are suitable to reduce bushfire risk for communities.

If you experience symptoms that may be due to smoke exposure, please seek medical advice or call NURSE-ON-CALL on 1300 60 60 24.

Detailed information about current air quality throughout Victoria can be found at www.epa.vic.gov.au

To keep up to date on planned burns near you, sign up to receive notifications at <https://www.vic.gov.au/plannedburns> or download the VicEmergency app.

Conditions have been suitable to commence planned burning in the Ovens District.

There is a current map of all burns which are ready for delivery, subject to weather and fuel conditions. The map also shows burns which have been delivered to date.

We would encourage everybody to find out when and where planned burns are happening near you by signing up at www.vic.gov.au/plannedburns or call 1800 226 226.

BOOKING THE PUBLIC HALL OR COURTHOUSE?

Yack has some amazing venues for concerts - the Public Hall and the Courthouse 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.

Jenni Lannen, Booking Officer can be contacted by email at: publichall@yackandandah.com or by mobile - 0459 271 801.

DO NOT ASK YOUR CHILDREN TO STRIVE

Do not ask your children to strive for extraordinary lives.

Such striving may seem admirable, but it is the way of foolishness.

Help them instead to find the wonder

and the marvel of an ordinary life.

Show them the joy of tasting tomatoes, apples and pears.

Show them how to cry

when pets and people die.

Show them the infinite pleasure in the touch of a hand.

And make the ordinary come

alive for them. The extraordinary will take care of itself.



Image by Brandywine River Museum of Art, Chadds Ford, Pennsylvania

William Martin (1925-2010)

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Home Support

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Our services

Do you need support to help you to live safely and independently at home?

This may be due to ageing, chronic illness, mental health, disability or other conditions where you may need one off intermittent or ongoing support services to undertake the activities of daily living.

Costs

Services may be funded privately or by the State or Federal Government depending on your needs and circumstances.

This includes:

UNDER 65 years*	OVER 65 years**
Home & Community Care for Younger People (HACC PYP)	Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP)
National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)	Home Care Packages Program (HCP)

*Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders under 50 years.

**Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders over 50 years.

Talk to us about getting an assessment and find out how government funding may apply to you!

CHSP Provider Partners:



What community home support services are available?



Meals

To help you continue to eat well through Meals on Wheels.



Personal Care Assistance

To help you maintain your personal hygiene and grooming standards, and food preparation.



Nursing

To help you treat and monitor medical conditions at home.



Domestic Assistance

To help you keep your home clean and livable, and to help with shopping.



Home Maintenance & Modifications

To help you keep your home in a safe condition for you to enjoy.



Aids to stay independent

To help you with mobility, communication, reading and personal care limitations.



Transport

To help you get to appointments and community activities.



Social Support

To help you remain social and interact with the community through group activities and outings with Alpine Leisure Groups.



Respite

To support you and your carer by giving you both a break.



03 5728 0215

indigo@homecare@alpinehealth.org.au

www.alpinehealth.org.au



YACKANDANDAH HISTORICAL SOCIETY



18 April to 18 May 2024

CONNECTIONS, the National Trust Australian Heritage Festival, is an opportunity for the

community to immerse themselves in the state's rich and diverse heritage, offering access to unique exhibitions, tours, talks, workshops and more.

Activities all over Victoria are waiting for YOU, including two here in Yackandandah.

Search for full details at www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf/vic/digital-program

A Walk in High Street Yackandandah

The heart of any small town is its main street, and High Street Yackandandah is no exception. Yackandandah & District Historical Society invites you to our current exhibition, to see and hear some of the stories of our main street.



The original building was destroyed by fire in 2006. The store occupying the site now is Klimt

Yackandandah Museum is currently displaying "A Walk in High Street"

The banks and hotels, newsagents and chemists, butcher and baker, the echoes of blacksmith and carriage maker are our legacy of nineteenth century

trade and commerce. More than just places of business, they're also home to countless stories and memories, both fond and foul.

What's available for you?

Visit the exhibition "A Walk in High Street" at Yackandandah Museum, High Street. Opening hours below.

Join a guided walk in High Street, from 10.30am on Thursdays 2nd and 9th May. Gather at the Museum. By gold coin donation.



Once a Blacksmith shop, cold storage for rabbits, an antique & collectables shop. It is now the site of the Yackandandah Motor Inn & hairdresser

NEW MEMBERSHIPS

New members are welcome, and our yearly subscription begins on the 1st May. Inquire by contacting us per the details below, or drop in. Being a member gives you free entry to the Museum (currently it is by donation), and you will receive our bi-monthly newsletter, "Yackandandah Times". This publication brims with stories from the past, as well as keeping you up to date with what's happening at the Museum. Single membership is \$20 or \$35 for a family.

FACILITIES AVAILABLE

Research into family names
Collection Room – access by appointment

ON SALE

- Jams and sauces, made by our volunteers from local produce
- Published books and booklets on the history of Yackandandah, past residents, and events
- Second-hand books and CDs of every genre, including children's books
- Pre-loved jigsaws
- Hand-made craft items such as bookmarks & lavender bags
- Plants
- Souvenir mugs
- Souvenir magnets

THINKING OF VOLUNTEERING?

Please let us know!

P: (02) 6027 0627

E: museum@yackandandah.com

Website: yackandandahmuseum.wordpress.com

OPEN: 10:30 am – 3:30 pm Wednesday – Sunday (Victorian school holidays – every day)



L2P PROGRAM

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

Join our L2P Program!

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

Find out more at www.indigoshire.vic.gov.au/L2P or by calling 1300 365 003.



Yackandandah & District Historical Society Inc.

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museum@yackandandah.com

Blog: yackandandahmuseum.wordpress.com

Open 10:30am – 3:30pm Wednesday – Sunday

7 days per week during Vic school holidays

Entry by donation

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Yackandandah Community Centre

A Fresh New Look!

The Yackandandah Community Centre has been operating (under various titles) since 1985! What a wonderful community asset to have that has helped the community grow and develop over time. Moving forward we felt it was time to refresh our look. Working closely with local freelance graphic



Yackandandah
COMMUNITY CENTRE

designer Jesse Schulz Dahlenburg, we have developed a logo that encompasses the welcoming neighbourhood house and the well-recognised oak leaf. We hope that our community feels welcome and connected to our

community centre.

To showcase our various assets, we used different colours to create a connection. The hub of our

operation is Blue, The Community Centre including the community meeting room that is used by many community groups and businesses. Amber Orange was used for our Community Op Shop that plays a vital role in recycling pre-loved goods back into the community while generating profits to fund our annual community grants program, and we



Yackandandah
COMMUNITY OP SHOP

used green for our Community Garden, where we grow food, learn new skills and promote food sharing within our community, another wonderful space where the community can connect. We hope you like it!

- Our auspiced group, the Yackandandah Women's Shed providing a yummy morning tea and showcasing their workshop projects,
- Our op Shop will be open,
- Kids Activities,
- Grant recipients talking about their community projects, and
- Membership applications will be available.



Yackandandah
COMMUNITY GARDEN

So please join us, become a friend of YCC through our annual membership program and be a voice for the community.

Up-and-Coming

Check out the events we have

planned in the coming months. If you would like to receive regular email updates on what is happening at the Yackandandah Community Centre then join our mailing list, request to join by emailing manager@ycc.org.au.

Talks with Gerry

Yack resident, Gerry Engwerda has a host of information and knowledge to share, his briefings examine current affairs, what is happening in the world and how that might impact on us. Gerry's talks are held at the YCC meeting room and are free to attend. Come along to Gerry's up-and-coming talks;

Sun, April 7th – The Spice Trade (1:30pm)
Sun, April 21st – Megacities (1:30pm)

Mindfulness Meditation

Join local, Geoff Simmons, who has over 20 years of experience in practicing and teaching mindfulness. This course will touch on the origins of mindfulness meditation, but the focus will be on practical skills with in-class guided sessions and tips and resources for establishing and maintaining a daily mindfulness practice. Mindfulness can help us be less reactive to stress, to live with more self-acceptance and find joy in everyday life. The four sessions running on Mondays 2pm - 3:30pm starts on April 22nd. Booking is required, visit www.indigou3a.org.au.

First Aid & CPR

Learn First Aid and CPR or refresh your skills and qualifications. YCC's annual First Aid and CPR course will be on Wednesday, May 22nd 2024. First aid course teaches the skills and knowledge to recognise emergencies and provide immediate and effective first aid treatment to any person suffering a sudden illness or injury.

The course covers (but is not limited to) assessing the casualty, accessing emergency services, providing CPR and using a defibrillator, administering medication, using appropriate immobilisation techniques and managing casualties with non-life-threatening conditions.

The Yackandandah Community Centre is a community owned and operated organisation that manages the community Op Shop, offers a meeting room for community use and currently auspices the Community Garden and the Yackandandah Women's Shed.

For more information or help please visit our website www.ycc.org.au or drop in to the Community Centre at 29 High Street Yackandandah. Our number is 02 6027 1743 and our current office hours are Mon 9am - 1pm, Tue, Wed, Thur 9 am-4 pm.

Jane Murphy
Manager, Yackandandah Community Centre

Annual Grants Program

Our annual Community Grants Program opened on March 7th, 2024.

The profits of our Community Op Shop are reinvested into the community via our Community Grants Program. We offer grants up to the value of \$3,000 to help community groups improve local facilities, services and programs. Last year we contributed to 10 different community groups to help them fund their projects.

YCC prioritise projects which aim to create ongoing benefits to Yackandandah, build community capacity and create positive change for the Yackandandah Community. To be eligible for a community grant, you must demonstrate through your application that your project will show one or more of the grant criteria (full description can be found on our website www.ycc.org.au/ycc-grants). **Applications close at 4pm on Thursday, 18th April, 2024.**

YCC – Open Day

Save the date, so you can attend the YCC Open Day on **Sunday 19th May**. YCC will be hosting an Open Day during the Victorian Neighbourhood House Week, where the theme is 'Stronger Together'. On this day we are inviting the community to come on in and say hi.

We will have:

- Local music,



BEECHWORTH
HEALTH SERVICE

Club Connection - Yackandandah Beechworth Health Service Seniors program

Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays
From 10am-3 pm

Enjoy a range of activities, light exercise and outings, guest speakers, walking group

Morning Tea/Lunch provided

**Please phone Intake at Beechworth Health:
03 5728 0200 for further information**

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Yack Shack News

The Yackandandah Men's Shed has had a busy start to the year. We have been meeting at the Yack Shack at the end of the carpark at Yackandandah Health every Tuesday morning. We welcome new members and visitors. It's a great place to be – opportunities to construct and even deconstruct things, to chat and find out what's happening in our community, and generally feel good about being part of a group, pretty informal and relaxed, and to meet some really interesting blokes from across the breadth and depths of our mixed and varied society.

Talking of visitors, we had a visit recently from Trevor Dobbyn from the Victorian Men's Shed Association. Trevor is the President of the Association and a member of the Ouyen Men's Shed, and had been in town to talk to the Tangambalanga-Kiewa Men's Shed and the Indigo Shire Council about the future home of the "Tangam" Shed. Keeping the 330 plus independent sheds operating and supporting men's wellbeing and health across Victoria is a big part of our combined interest and we were pleased to welcome Trevor to the Yack Shack and have a chat.



The men at the Shed have been helping the Yack Museum mount a display of items salvaged from the fire in 2006 that caused havoc with the collection of historical items. PC: Max Finlayson

Our activities have included undertaking projects for local community groups including a major effort building display shelves and racks for the Museum who are close to completing a display of the remnants of various articles that were damaged in a fire in 2006. The Museum has had help from the Grimwade Centre for Cultural Materials Conservation at Melbourne University to document items salvaged from the fire and create an exhibition to tell the story of the fire through the burned items. This has been a big undertaking and we are pleased to be part of the last few steps that



The beauty of the self-watering flower beds in place near the Post Office is self-evident and represent a collaborative local effort. PC: Max Finlayson

are needed to complete the display at the Museum and share the story with our community and visitors.

We have also been busy helping the Shire rejuvenate the existing picnic seats and build a few more at Wooragee Hall, made a table trolley for the Yack Public Hall, nest boxes for Allans Flat

Landcare, bench seats for the Kindergarten, and a food share cupboard, an outside balustrade, and a shelf under construction for the Yack Community Centre. At times it seems like it never stops, but that's a good thing as we have a lot of blokes who like doing things and helping others, and they are pretty good at what they do. This includes beautifying the street scene in our wonderful village with additional self-watering planter boxes being added to the lane between BankWAW and the Post Office, completed in collaboration with the Yack Garden Club and the Community Centre. The area looks beautiful and it's great to be carrying out these projects with other community groups.

The Shack itself has been getting some attention. The dust extractor is being surrounded by a sound reduction structure – as well as being a necessary addition to our health and safety, it is a marvel unto itself through an evolving process as each week goes by. We thought we had misplaced one of the workers last week, but he finally emerged from the cupboard-like structure with an amazing story that, whilst fascinating from a mental-health perspective, did not quite match the magic of Lucy and her adventures in Narnia.

After much discussion going back over a few years (or more?), we have procured a dishwasher and have a plan to have it fitted into the kitchen. In the interim, the aftermath of the cooking lessons is being washed and dried by a bevy of earnest blokes using the reliable technology of sinks and tea towels, and they are pretty good at it (but are not offering this as a part of our repertoire of services to the wider community). The big step is that the planning to install a second storage container at our site has been successful and it is in place. There is more work to do, but this will increase our storage capacity and ability to support our on-going activities from supplying kindling for sale locally to constructing further fittings for our own use and for responding to requests from other community groups.



The new storage container being expertly lowered into place at the Yack Shack. PC: Graeme Neil

The cooking lessons are popular and ongoing with a range of simple and healthy pasta dishes, with a choice of carbonara, smoked salmon and capers, or bolognaise sauces, and then chicken cacciatore and chicken marsala. No one has yet suggested we need a new kitchen, but given the crowding and increasing skills of the cooks-in-learning, we would be naïve not to expect a suggestion along those lines. The success of the lessons is evident as various blokes exclaim that they now know why their past-cooked meals have never tasted as good. The practical steps come with an explanation

about the ingredients and even the history of some of them (how many people know that the first tomatoes brought to Europe from South America were a yellow-orange colour?). It's all about learning and enjoying what you are doing. And in this case the enjoyment and the appreciation rises to an unprecedented height as the blokes take a tasty and healthy meal home to share with their family members. And of course, offer to do more as their skills in the kitchen are added to their skills in the workshop and prowess around the yard and house. The cooking came to a head just before Christmas when a small band of blokes provided a sumptuous three-course lunch for 40 members and their partners or friends – all cooked at the Shed and served on colour-matched decorated tables with decorum and etiquette to match.



The caravaners enjoying a chat and a tittle (in moderation) at the end of the day on their venture to Porepunkah. PC: Bruce Walford

A few members, wives/partners and dogs of the Men's Shed took off to Porepunkah at the end of one of our recent normal days at the shed for a few days camping (or clamping if you prefer) on what is becoming an annual event at different caravan parks around the area. To date we've done Colac Colac, Mt Beauty and Tallangatta. Unfortunately, some members had to pull out, but we still managed a group of 17, hopefully they'll make it next time. With no set itinerary we just enjoyed all that Porepunkah, Bright and Wandiligong had to offer, what with the walking tracks, bike trails or just walking around the townships, some even ventured into the mountains, even Myrtleford. But of course, I'm sure all agree, the best part was the Happy Hours each afternoon where we all sat around and talked and just generally enjoyed each other's company, and maybe a little tittle or two. Just a little It's all about moderation and having fun (and we don't have a Duncan in the party; a la the lyrics of Slim Dusty).

Our perseverance with the RUOK project has paid off with another bench in place in Yack. The Shack obtained funding through the Australian Men's Shed Association sponsored by Uncle Toby's under a mental health program back in 2022. The brief was pretty simple, build a seat and locate it in a prominent place in the town to promote mental health, a place to sit and start the conversation by asking "are you okay?" We originally designed and built the horseshoe-shaped bench seat outside Foodworks, which seemed to be welcomed by the people of Yackandandah. Well, Uncle Toby's got wind of this and decided to give us some more funds to build another seat. The team got their heads together and designed and built this RUOK bench seat with Ironbark and Ash timber recovered from the Wodonga Sale Yards. Then we ran into administrative difficulties. We'd achieved the first part of the brief, we had a seat, now where to put it? We needed a prominent location where the

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RUOK seat would be seen and used but it seems all the best locations in Yack are already taken. Butson Park had been in the mix, but some felt that it was limited in exposure, however the Butson Park committee assured us that this was not the case and the seat would be greatly appreciated and would receive plenty of exposure. So next time you are at the ground watching our amazing teams training/playing or simply taking a walk through the area, have a look, have a sit, and more importantly, remember to start the conversation and ask someone "Are you okay?"

Our engagement with health issues has continued, building on the talks from Claire at Yack Health to include PACE@ Indigo talking about heart and lung conditions, and attendance at a dementia awareness session at Beechworth Men's Shed through a program organised by the Wodonga Men's Shed and others from the Hume-Murray Cluster of Men's Sheds. Sessions such as these are part and parcel of what Men's Sheds are all about. The cutting, and hammering, welding and making things is a big thing, but not the only reasons we have Sheds. Its about health and wellbeing and supporting each other while contributing to the wider community. And if that sounds too good to be true, it is because it is good and it is true.

The more entertaining parts of our activities included a band of men working hard to construct a flat-pack cabinet. They had instructions – a set of pictures without confusing text to help them corroborate the legends about the difficulties such



The beauty of a flat pack cupboard certainly took the interest of a dedicated and talented group of men successfully after some detours along the way. PC: Max Finlayson

items have inflicted on our fellow beings. They got there in the end after a long journey, and much entertainment.

We have also been enjoying the recollections of Little RB – his first remembered news story was not about the release or demise of a particular model of Holden car – it was the first manned moon landing on 16 July, 1969. Can you recall where you were on that day, assuming you are of an age to remember news from 1969.

*Max Finlayson
Secretary, Yackandandah Men's Shed*

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Victoria 3747
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Help us review our 10-Year Community Vision

In January 2021, we worked with our community to develop a 10-year Community Vision.

We're now undertaking a review of the Vision to ensure it continues to reflect the aspirations and priorities identified by you before we commence work on a new four-year Council Plan.

We want you to review the existing vision statements and tell us if they're hitting or missing the mark and where you believe Council needs to maintain or shift its focus.

We will use your feedback to update the Community Vision, which will then help to shape the strategic priorities and directions in the next four-year Council Plan.

www.indigoshire.vic.gov.au/imagineindigo



To raise funds for Dementia research.

**Saturday 4th May 2024
10.30am - 3.00pm**

Beechworth Servicemen's Memorial Hall
101 Ford Street, Beechworth, Victoria

\$45.00 per person, includes a light lunch
Gluten free and vegetarian options also available.

Come and participate in a day of singing led by Matthew Schultz.

To book, scan the QR code below or visit:
www.trybooking.com/CPYON
Please book by Tuesday 30th April

Molly's Song



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We're proud to celebrate ten years of providing legal support to the community of Yackandandah. We are here to help. Whether you're buying or selling property, succession planning, starting a business, in dispute, or navigating wills and estates.



Get in touch to see how we can help

Phone: 03 5728 1866
Email: admin@hallidaysolicitors.com.au
or find us at Ardsville, 32 High St Yackandandah on Tuesdays.

Kilowatt Cars is proud to be associated with the Yackandandah Folk Festival and the Chiltern OffGrid Festival.

Any Festival goers will be eligible for a \$1,000 discount on any Leaf advertised up until the end of April. Look up our website www.kilowattcars.com.au and take a \$1,000 off any advertised prices!!

That means any 40kwh Leaf will be less than \$30,000 driveaway, and any 60kwh Leaf will be \$40,000 or less driveaway. This equates to amazing value.



Kilowatt Cars is a local, Yackandandah owned and operated importer of top quality used Nissan Leaf Electric Vehicles (EV's).

You will find Russell, Matt or Cam at the Chiltern OffGrid Festival with a range of Nissan Leafs for you to check out AND test drive (Just look for the Kilowatt Cars

Stand). Find how the switch to electric is much easier and more convenient than you think (and start saving money and the environment).

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INTERGENERATIONAL STORYTELLING PROGRAM IN YACKANDANDAH

PADSIP YACK 2024

(POSITIVE AGEING DIGITAL STORYTELLING INTERGENERATIONAL PROJECT)



Following on from a very successful Intergenerational Digital Storytelling Project last year between Yackandandah Health and Yackandandah, Wooragee & Osbornes Flat Primary Schools, we are venturing to continue the program this year.

The idea is for Grade 6 students and older adults to meet together, share their experiences and develop stories around their meetings.

This year we are looking having at 2 programs.

1. This first program involves Grade 6 students from at Yackandandah Primary

School meeting with residents from Yack Health over Term 2 of 10 weeks **from 10-11am Tuesday, 23rd April until Tuesday, 25th June** to share experiences and stories and to learn from each other. It is very much a win-win for all involved. The students benefit greatly in learning from the lived experience of the adults and the adults learn lots from the students' view of the world as well imparting their wisdom and knowledge.

2. The second program involves students from Wooragee and Osbornes Flat Primary Schools to meet with local older adults living in the community, sharing their experiences and stories.

We have already started a Planning and Advisory Group meeting monthly to put together a program. The meetings are usually held on the last Tuesday of the month from 4-5pm in the Meeting Room at the Yackandandah Community Centre. For those that find it easier they can also join via zoom.

The next meeting is Tuesday, 16th April, 4-5pm. Please come along.

There has been great support from the Yackandandah Women's Shed but we are looking for:

- More volunteers to assist with the meetings between the adults & kids
- More older adults from the community who would like to share the experiences with the students.

For further information please feel free to contact Mark Silver, Project Coordinator on 0414 898 330 or msilver@swin.edu.au



Yackandandah has just staged another sold out annual Folk Festival and Indigo FM has played an active part by being involved with general promotion, lots of FF music played as well as some performer interviews. There are also a couple of folk festival shows that you can listen to as well as these interviews. Podcasts are a good way to catch up and can be found on: <https://www.podomatic.com/podcasts/indigofmradio>.

The kids from Yack Primary School will be back at the start of Term 2, presenting their unique radio shows, which give us an enlightening and funny perspective of life, school and music through the eyes of a primary school student. We are in the process of training up several new presenters from Yackandandah Primary School, the majority of which are Year 5s. Tune into their shows from Term 2 around 4-5pm most weekdays.

Our regular presenters have fantastic weekly shows for your listening enjoyment such as "Just Press Play" with Gary (Thursday 1:30-3:30pm), "Asleep at the Wheel" with Harvey (every 2nd Sunday 2-4pm), "Everyone Deserves Music" with Scott (Sunday 12-2pm), Spencer Washington with his "Musical Mash" show each Monday and Friday 11-1pm. Bron and Ange continue to produce a monthly show called "Radio Theme Time" with different music topics as their theme for the month. The Yack Garden Club and The Yack Women's Shed host shows to inform the community of any upcoming events as well as tips from the shed and in the garden. These are presented on the first and last Monday of the month at 1.00pm. If you would like to catch up with any shows that



www.podomatic.com/podcasts/indigofmradio or through the Indigo FM website. To view Indigo FM programs such as these, you can check out the Yackandandah Program Guide at www.indigofmradio.com/listen/program-guide/yackandandah.

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

Our local radio station is now on the global airwaves with a live internet streaming service, so you can now tune into Indigo FM Yackandandah and enjoy the great local sounds and shows at any time and in any place via this link - www.indigofmradio.com

Indigo FM seem to be popping up at different events with a presence at the Spring Ditch festival in Stanley on Sunday, 2nd March. What a great event combining live music and good old fashion games for the kids and adults. Other events we will have a presence at will be the Wooragee Easter Market on 1 April and the Off Grid Living Festival in Chiltern on April 6th.

Is your community group interested in joining us at Indigo FM? We offer the opportunity to members of the community to join Indigo FM to add their show or ideas to our evolving schedule. Getting your own radio show on the airwaves is super easy. It's free to be trained as we like to keep it accessible to all. Shows don't have to be just music specific, you can promote your interest

group or community group, share information, promote upcoming events. All ideas are welcome. If you are interested, just email us at indigofmradioyack@gmail.com to find out more, check out <http://yackandandahstream.indigofm.au/stream/yackandandahfm88> or head to the streaming page on our website <https://indigofmradio.com/listen/streaming/> Enjoy listening in to our unique local radio station; 88.0 FM Yackandandah, now from anywhere in the world!

Bron Howlett



Guanaco Trio (left to right - Lara, Ben and Owen) in the Indigo FM studio at Yack Community Centre over the Folk Festival Weekend

have gone to air recently from any of the Indigo FM presenters, just head to the site

Yackandandah Real Estate Market Update



The predictability of seasonal change is a concept that extends beyond temperatures. It is also clearly evident in our regional real estate markets. With the exception of unforeseen pandemics, global events and politically driven structural changes, experience shows there is consistent long-term demand and growth in real estate prices.

Whilst growth is seemingly a given, it is important to recognise that active buyers have access to extensive decision-making data and knowledge. Whilst this data was distorted during the COVID pandemic when an above average volume of buyers and renters relocated to regional areas resulting in demand driven inflated prices, that time has now passed.

Regionally, we have returned to normalised growth. Well informed agents, and there are many, will have clear knowledge of buyers, and renter's budgets, and price properties honestly and accurately to achieve the best possible outcomes.

What is currently evident is a number of homes and properties have been marketed at ambitious prices, failing to sell, being withdrawn, and resulting in vendor disappointment. When choosing a selling agent, vendors should avoid focussing on the volume of current listings an agent may have, but review their results, and also their withdrawn properties. A good agent's advice will guide you to achieve the best outcome.

So, with a smile, and the end of my little rant, buyer demand in Yackandandah and across our region remains strong. The majority of buyers have budgets up to \$850,000, and a select group of buyers have budgets in excess of \$1,000,000 for quality homes, lifestyle properties and productive land. This is evidenced and supported by achieved and published prices which are readily available on the major real estate portals.

At the time of writing, the 12-month median sale price in Yackandandah is \$845,000 based on fourteen recorded sales and returning an annualised increase of 8.30%. The lowest recorded sale has been \$515,000, and the highest \$2,375,000. The median weekly rental price is currently \$480 per week which has risen 3% during the past 12 months. Unsurprisingly, these numbers are immediately comparable to the surrounding villages of Wooragee, Beechworth, and Stanley. Closer to Wodonga, median prices reduce significantly, however the annualised percentage increases are comparable.

Demand for commercial and industrial properties from both investors and renters remains strong, with the caveat that investors have clear expectations and requirements on return, and renters on price affordability.

Looking ahead, we believe the Yackandandah and the regional real estate market will remain strong, after all, we are fortunate enough to live in a wonderful country, and an amazing region with distinct and changing seasons and an abundance of varied experiences, people and opportunities.

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THE ARTS IN YACKANDANDAH

At their March meeting the Yackandandah Writers tackled poetry under the direction of one of the group, Kerry Wilson. Here are a few of their efforts.

SONNET

Autumn

The world has turned for autumn's red and gold
 With gentler days than summer's fiery haze
 When smoke-filled skies would make the blood run cold
 Though trembling fear now quelled and time for praise.
 This autumn's blaze will still the beating heart
 And birdsong lift the fearful spirit's sting,
 Inviting us to sing our joyful part
 Of all that morning mist and peace can bring.
 The carpet thickens 'neath the branching trees,
 The days grow short, our harvest nearly done
 When evenings beg us now to take our ease
 To sleep in peace before the new day's sun.
 In such a way do all our seasons turn
 That we may ever understand and learn.

Michael Metzger

morning in ohara

deep inside a sleeping forest
 cedars thick and green
 conceal an ancient temple

 the chill air trembles with the peal of bells
 in the misty distance

 as if on cue
 the morning sun
 creeps over the strong dark mountains
 waking the little birds
 to the morning
 and the business of the day

 the warm sun strikes the dewdrops
 and they sparkle
 like diamonds

 rising to their feet
 deer make their way
 (as the breezes do on this shimmering new day)
 down the golden valley
 to the river

Owen Smith

A CROWN OF THORNS

Still he stares eyes wide dark pools his soft child's face
 Wide with wonderment, wide with incomprehension
 Why has he seen what he has seen where words
 Have no meaning for acts that have no words
 But blood and wrack and blackened stones
 And vacant death and wailing
 Into a broken sky falling masonry and broken lives.

 Chaos cascades in cataracts of shattered hope
 A cacophony of cannon fire
 The shrill chorus of screaming shells
 Punctured flesh and splintered bone
 Twisted limbs and life leaking
 Father mother brother sister all
 Lost but he lost in a world lost to all.

 What will breed out of this stony rubble
 Where life is scythed in fickle ranks
 Hell's borders on earth's face scars
 Carved in soft flesh that once felt love
 And the tender caress of hearth and home
 Before these eyes filled with horror unimaginable
 Staring silently into the unspoken world to come.

Michael Metzger

UKE-N-DANDAH

Yackandandah's own Ukulele Club is proudly associated with Arts Yackandandah. Monday night sessions are back! 7 - 8.30 pm on Monday evenings at Wellsford House, Wellsford Street, Yack.

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HotHouse Theatre continues to support local artists to bring regional stories to national stages including Brendan Hogan's Augie Award winning *All the Shining Lights*.

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Brendan Hogan-Winner AWGIE Award : Theatre For Young Audiences for *All The Shining Lights*

The Australian Writers' Guild is the professional association representing writers for stage, screen, audio and interactive and has protected and promoted their creative and professional interests for more than 60 years. The AWG's purpose is to promote the role and recognition of – and rewards for – performance writing in Australian society and culture; to pursue a thriving industry environment; to protect and advance rights and opportunities and to promote excellence and improve professional standards, conditions and remuneration.

Brendan Hogan: Winner in the category: Theatre For Young Audiences for *All The Shining Lights*

"All the Shining Lights is a story about courage and wisdom. A story that weaves the memories and bitterness of an old man, through the challenges of a young girl trying to complete her assignment and cope with life, against a backdrop of a nursing home. Together they unlock the dramatic rescue of the Uiver plane at Albury Racecourse in 1934. At the same time, they find the little pearls of wisdom we all need." HotHouse 2022.

Arts Yackandandah and Yackandandah Theatre Company are very proud of Brendan who has been involved in the local theatre group for a long time - most recently as Director of The Heartbreak Choir performed in 2023.

From Karla Conway | Artistic Director & CEO HotHouse Theatre:

"Brendan Hogan has the very rare gift of being able to view the world through the lens of our young people. With limitless imaginative capacity and wit, and the most joyous sense of whimsy, he has the extraordinary ability to tread the tightrope of writing works that speak directly to both young people and adults in equal measure. *ALL THE SHINING LIGHTS* spoke as much to every adult in the room, as it did to young people.

In the creative development process at HotHouse, over the three years that *ALL THE SHINING LIGHTS* was in development, I was witness to Brendan's razor sharp intellect, hilarious wit, and rigorous examination of every character and their journey, moment by moment through the play.

Each new draft would unveil laughs and levity in equal measure. The pace of the dialogue and soaring character arcs were tightly weaved within an inch of their lives, held by the most extraordinary rhythm. But what I admire most about Brendan's writing is the deeper themes that are at play below the whimsy. Brendan truly respects his young audiences by not shying away from difficult conversations. The themes he writes on are deeply substantive, but he meets kids where they are at, taps into their perspective and gives them agency to open big ideas safely, within magical theatrical landscapes.

ALL THE SHINING LIGHTS will forever be one of the landmark works of HotHouse Theatre.

Brendan won the AWGIE Award this year beating out Australia's most nationally and internationally produced and acclaimed playwright for young people, Finegan Kruckemeyer. Fin is an absolute giant in this field, and he is great.

But Brendan is ours. And if I know Brendan, what I absolutely know to be true, is that this region has many years of magical, hilarious, and moving nights in the theatre to come. Watch this space. "

From Bev Lello:

"Brendan Hogan joined the Yackandandah Theatre Company to perform a role in *The Real Inspector Hound*. After that he was a regular on the Yackandandah Public Hall stage with roles in *Strictly Local*, *Sweet Road*, *Ungraded*, *Miss Jacaranda*, *Secret Bridesmaids' Business* and *Short Bites*. It was with *Short Bites*, *Ungraded* and *Miss Jacaranda* that Brendan tested out his writing skills with scripts created for adults and teenagers.

During all this time Brendan was teaching at Yackandandah Primary School and, for a few terms, conducting an after-school drama class. This contact with the under 12s helped him attune his ear to the speech and expressions of that age group. He also came to know the young actors and wrote roles for them to suit their personalities and skills. The result was the hilarious *Scaredy Cat*. After its performance in Yackandandah, Brendan and his team of talented young actors were invited the following year, to travel to Melbourne to take part in the Melbourne Comedy Festival. They performed in the Spiegel Tent outside the State Theatre. The play was a hit. Brendan followed this success

with *How to Beat a Bully*, *The Caged Canary* and *The Last Boy on Earth*. Each of these plays had its first performance in Yackandandah. *The Last Boy on Earth* was given a second successful performance at HotHouse Theatre in Wodonga.

Brendan's other Yackandandah credits are *From Here to There* and *Living Memory*. The concept for both these productions was a series of monologues. *From Here to There* told the story of six people buried in the Yackandandah Cemetery and was performed in the grounds of the Anglican Church. *Living Memory* told the story of six residents of Yackandandah Health and was performed in the front carpark of Yackandandah Health with several of the residents, who were able, appearing on stage near the actors representing them. The *From Here to There* scripts were based on Brendan's historical research and the *Living Memory* scripts on interviews with the residents. In both plays, Brendan assigned a number of local writers to create the individual monologues. Both shows also had a musical element."

From Leisa Whyte:

"I first met Brendan when he assisted with the Yack Youth Theatre production '*The Witches*' (me being the mother/ taxi driver of The Grand High Witch, aka Georgia Whyte). Georgia went on to work in Yack Theatre productions with Brendan & I continued to be the taxi driver! I loved the

way Brendan 'became' his characters and the sincerity & humour he brought to the roles. He was an obvious choice for the cast of my first play for adults '*A Different Telling*' (2014) an indie production supported by Livid Productions (probably drafted in the local pub, whilst waiting to be the said taxi -driver for many rehearsals).

We were lucky to be chosen to work together as writers with Playwriting Australia's Outposts project with Lachlan Philpott as our dramaturg. Following this we were the inaugural recipients of Celsius creative developments at HotHouse Theatre. The works that came from that time ended up winning awards for Brendan, not least *All The Shining Lights*.

Congratulations Brendan. You have always been a delight to work with and deserve to continue to champion regional writing for young people."

From Margie Gleeson:

"Arriving in Yackandandah Arts community in 2017 I inquired about directing the play *Our Town* by Thornton Wilder. Lisa Mason had the same thought so we teamed up to produce and direct this play in 2019. Brendan leads a busy life but consented to joining the cast where he enlivened it with the roles of the Professor - exciting us about the local fossils; George's baseball mate and the Undertaker's assistant, Sam Craig. He was a joy to have in the cast. Giving confidence to cast members and consistently delivering great performances each show.

When we asked if he could direct *The Heartbreak Choir* he agreed and that too was well organised, confidently led and his ability to offer good and erudite advice throughout the process or leave the cast alone when they found some magic, gave the group unity and a huge sense of accomplishment at the end.

However, I think it is as a writer for children and young people that Brendan excels. He has twice been the Winner of the Martin-Lysicrates Prize and twice been a finalist. The Martin-Lysicrates Award is a competition for plays written for adolescents.

2018 - *Farewell, Mr Nippy* - Winner

2019 - *Play Number Four (The Incomplete Works of Willow Baker)* - Winner

2022 - Finalist with *Gamers for Life*

2023 - Finalist with *Arty Fishal*

Shortlisted for Rodney Seaborn Playwrights Award 2021 and Griffin Award - Highly Commended for *The Incomplete Works of Willow Baker*

Other works include *Scaredy Cat* 2015; *How to Beat a Bully* 2016; *The Last Boy on Earth* (HotHouse) 2019; *Spiderweb* 2020; And for Yack Theatre Company contributions to *Living Memory* 2017 and *From Here to There* 2016.

What lucky kids they are to have him as their teacher at Yackandandah Primary School!

And how lucky are we to have a creative and generous writer in our community.

Congratulations, Brendan."



YACK GARDEN CLUB

The Yackandandah Garden Club's feature bi-annual event is about to take off
GARDEN EXPO 2024!

We will have 20 garden-related stalls, five guest speakers, BBQ, Devonshire tea and Yackandandah's inaugural homemade jam competition – *JAM-IT-UP*. Entry is on the day, and you can drop off from 8 am until 11 am (closing time for entries): maximum two jars, \$5 per entry. Judging will be by five locally appointed & jam-knowledgeable persons, and there will be a prize for First, Runner-up and Highly Recommended. There is only one category for all jam flavours, and we are accepting marmalade. See the flyer for further details.

We can't wait to see you at this fun and informative event - **Sunday, 5th May at Osborne Flat Hall, 10 am -3 pm**. PS. Don't forget to bring cash, as there is a gold coin entry bucket. Some stall holders may not have EFTPOS, and we also have a fabulous raffle – one prize – a new wheelbarrow donated by YCDCo and filled with garden goodies donated by the YGC and members of the Garden Club.

GARDENING TIP – planting Daffodils (Botanical Name: Narcissus)

It is in Autumn that we need to think about Spring. Get your garden ready to show off a beautiful array of the ever-popular daffodils; mass planting can look spectacular.

General: Daffodils will generally only flower from round mature bulbs. If you plant them too shallow, they can 'split up' into side bulbs too readily to reach maturity. Deeper planted bulbs appear to stay healthier and split less frequently, thus producing more flowers for many years.

Watering: After planting your bulbs, thoroughly water them, but do not water them again until the foliage appears. Natural rainfall should be sufficient. Keep bulbs moist during dry spells in Autumn and late Spring; they need watering during their growth and flowering. Luckily, daffodils can tolerate frost.

Lifting and Storage: Lightly apply blood and bone or complete plant food after flowering. If planted in soil with good drainage, the bulbs may be left in the ground and divided every three years. If you prefer to dig them up, spent flowers should be removed and foliage allowed to die off naturally; once this is evident, lift and store in a cool, dry & airy place.

CONTACT US

Meetings: 'Wellsford House', Wellsford St, Yackandandah, 7 pm, 2nd Thursday, bi-monthly (beginning 8th February). If you are interested in joining the Club or coming to a meeting, please contact us. (Membership is not required to attend a meeting.)

Email: yack.garden.club@outlook.com

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YACKANDANDAH GARDEN CLUB

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1pm	Black Barn Farm
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Kirsten Coates



Some familiar Yack faces enjoy a healthy early morning breakfast

RECIPE OF THE SEASON

Roast Quince Fool With Madeira

Ingredients

- 2 large quince, peeled and sliced
- 100g sugar
- 1 vanilla bean, seeds scraped out
- 1 orange, zested
- ½ lemon, juiced
- 300ml madeira
- 350ml double or whipping cream
- 150ml Greek yogurt
- handful of toasted hazelnuts

Method

STEP 1 Heat oven to 180C/160C fan/gas 4. Arrange the quince in a greased roasting tin or casserole and scatter over the sugar and vanilla seeds, throwing the pod in too. Add the orange zest and lemon juice, and pour over the madeira and 100ml water. Cover with foil and roast for 25-30 mins until the quince are pink and very tender.

STEP 2 Leave to cool, then blitz half the quince into a purée and finely chop the other half. Reduce the roasting juice in the pan to a syrup.

Stir the purée and finely chopped quince together. Whip the cream to soft peaks and fold through the Greek yogurt and a little of the syrup. Layer in glasses with the quince mix and syrup. Chop a few hazelnuts to sprinkle on top and serve.

Recipe from BBC Good Food contributing editor, Rosie Birkett



The Sub-Editor doing her level best to distract the Editor on the last edition of Yackity Yak

Reg's Rain Report

War does not determine who is right - only who is left...



2024	Millimetres	Days of Rain
January	80.4	8
February	72.2	4
March to 21st	17.4	1
TOTAL	170.0	13
To 21/3/2023	142.4	17
To 21/3/22	294.8	12



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YACK RIDING CLUB

Yackandandah Riding Club Enhances Safety with New Horse Mounting Platform



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worthy cause.”

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Raelene Kwong

The Yackandandah Riding Club continues to prioritize the safety and convenience of its members with the recent installation of a horse mounting platform, generously donated by AgBoss Australia of Albury.

Designed to provide a stable and secure platform for mounting and dismounting horses, it offers a practical solution for riders of varying abilities. For those recovering from injuries or with mobility, flexibility or coordination issues, the platform provides invaluable support and assistance, enabling them to safely enjoy the pleasures of horseback riding.

“We are immensely grateful to AgBoss Australia for their generous donation,” expressed Alison Pritchard, President of the Yackandandah Riding Club. “The horse mounting platform is a welcome



CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS #17

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HORSES FOR COURSES

I’ve taken some extended time off work. I decided I needed to take better care of my personal well-being than I have been. So, what better way than to ride my terrific young horse, “Archie”, through some beautiful back blocks in the North East!

A mate and I headed up to Lightning Creek beyond Mitta. It’s a credit to governments for the improvements to the camping reserves over the past decade or so.

Early morning departure, we were striking out for the Hollow, a small saddle with a BBQ and tables on the road to Camp Creek. We stretched our legs and had a saddle bag lunch. It was a tough ride, steep, five and a half hours in the saddle (return). We came around a bend and were face to face with a couple of wild dogs who quickly bolted back into the scrub. Back at camp, we washed, pampered and fed the horses, whilst checking their water intake.

We followed this up with a four hour ride to Bogong saddle and along the pristine and bubbling Snowy Creek. The horses pulled up well; my mate ten years my senior, was a bit second hand after our nine and half hours riding over two days.

A Wangaratta fly fishing club had shifted in next door, and their stories just got bigger and bigger as the night progressed.

Sitting astride a good horse on a mountain looking out across rugged ridge line after ridge line certainly puts our significance into perspective.

Steve Pearce
Staghorn Flat



Steve Pearce and Archie in the High Country

Are you feeding your livestock sufficiently?

Agriculture Victoria is advising livestock owners to assess their livestock feed situation, as failing to provide proper and sufficient feed to livestock is an offence under the *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1986*.

Agriculture Victoria Senior Officer of Animal Welfare Morgan Cassell said producers need to make appropriate decisions regarding their livestock and ability to provide adequate feed.

Livestock owners and managers should ask:

- what are the nutritional requirements for the class and number of livestock I keep?
- how much feed do I currently have on offer and is it meeting my livestock’s energy and protein requirements?
- how much supplement feed do I need to be feeding?
- will I have enough? Will I be able to source more?
- what alternative options do I have; agistment, destocking?

‘If you aren’t sure of any of the answers to these questions, you need to seek advice or do your research.’

‘There are many free resources and tools available to help and once you know the answers you can then make an informed decision, plan and take action.’

For information on feeding livestock visit Agriculture Victoria’s Feeding Livestock website www.feedinglivestock.vic.gov.au

‘You will find information on sheep and cattle nutrition, tools to help calculate feed-on-offer and interpret feed test results and templates to create a feed budget.’

Otherwise, you can also put in a call to your local Agriculture Victoria Livestock Extension Officer on 136 186, Ms Cassell said.

‘Agriculture Victoria will investigate any allegation which concerns an owner or person in charge failing to provide proper and sufficient feed to an animal.’

Anyone wishing to make a specific complaint regarding livestock welfare can contact Agriculture Victoria at aw.complaint@agriculture.vic.gov.au or on 136 186.



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Life is rather like a tin of sardines and we are all of us looking for the key. We roll back the lid of the sardine tin of life, we reveal the sardines, the riches of life therein, and we get them out, we enjoy them. But, you know, there’s always a little piece in the corner you can’t get out. I wonder - I wonder, is there a little piece in the corner of your life? I know there is in mine.

Alan Bennett (1934 -) English Playwright

YACK COMMUNITY BOWLS CLUB

LADIES DAYS IN YACKANDANDAH



Ladies Day celebrates St. Patrick in all things green

We hosted two very successful ladies tournaments in the last month. These events had dress up themes to ramp up the fun factor.

Firstly, IDA's Day on 23rd February themed 'School Days' with lots of high school uniforms, freckles and pigtails on parade.

And then - Saint Patrick's Day on 15th March with the theme 'Everything Irish' with lots of green mischief on display.

A sumptuous morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea was served among the hilarity & very good

bowling.

WINNERS OF THE 2024 COMMUNITY BOWLS CHALLENGE - POLICE!

Our three top teams fought out the season to the bitter end culminating in a win by the **Police**, with **Malarkas** hot on their heels as runners up and **Gutter Trash** receiving the 'They Never Stop Trying' award as there is no prize for 3rd place...

Police have had a stranglehold on this shield since 2015 allowing the Malarkas and Gutter Trash only cameo appearances as one-off winners before being relegated once again. As Duane Washington (Malarkas) warns 'there is always next year ...!'

There were two new teams to the competition this year 'Wooragee CFA' & 'Yobbos' received commendation awards for their very strong debut performances against the top teams. 'Hole in One' (Geoff Manton) received the 'Battlers' award in recognition of

their longevity in the competition without a podium finish.

BEST TEAM UNIFORM AWARD - YACK CONSTRUCTIONS

Yack Constructions had their eye on this prize with dedicated pre-season planning. They looked good all season, but the arrival of their signature team hats sealed the win. Congratulations to Peter Russell, Justin Mayberry, Sam Rogers & Daryl Condon.

COME AND PLAY

Sunday Social Bowls every week 10.00am – 12.00pm subject to



Yack Constructions – Best Team Uniform Award Winners



2024 winners of the Community Bowls Challenge - POLICE

dry weather. Beginners, Intermediate and experienced bowlers all welcome. Come along and join in the fun.

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YACK TENNIS CLUB



Community Coach Louise Thornton with some of our Cardio Tennis legends

Another tennis season has concluded with Yackandandah Tennis Club fielding six teams in our local Kiewa and Talgarno District Tennis Association competition. Our junior teams were well represented with two teams in both Sections 3 and 4. Our Section 3 teams were newly graduated from Section 4 and acquitted themselves well in the higher grade and will benefit from the experience going forward – well done all players, team captains and dedicated parents.

In the senior grades, the Section 2 team narrowly missed the finals, finishing in 5th place – there's always next year. Our Section 1 team bowed out to a strong Allan's Flat in the semi-final this year.

A big thanks to all the participants and the volunteers who make this great local competition possible each year.



Enjoying the cardio sessions

friendship and sweat! Tennis Australia is running a pilot program with the aim of rolling out Cardio Tennis to more clubs with a 'community connection' focus. Our Tennis Development Officer for Country Northeast, Jo Maples, visited YTC and helped deliver a Cardio session with Louise. She had valuable insights into all the great things about Cardio Tennis, particularly sharing its fit within small communities to provide healthy connections.

YTC Community Coach Louise Thornton is delivering this program right here in Yackandandah. If you're keen to learn more or get involved, please contact Louise on 0425 707 346 to find out when the next Cardio Tennis program (6-week course) will be running. Spots are limited!

What a great season!

Yours in Tennis,

Louise Thornton & Geoff Simmons
YTC Committee members



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Cardio Tennis exercises for Yack Tennis Club members

Hotshots Tennis (for ages 3-10 years) has been running at the club now for four seasons. Children play with different-sized balls that have a different bounce quality, making tennis always fun because kids are always learning with their ability as it develops. During this time, we were given incredible equipment through different initiatives offered by Tennis Australia (TA) along with many ideas and play-based games and drills for the kids, accessible through the TA App. It provided both the kids and the coach with lots of variety and fun on the court. Yackandandah Tennis Club (YTC) is one of only 75 clubs in all of Australia to be offering this fun and engaging activity for kids. Our current Community Play Coach - Louise Thornton - will finish running Hotshots at the end of this season and handing the baton on. YTC will be looking to see Hotshots continue at Yackandandah Tennis Club and is actively

seeking a new Community Coach. If YOU can contribute some time and are interested in learning a little bit about tennis to deliver this great program, please get in touch with Louise Thornton on 0425 707 346.

Meanwhile, Cardio Tennis at YTC is in full swing! This program is a fun and engaging 45-minute session involving cardio bursts with tennis drills, a hit and giggle, and everything in between - music, pumping hearts,

YACK LIONS CLUB MARKETS



Yack Lions Club's famous weekend markets will be held from 9 am - 1 pm on the following Sundays in 2024:

21st April

19th May
21st July
15th September
17th November

16th June
18th August
20th October
15th 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 Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/229748370406329/>



2024 GOLF SEASON HAS OFFICALLY BEGUN

MEN'S GOLF

Yackandandah Golf Club Opening day was held on 3rd March, 2024 proudly sponsored by TASC0 Petroleum. It was a 3 Ball Ambrose event with 40 players in attendance.

Results were:

- 1st 58.2 H. McCrystal, T. Britton, T. Walker
- 2nd 59.2 L. Glass, T. Glass, B. Garoni
- 3rd 60.8 A. Lawson, J. Finn, M. Boehm
- NTP: 4 – P. Auel 6 – L. Crispin 15 – G. Doughty

Again, a thank you to TASC0 for sponsoring the event and providing the prizes and vouchers.

The weekly Sunday competitions have been well attended with the faithful not being deterred by the hot weather. Congratulations to Trevor Britton for his Hole in One on the 4th Hole. The February monthly medal was a hotly contested event with the winner P. Auel with 69 strokes.

The March monthly Medal was held on the hottest day for the season with T. Britton winning the event with 66 strokes although this has now cost him a stroke off his handicap. Well done, Trevor.

The chook runs for this summer have ended with it again being well attended averaging mid twenty players each week. It has been a great social event for the club each Wednesday and we are all looking forward to the next season when daylight saving begins again. Thank you Robbo for organising it again.



Greg Doughty - winner on St. Patrick's Day with a very suitable prize

Each Sunday we have a novelty aspect added to the game extra interest. On St. Patrick's Day each player was given 2 mulligans to use. The day was won by Greg Doughty with 42 points, and he received a six pack of Guinness.

A 9-hole golf competition will continue on Wednesdays with a 1500 start time organized by G. Manton. All are

welcome to attend, no handicaps are required for this event, it is all about further promoting the social aspect of the game.

District Pennant golf competition is well under way with Yackandandah Men's team being captained and organised by M. Cheshire. Good luck guys - give those grass green teams a run for their money.

A thank you to the ground staff volunteers who ensure the course is always in great condition for each week's play.

WOMEN'S GOLF

Our women members have begun their 2024 season and are enjoying getting back into the swing of things (no pun intended).

There is a lot happening at other clubs as well and our members have enjoyed some great tournaments at Albury, Thurgoona, Bright, Jubilee, Waldara, Corowa and Howlong, just to give a brief rundown of our glorious NE golfing map.

Congratulations to Margo Northey and Deb Tully (Beechworth) who enjoyed great success at the NEDGA Opening Day at Yarrowonga, taking the best score by a visiting club.

The combined Yack/Beechworth Pennant team are also competing each Friday in the NEDGA Section 2 Division with the finals contested in April. Best of luck to them all.

Our connection with Beechworth is very strong but friendly banter will be put on hold when the Women's Yack-Beechworth Challenge is contested in April. Beechworth are hosting this year and will certainly be using their home ground advantage to full effect. Stay tuned for the results.

Lastly, our Yackandandah Bowl will be hosted earlier this year in May, and we look forward to taking our turn to hold a fantastic tournament at home.

*Peter Billsdon
Men's Captain*



Margo Northey and Deb Tully - with their winnings at the NEDGA Opening Day at Yarrowonga

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YES - IT'S GETTING TO THAT TIME OF THE YEAR AGAIN!

Winter draws on and we need to start to think about getting that wood supply in once again. We supply the Yack Shack (Men's Shed) kindling, and also a good range of log splitters and chainsaw accessories.



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