

YACK'S FIRST ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGER ANOTHER TRY GOAL KICKED



Yack makes yet another step forward to its goal of 100% renewable power with the launch of a new electric vehicle charger.

This has been a joint project with Totally Renewable Yackandandah,



to thank you for your generous invitation and warm reception to what was a truly inspirational experience.

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Ian Fitzpatrick, chair of the YCDCo Board

Indigo Shire Council, Halliday Solicitors, Indigo Power and YCDCo. It was launched with an official opening on Sunday, 28th August, 2022 with a large enthusiastic crowd of Yack locals and visitors in the car park behind the Star Hotel.

Speakers included Mayor Gaffney from Indigo Shire Council, Helen McGowan of Halliday Solicitors, Ben McGowan of Indigo Power, Ian Fitzpatrick of YCDCo and the ceremony was ably MC'd by Matthew Charles-Jones of TRY.

Paul Fallon of the Australian Electric Vehicle Association based in South Australia was invited to attend and in his thank you letter to TRY said "I wanted to write to you (Matt Charles-Jones)



Members of the public enjoy the launch. There were EVs aplenty to look at

I don't think I have ever met a more capable and nicer bunch of people."

The charger was finally commissioned on Friday 16 September, and we now see cars visiting the car park to charge. There is a massive unrealised potential for EVs and chargers in regional Victoria. It will be exciting to see how that potential is realised!

Already Yack has a company dealing with the sale of EVs and there are a growing number of people who own a electric vehicle.

Surely a sign of what is to come.



Matthew Charles-Jones with some of the speakers at the launch of Yackandandah's first electric vehicle starter

QUEEN ELIZABETH 11 DIES

Queen Elizabeth died on Thursday, 8th September, 2022 at Balmoral Castle, Aberdeenshire, Scotland. She was 96 years old and ascended to the throne in 1952.



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See page 24 for the story of two locals who were invited to meet the Queen and Prince Philip in October, 2011.

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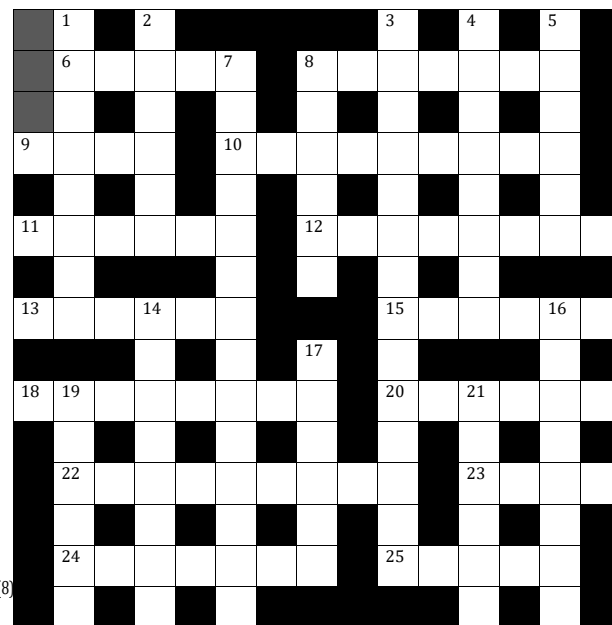
- 6 The flavour of meats can be changed with this (5)
- 8 Soundly beat off counter attack (7)
- 9 Note the edge of the edge! (4)
- 10 Ancient monarch commences his earliest reign on December 1st (9)
- 11 In the cafe lamb is troublesome to prepare (6)
- 12 Information escapes re: vegetables. About time! (8)
- 13 If the back leg is attached, an explosion will ensue (6)
- 15 Plainly, Eliot attended these (6)
- 18 Pedagogical graduate takes highbrow reading each night (8)
- 20 Coy, but embraces strange and looks tatty! (6)
- 22 Sailor and colonist firstly unearth large arachnid (9)
- 23 Imperial measure is stuff of legend! (4)
- 24 Struggling fulmars could be held in these (7)
- 25 It appears in Riley Ried's book of birds' nests (5)

DOWN

- 1 Pursuing power grab! (8)
- 2 Tiller with alien headgear (6)
- 3 Please! Give up embracing after-lives (3,7,4)
- 4 If no-one starts to fold the clothes they will seem to grow bigger (8)
- 5 To annoy the French, you first need to prick them (6)
- 7 Decide to create a fictional psyche! (4,4,4,2)
- 8 Confuse a sharp taste with the French (6)
- 14 Appoint the minister as one of the temporary measures (8)
- 16 A strange seed container appears in the stories about changeling babies (8)
- 17 Children appear in magazines (6)
- 19 Former crazy star ends up with the bit parts (6)
- 21 Crossing place for beast of burden (6)

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Answers to this Cryptic Crossword can be found on Page 28

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Yackity Yak would like to thank Dr. Simon Davis for his thoughts on the winding up of his GP practice in Yackandandah, and his move to the Yack Health Medical Centre. His insights into his 40 years of practice in a small country town and the issues facing GPs are very illuminating.

FORTY YEARS IN YACKANDANDAH

There would be very few people in Yack that don't know Dr. Simon Davis.

Simon moved from Melbourne and came to Yack in 1982, wanting to practice in general practice in a small friendly rural township. He first worked with Dr. Gequilana, and then out of the old chemist shop and doctor's surgery which is now Vintage Alley. As his patient numbers increased, Simon bought the current practice building in Wellsford Street and has been operating from there for the past 30 years. He invited doctors Meg Warren and Steven Cavini to join the practice, and at its peak, there were three doctors, with a clinic at Tangambalanga for some twenty five years. With a plan towards retirement this was wound back eight years ago, and Simon has worked in his Yack practice three days a week.

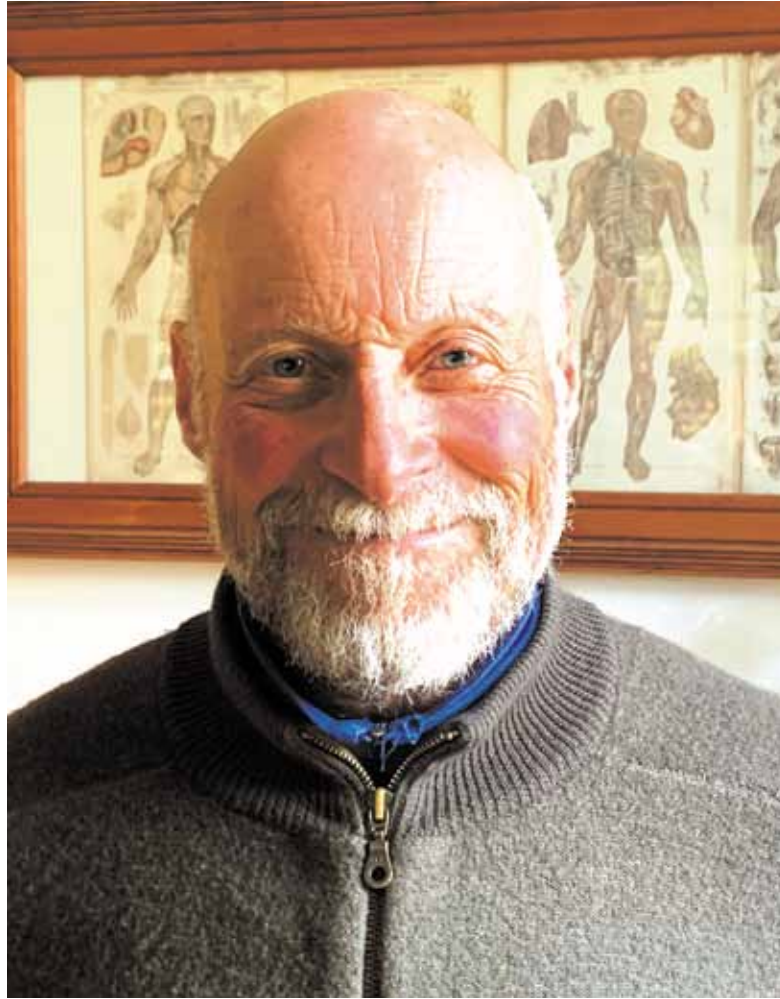
Running a general practice hasn't been all beer and skittles and comes with inherent issues. The Federal Government hasn't increased medical fees for some seven years, and that has meant there are very few surgeries that can afford to bulk bill anymore. The overall costs of running a practice over those seven years have risen exponentially - wages, general running costs, medical supplies, rent and the like, so it makes it almost impossible to bulk bill.

Small one or two GP practices struggle with finding cover for holidays - locums are very expensive to hire in and often very difficult to get hold of.

There have been many changes in the medical world since Simon came to Yackandandah. In the 1980s, many medics were happy to work as GPs in smaller country towns and regional areas, but with targeted immigration, many foreign trained doctors now prefer to settle in the cities and become specialists. To become a specialist requires a further five years of generally hospital training,

which can be a gruelling thing to undertake.

Currently, only 18% of qualifying doctors aim to be GPs with a consequential general shortage of GPs



The well known face of Dr. Simon Davis

nationwide.

The Federal Government has a responsibility for planning the medical workforce, and there has been very little planning over the past 20 years. There could be a real renaissance in the industry with Government assistance.

In this region of NE Victoria and Southern NSW, there are too many cardiologists, hardly any psychiatrists, not enough ear, nose and throat specialists and the only neurologist is just about to retire. Attracting young specialists to the area is vitally important. Immigration was hoped to be the answer to this, but it is currently directionless.

Sadly, skilled migration often works as reverse foreign aid - Simon feels very strongly that is completely unethical for Australia to import doctors trained elsewhere and take many educated people out of a developing country. Currently a number of doctors have come from Eastern Europe, China and India - places that can ill afford to lose them

Simon leaves his current practice rewarded by the fact that he's helped so many people. GP work is a really rewarding job and can improve people's lives. Helping people has been a very satisfying thing for Simon and he feels privileged to have practiced in Yack where there is such a great community that is inspiring other communities.

Simon has moved up to work with Yackandandah Health for 2 days a week. He didn't wish to close down his practice and abandon his clients, and this will help a further transition towards retirement. He's very happy to be working with Yack Health which won't involve so much paperwork although he will have to come to terms with a new computer system.

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The lucky mums-to-be of Yack have a lot to be thankful for. Yack's great Medical Centre have been offering a Midwife Care Program which has been in existence since late 2018. Resident Dr. Tess Goodwin is a GP Obstetrician and has provided antenatal care in Yackandandah since 2008. Louise Thornton, the Centre's Midwife, has enhanced antenatal care options since 2018 when they established the YH Midwife Care Program.



Midwife, Louise Thornton and Dr. Tess Goodwin, GP obstetrician

The MWC program has been designed so that all women see Louise for majority of their antenatal visits, supported by Dr. Tess as the GP Obstetrician. Evidence shows that if women are well supported during pregnancy with continuity of care by the same midwife and doctor, the outcomes are improved.

The world is changing, and with that is a cohort of women now who are older when starting a family so the YHMC Midwife Care Program aims to 'individualise' care to meet the needs to women.

Of course, everyone's pregnancy and birth journey is different. Yack Medical Centre want to provide that continuity of care with the patient seeing Louise at each appointment.

The Midwife Care Program offers gold standard care.

There is a unique model at Wodonga Hospital where most of

the local babies are born, which is run by a great team of health professionals. The Wangaratta (North East Health) is another excellent local birth unit. The Wodonga birth unit is run by the midwives and has a specialist and GP Obstetrician in attendance daily, plus Obstetric and GP registrars. This is a unique model with the degree of continuity that GP Obstetricians have with their patients through to the birth suite. There is also the advantage that if



someone comes in with something medically complicated in pregnancy then the family history is often well known to the care team. A Midwife Care Program also operates in Wodonga Hospital and a number of general practices are adopting it as well. Dr. Tess can sometimes be present if rostered on that day. There are 11 Obstetric GPs, so a roster is shared. Louise does follow up with a domiciliary home visit once the family are discharged home. Louise is a Breastfeeding Counsellor with The Australian Breastfeeding Association which is an added level of support for women choosing to breastfeed. Again, this is another layer of continuity, so they don't have to meet a new face coming into their home. Louise knows the new mother's history, the pregnancy and they can talk about the birth and breastfeeding.

It is recommended that pregnant women in the Wodonga birth suite catchment area are seen by a GP provider that offers an obstetric program. Women who are newly pregnant can arrange an appointment with Louise and Tess to discuss our model and consider if it's the right care for them and their pregnancy. Women do not need a referral to attend our clinic, they can purely ring up. Just phone and make an appointment with the Centre – 02 6028 0130.

The program is currently operating on a Thursday morning. There are some costs involved with this program, and a brochure is available from the Clinic on this.



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NATIONAL EMERGENCY MEDAL AWARDS



Captain Yves Quaglio with the Brigade's recent Certificates of Recognition – one for our involvement in the 2018-19 and 2019-20 campaign fires.

Once more Yack-andandah Fire Brigade's commitment and valuable contribution to ensuring the safety of our community has received recognition. On July 8 and July 29 some of our valued fire-fighter volunteers were awarded

the National Emergency Medal for our contribution in fighting the campaign fires of 2019-2020. A Certificate of Appreciation was issued to the Brigade prior to the medal ceremony.

As the Captain of our Brigade, and on behalf of award recipients, I would like to acknowledge all other members of our brigade who on this occasion did not receive an award. Their contribution has been invaluable in keeping our Brigade operating to optimum efficiency. Thank you all for your devotion to this valuable community service.

From the Captain, Yves Quaglio



Deputy Chief Officer Gavin Thompson, Andrew (Fritz) Scheidl and Board Member DGO Captain Dawn Hartog

The National Emergency Medal is awarded by the Governor General to persons who rendered sustained or significant service during nationally-significant emergencies in Australia.

Twelve members of the Brigade were presented with their medals at ceremonies at the Cube in Wodonga. Our members were among the more than 5500 CFA volunteers and staff members across the state, and the more than 700 members in Districts 23 and 24, to receive the honour for their service during the 2019-2020 fires.

Recipients at the July 8 afternoon ceremony were Denis Brown and Tom



CEO Natalie MacDonald, Deputy Chief Officer Gavin Thompson, Denis Brown, Tom Neeves, Board Member DGO Captain Dawn Hartog

Neeves; and at the evening ceremony Andrew (Fritz) Scheidl. Recipients at the evening presentation on July 29 were Captain Yves Quaglio, Lt Chris Wingard, Lt Margrit Beemster, Lt Glenn Mailey, Cameron McKern, April Padbury, Neil Padbury, John House, and Gavin Mascas.

At the time CFA Chief Officer Jason Heffernan spoke of his pride for the CFA members' efforts. "The 2019/2020 fires devastated East Gippsland and the North East of Victoria," he said. "But from that crisis arose the most remarkable human



Medal recipients plus fellow brigade members who came along on the evening to support their colleagues together with CFA Board members and Chief Officer

The four ratings are:

Moderate: plan and prepare (green)

High: prepare to act (yellow)

Extreme: take action now to protect your life and property (extreme)

Catastrophic: for your survival, leave bushfire risk areas (red)

The system also includes a 'no rating' level where no proactive action is required by the community. The 'no rating' level does not mean fires won't start, but they are not likely to move or act in a way that threatens the safety of the

community

The system is based on enhanced technology and research that greatly improves predicting fire behaviour and potential threat to the community. Under the new system, emergency services can provide more specific advice to the community so that they also can make more informed decisions about their own safety.

As part of the changeover to the new system, all Fire Danger Rating signs across



Brigade medal recipients with Board member GO Peter Shaw AFSM and Chief Officer Jason Heffernan (left) and Board members DGO Captain Dawn Hartog and Ross Coyle AFSM (right)

spirit of generosity and 'lending a hand'. Our medal recipients have exemplified that spirit, and I am incredibly proud of each and every one of them. Whether they joined a firefighting strike team, worked in an Incident Control Centre or provided other assistance to affected communities – every contribution was valuable made a real difference."

NEW FIRE DANGER RATINGS FOR VICTORIA

As of September 1, fire danger ratings in Victoria have changed to be in line with the Australian Fire Danger Rating System, which will be the same in every state and territory across Australia.

Fire danger ratings provide information so that people can take action to protect themselves and others. The higher the fire danger rating, the more dangerous the conditions, and the more difficult it will be to stop a fire if one starts.

The new system follows one of Australia's largest community surveys which found most Australians did not understand the previous fire danger rating system. It uses four colour-coded levels (reduced from six) and plain language to provide clear advice on what action communities need to take at each level.



Group shot of brigade members who took part in a training exercise organised by Wooragee Fire brigade

Victoria will have a sticker placed over the sign to promote the new four-rating system while emergency services work to roll out the replacements of signs over the next few months.

OPEN DAY

Finally, after all the disruptions caused

by COVID 19 we can hold an Open Day for the public and the community. This year's Brigade Open Day will be held at the Fire Station on **Sunday, November 20 to coincide with the Yackandandah Lions Market from 9am to 1pm.**

Come along to find out all about the new Australian Fire Danger Rating System, ask questions about the coming fire season and what you can do to prepare, let the kids (big and small) have a go at using a fire hose, meet our members, and see what's involved if you are considering becoming a volunteer with the Brigade.

Also on hand will be volunteers from Yackandandah's Ambulance Victoria Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) with their vehicle if you are interested in finding out more about the important role CERT plays in our community.

SUMMER IS COMING

Even though the predictions are for a wet summer, you should still prepare your property for the coming fire season. The CFA has recently updated its web pages to provide excellent and up-to-date information on how to prepare your property with valuable information on clearing trees and vegetation, landscaping, home improvements and burning off. Check it out at <https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/how-to-prepare-your-property>

TRAINING

As well as taking part in our monthly training sessions at the Brigade level, a number of our members have gone on to do more advanced CFA training including Structural Firefighting (internal attack in buildings) – Lt Chris Wingard, Lt Glenn Mailey and Lt Andrew Padbury; Low Structure (external attack on buildings) – Jess Barker; Operate BA Open Circuit (wear breathing apparatus)- Gavin and Karin Mascas; and Air Observer - John House.

Fourteen Brigade members also took up the invite to join our neighbours from

the Wooragee Fire Brigade to do a joint training exercise (relay pumping and burn over drill) on Saturday morning, September 19. Also taking part were members from Beechworth and Browns Plains.

Big thanks to Wooragee for inviting us and providing an impressive breakfast!



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Yackandandah Letter a ‘Transparent Hoax’.

International tournament cancelled

In a double blow to the small north-east Victorian town of Yackandandah, The Royal Finska Society has cancelled its upcoming Ned Kelly Memorial Word Finska Championships, to be held in the historic town in October, over the Kellygate scandal which has erupted following the publication by the State Library of its analysis of the so-called Yackandandah Letter.

Speaking before a packed media conference, Sigmund Clutterbuck, in charge of the six-month long, intensive investigation into the veracity of the document, allegedly uncovered in a disused Yackandandah cellar, declared: “It appears to be a word-document dipped in cold tea”. References to a ‘pie/quiche hybrid’ sold in the town as ‘having been brought to Australia by Grace Kelly’ have been described as ‘patently ludicrous’.

A Kelly aficionado who has been coming regularly to Yackandandah from Melbourne since Yackity Yak broke the initial story in April, and who declined to be named in the article, claims she is devastated by the news. “I just can’t believe it, I don’t want to, to think I’ve eaten all those Ned Kelly pies under false pretences. I’m even starting to question whether all those Ned Kelly Suits of Armour I bought from The Golden Tricycle are genuine”.

Speaking out about the scandal, Susan Reynolds, of the Yackandandah Museum, said: “It’s a complete disgrace and a real smear on our town’s reputation. I’ve even heard we’ve been dropped as a

destination on the Contiki under-35s Ned Kelly Experience Tour. Someone needs to be held accountable for this”. “Shameful”, added Historical Society President, Sue Bell. Plans to film an upcoming episode of “The Real Love Boat’ in the Yackandandah Letter Cellar have also reputedly been abandoned.

Local caravan park owner, Gavin Doyle said “Nail him up, I’ve lost so many bookings. Nail him up!”

Standing beside Ms Reynolds, Ms Bell and Mr Doyle, David Lacey, the local newsagent said “I really don’t think anyone needs to be lynched for this, let’s keep some perspective here. I mean, sure, I’ve spent a lot stocking up on Finska games and product with the tournament in mind, but nailing people to trees is a bit scary. Just a bit of fun, really. Let’s stay calm everyone.”

Speculation has now turned to the identity of the nefarious prankster who has caused so much damage to our town. A visibly shaken David Lacey called for calm saying “They’ll never be found, never. Let’s all just move on and forget about it everyone.”

Bjorn Aarrnsbuggle, President of the Royal Finska Society, questioned about abandoning the October tournament, revealed that “We just can’t afford another scandal, not after that thing with our royal patron, Camilla and our annual naturist calendar”.

Yackity Yak will be watching developments closely and we’ll keep our readers well informed as events unfold.

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2022 – YACKANDANDAH COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS LUNCH!

YES - WE ARE BACK

With Covid now just a part of the way we are currently living, all systems are back to normal for our Christmas lunch in 2022. Hopefully all will be fine with no restrictions!

Bookings have worked well over the past few years so ideally I'd like to keep that in place. It has certainly made the preparation easier on everyone. I also hope to again be able to offer walk-ins on the day for those that may be visiting at our local accommodation venues.

To **register your intent to attend** please email carmelkelley@bigpond.com or message on **0418 242 105**. Please provide the number of people wanting to attend, along with a contact email or phone number.

Anyone who would like to help in any way, either setting up prior to the event, on the day, or for clean-up afterwards, is more than welcome to contact me as well on 0418 242 105.

I'd like to thank the Yack Lions Club for their generous donation of \$500 towards this year's event. Any other businesses, or individuals, interested in supporting this day are also invited to reach out and contact me.

Date:	Sunday 25th December, 2022
Time:	11.30am for a sit down hot lunch at Noon
Venue:	Butson Park Football Function Room
Cost:	Gold Coin Donation
Note:	Alcohol Free Event



It's been another busy couple of months for our ladies with a great response to the workshops we have offered.

Our Mandala drawing group is thoroughly enjoying the guidance of local teacher, Lisa Mandipensa. They have produced some remarkable pieces of art and are keen to continue their classes once a month on a Saturday morning at YCC.

Our newly gathered Ceramics group led by local potter, Gail Cox, is gathering momentum. Recently their first pieces were bisque fired and now they are keen to finish them. Gail has kindly opened her studio to our ladies to make some mess and have fun. Many thanks!

A Morning Tea at our newest eatery, Stockroom and Pantry, was recently arranged for members to meet up and enjoy a delicious snack and hear what



Karen loving ceramics!

the Women's Shed has planned for the coming months. It was great to see old and new members gathered together. Social Director Barb is planning another outing on a Saturday in October to cater to those ladies who are not available on a weekday. She thought we might go to Myrtleford and visit Red Ramia and have lunch at Fez Café. Keep a look out on our website for details. Our own local craftswoman, Shakira Spago has offered to teach basket weaving to a small group... so exciting!

An information session for those people interested in Wood carving will be held at YCC on Saturday 8th October. Some of our ladies showed an interest in

learning this craft and Chris was able to find a Master Wood Carver from the Albury/Wodonga Woodcrafters group to come along and give us a talk. This is not a workshop, just an information session to gauge interest. We are opening this session up to any locals... Men's Shed?? Please email us at yackwomensshed@gmail.com if



We have a shed...

you'd like to attend. Space is limited.

Our storage shed is now erected behind the YCC building and is almost ready to fill! Many thanks to Greg, Jim, Pete and Steve, we really appreciate your help! With the many donations of tools, fabric and craft materials we have received, we are starting to wonder if we will soon outgrow this one! But, how wonderful it would be to eventually have our own Women's Shed meeting room with workshop and storage facilities? We are continuing to fundraise in the hope that one day the dream of having our own place will be realised. But, for now we are so grateful to the Yackandandah Community Centre for giving us a home and auspicing us by offering guidance and support all the way.

The Yackandandah Community Centre is having an Open House at 5pm on Friday 14th October at 29 High Street. They have invited the community to come along for food and music while you hear about what YCC can do of you and our community. For more information and to register your attendance, please phone 02 6027 1743, or email: manager@ycc.org.au. Members from the Women's Shed will be there to show off what we do!

The Christmas Fair is fast approaching (Sunday 4th December). Some of our ladies have been busy making craft items for our stall but we do need more. Any help would be amazing. This year along with the Men's Shed, we plan to have a kid's crafting station where we will have materials for children to create something to take home.

We have managed to squeeze in some extra craft stalls this year so if you are aware of local artisans who may be interested in joining us, please have them contact us at yackwomensshed@gmail.com.

We are also involved in helping with catering and decorations for the Christmas extravaganza on Saturday December 3rd. Appropriately called "It's Beginning to look a lot like Christmas", it will be an evening event at the Public Hall full of music and fun and lots of delicious food. Keep a lookout for how to purchase tickets. See you there!

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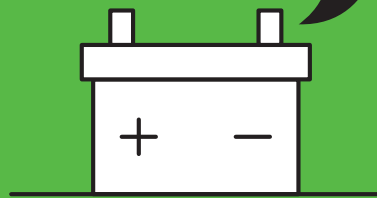
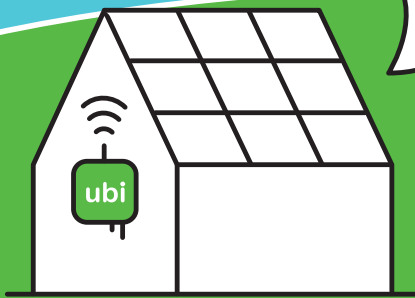
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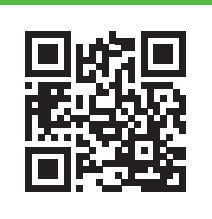
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that will be a complimentary meal and then a close examination of what has been done so far with EDGE and describe the learnings, changes and immediate plans. This second session will be designed specifically for the people in the area who are already participating in EDGE and connect directly to the technical team twisting the buttons!! But all are welcome to attend, though to assist with catering please RSVP...

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2022 Annual General Meeting

The 2022 TRY Inc. AGM will be held on
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The meeting will be held in the Old Court House,
William Street, Yackandandah

All members of TRY Inc. are invited to attend, and anyone wishing to become members will be welcome to join the meeting - RSVP appreciated.

An agenda will be distributed on the night, or it may be requested prior to the meeting by email to info@totallyrenewableyack.org.au

A light snack and drinks will be served after the meeting closes.

Please RSVP by Oct 22nd, or for any enquiries, to TRY Inc via TRY Booking:
<https://www.trybooking.com/CCRUI>



Totally Renewable Yackandandah would love you to join the TRY and Mondo teams for a 'deep dive' into a neat power innovation – Project EDGE.

Casual observers of local and distant conversations on energy will have noticed some excitement as Yack nudges toward 100% renewable power – only 40% left to go! This 40% is the equivalent of 400 extra homes with solar (and ideally batteries) and we anticipate getting to that point in 2024.

Project EDGE perfectly aligns with Yack's aspiration to achieve a 100% renewable energy supply – the continued adoption of solar installations and batteries on private properties. In partnership with the 'Virtual Power Plant' subsidy from Solar Victoria, EDGE will provide extra funding support for residents and business to help offset the purchase cost of batteries.

Project EDGE is a federally funded undertaking with the Australian Renewable Energy Agency and is a partnership between community, AusNet, Mondo and the Australian Energy Market Operator. Interested locals can take advantage of the program funding until the end of 2022, and the project itself concludes in the middle of 2023.

On the 6th October, the EDGE event will offer two separate sessions, the first a facilitated discussion designed to support people who are thinking about the addition of solar and batteries for their home. Immediately following



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Looking on the bright side: TRY gets an Infrared Camera!

If you're not sure what an infrared camera was before reading this – neither did some of us! However, it is definitely fun to use. An infrared camera is a bit like a police speed gun, but it is used to measure the temperature of a physical object, which it displays via colours on a screen.

But why would TRY be interested in this?

Thermal comfort! We know we're coming out of winter, but many of our feet are still chilly. TRY's focus has always been on renewable energy infrastructure since we began in 2014, but the truth is that the simplest and cheapest way to achieve net zero is maximum efficiency!

If we are able to use existing energy more efficiently, this reduces the need for infrastructure, which can bring costs down significantly. This is really important considering how much Yack's population is estimated to grow over the coming decades. It also reduces household bills – vital in this current energy market!

Which brings us to our new Infrared camera. It is available for borrowing by Yack residents to assess the quality of the insulation of their home and to find gaps that will let heat in or out. Information is power – and if you know where your weak points are, you may be able to do something about it. For most houses, this tends to be windows and doors. For older houses, it might be gaps in the walls where there is a lot of airflow and therefore heat transference.

Houses on stumps tend to lose a lot of heat through gaps in the floor.

We gave it a whirl in our home and immediately learned quite a lot about our thermal envelope, and also the structure of our house. For example, if your house has a stud wall, more heat transfer occurs in the spaces between the studs which is why wall insulation is so important.

There was quite a lot of heat loss not only from the windows but around them, often hidden by the framing. We identified large gaps around our windows that need patching up. There is also a lot of discussion around double versus single-glazed windows (and even triple glazing!) After discussions with a draftsman, we concluded the most effective



The IR camera showing what a difference good curtains can make.
PC: Juliet Milbank

and affordable course of action for us was thick double-backed curtains.

It's a little known fact that properly installed, insulated curtains are almost as effective as double-glazed windows for keeping rooms warmer or cooler. Full length, insulated, lined curtains with some form of pelmet limit the significant air movement across the window glass that transfers heat, and also limit direct heat entry from the sun in summer. Closing the curtains as soon as the afternoon cools off in winter, and during hot summer days, provides



Clare testing out the new Infrared camera for TRY.
PC: Juliet Milbank

effective measure is properly installed honeycomb blinds.

Giving the camera a go will help you to identify your own problem areas, and hopefully come up with solutions that suit your budget.

Thanks enormously to postmaster Chris Horton for sponsoring TRY's application for the \$1,000 grant, to Australia Post for granting it and to an anonymous private residential donor for also contributing and making the camera a reality for Yack residents.

We're so excited to be able to share this with you! If you're interested in giving the Infrared camera a go, please contact us at info@totallyrenewableyack.org.au.

Happy Spring!

Clare Bishop

YACK PLAYGROUP

It's been a quiet Term 3 thanks to all the rain and widespread illnesses, but we've put it to good use adding to our toy collection and craft supplies. We now have some great indoor activities including a crawling tunnel and tent, as well as lots of colouring and painting to do.

As the weather warms up, we'll be making good use of the outdoor play equipment at Osbornes Flat Primary School. The double slide has been so popular and we're looking forward to using the giant sand pit and mud kitchen!

We also have a new Facebook group for our families to join so we can discuss group activities as well as our first excursion in Term 4. Playgroup will be subsidising all our members for a group trip to BounceINC in Wodonga. If that sounds like something your little one(s) are interested in, please join our group for more details [facebook.com/groups/yackplaygroup](https://www.facebook.com/groups/yackplaygroup) or contact Sam on 0415 397 323. Both current and new families are very welcome.

Yackandandah Playgroup is a free, community-based playgroup for 0-5 year olds and their parents/carers. It currently runs on Mondays from 9-11am at Osbornes Flat Primary School with the Victorian school terms. Term 4 starts Monday 3 October.



Yack Playgroup members enjoying the sun and outdoor play area at Osbornes Flat Primary School

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Art therapy

Students at Osbornes Flat Primary School have been privileged to be participating in an Art Therapy program with Janine and Alison from GIGS Artist Studios. The sessions concentrated on using art to explore students' emotions and express themselves through visual arts. The sessions have been provided through the Department of

Osbornes Flat Primary School offered all members of the local community the opportunity to come and experience school life through four sessions. Students came along with their parents and enjoyed reading, completing some maths activities,



Checking out school life

Cooking continues to be a major part of our curriculum on a fortnightly basis at Osbornes Flat Primary School. Students have been using home grown vegetables and produce supplied through our Breakfast Club to make some yummy food. They have made mini pizza, carrot cupcakes, sushi and apple pie. The vital skills that students learn through our cooking program are pivotal to their health now and in the future.



Art therapy



Time to think of school!

participating in games run by some of the senior students and last week was a craft section.



Cooking together

It was a fantastic opportunity for parents

to observe their children in a school environment.

Education's Mental Health Funding that is promoting the wellbeing of all children in the state of Victoria. Please see Janine and Alison's contact details below if you would like to find out more about what they can offer educational settings but also services provided through NDIS.

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Open House

You might know that the Yackandandah Community Centre has been a part of the community for many years but do you know what it does for you and how you can get involved? Come along to the YCC Open House on **Friday, October 14th** to get some answers to those questions.

Manager, David Thorpe said YCC had made significant changes to the building and its operations in recent years and the Open House was an opportunity to show what the organisation had been doing. "The facility is now better than ever, and with the new equipment in the Meeting Room we have the best meeting space in Yack," he said "New audio-visual equipment gives fantastic connectivity for meetings and all sorts of gatherings. The best is that the room is free to use for community organisations. We have recently expanded the Op Shop, which gives us more space to display a great range of stock. There is more to choose from and the great thing is that proceeds from the Op Shop go back into the community via the YCC Community Grants program. The Open House will be a perfect opportunity for people to



Chair of YCC, Karen Keegan

hear how these grants have benefited a wide range of Yack community groups. The big news is that the committee has been working hard on developing projects that will be a real benefit to the Yack community in coming years, and there are a couple of those projects that we want to tell the community about. We have been collaborating with a number of Yack organisations and it is exciting to be able to announce the details of what we have planned."

YCC chair, Karen Keegan said a collaboration with YCDCo would soon see some additional defibrillators

installed in accessible locations in town and some of the existing units, which are in locked buildings, will be moved to a location which will make them accessible 24/7.

"By working with other organisations, we can really create something positive for the community," she said. "We are also in the early stages of working with a number of Yack organisations to explore the opportunities for helping the community develop strategies and programs which will improve preparedness and recovery in the event of an emergency. If you look at the way other communities have been impacted during floods or fires, there are lots of lessons that Yack could learn about how to respond. We want to help the community be better prepared, better resourced and more resilient so that as a community we are better able to respond to the predicted, coming, environmental changes."

The Open House will kick off at the front of YCC at 29 High Street, Yack from 5pm on Friday, October 14th.

"We are planning to make it a bit of a celebration, there will be a local band playing and a sausage sizzle," Mr Thorpe said.

"We are really keen to let people know what YCC is all about and how they can get involved, so come along for a bite to eat and have a look through the centre."

A promotional poster for the YCC Open House. At the top is the Yackandandah Community Centre logo, which shows two hands shaking under a house icon. Below the logo, the text reads 'YCC OPEN HOUSE' in large purple letters. Underneath, it says '5pm, Friday October 14th @ 29 High St, Yack' in white text on a purple background. The main message is 'Come along for food and music while you hear about what YCC can do for you and the Yack community' in blue text. At the bottom, contact information is provided: 'ph: 02 6027 1743' and 'email: manager@ycc.org.au'. To the right of the text is an illustration of a yellow megaphone with purple speech bubbles and lightning bolts.

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Community the focus, as Hawkins announces second Independent tilt at Benambra

After swinging the formerly safe Liberal seat of Benambra closer to independent representation in the 2018 Victorian election, Baranduda local Jacqui Hawkins has announced her intention to run as an Independent once again in this year's state election.

Ms Hawkins officially announced her plans to run on August 3, has since established a campaign hub - called The Hive - in Wodonga, and has spent the past few weeks visiting towns throughout the electorate, including Yackandandah, to learn more about what matters to locals.

She said she was keen to build on the momentum generated by her 2018 campaign, and to reiterate her commitment to representing the community as an Independent in state parliament.

"I'm committed to ensuring people in our community have their voices heard, and their needs and priorities represented without party politics getting in the way," she said. "During the past few years, we've seen independent representatives across the country facilitate true participatory politics in their electorates, including right here in the federal seat of Indi.

"Community independents have been able to take their communities' voices directly to the parliament and deliver remarkable results for local people. This is what I want to be able to achieve for our communities across Benambra."

Ms Hawkins is a fifth generation local who grew up on a family farm in Staghorn Flat, and now calls Baranduda home.

"I have lived, worked, volunteered and studied here most of my life," she said. "My work has taken me across a range of sectors – from veterinary services to manufacturing; research and development to road construction; state and federal politics to higher



Independent candidate for Benambra, Jacqui Hawkins, at her campaign hub in Wodonga.

education. Most recently I've worked in bushfire recovery across north-east Victoria and have supported the recovery of regional tourism following bushfire and COVID-19."

She said her work and volunteering activities, as well as her preparations for both the 2018 and 2022 Victorian election campaigns, had taken her across Benambra to listen to and learn from people from all walks of life, and had given shape to her campaign priorities.

"Community members that I've spoken to have

talked about their need for accessible and high-quality health and mental health facilities, their difficulties coping with the cost of living, the stresses of the local housing market, and their need for accessible, affordable early childhood education to make it easier for primary care-givers to choose to go back to work," she said.

"In particular, I'm committed to fighting hard for a cross-border, cross-partisan commitment to a new hospital for Albury Wodonga, as well as state government support for our local GPs and community-led healthcare, to ensure that we're seeing that investment in the preventative side of health."

For more information on Ms Hawkins' Independent campaign for Benambra, her policies and to volunteer with her Team Yellow, visit www.jacquihawkins.org



Jacqui Hawkins, with a team of her supporters inside her campaign hub in Wodonga.



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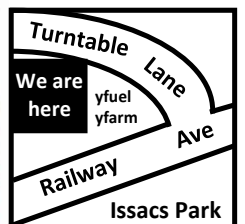
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This year has seen staff and families continue to perfect the art of juggling life, the universe and everything that COVID continues to throw at us and unlike this time last year, our children have enjoyed an undisturbed year of learning at Kinder, rather than from home. It has been a joy to observe friendships initiated and re-established through the freedom to interact and explore our indoor and outdoor learning spaces.

Staff are changing their classroom setups each term to offer fresh integrated play-based learning spaces to support the science, maths, literacy, social, emotional & physical learning domains. We aim to ensure our programs carefully manage the balance between adult-directed, child-led and child initiated free play. Our teaching staff program and plan to achieve such a balance to ensure children's individual learning opportunities are identified and that differences in social, emotional and cognitive development are supported to avoid becoming disengaged and discouraged within a 'one size' fits all approach.



Spuds 'n' Story

BUSH KINDER these past 3 terms has seen our little eco warriors very busy in their enquiry and explorations. Just a few of the activities done have been: monitoring our bee activity & hives and talking about how honey is made and harvested, exploring measurement by using sticks to observe the changes in the creek's water depth, examining the life cycles of frogs, science experiments using the fire pit's heat to melt and change the shape of various objects, talking about food groups and preparation of various fruits & vegetables to cook over the fire,

linking our Wombat Stew story reading to the physical act of breaking up earth, leaves and flowers to make wombat stew and drawing with charcoal. The children have also been exploring topics such as storytelling, music, art and 'caring for country'. This popular non-funded program is open to 3 & 4yo children from within and external to our Indigo community. The bush Kinder environs are their "nature's classroom" for 5 hours of the program day and the children just thrive in this hands-on, super stimulating



Creek exploration in Bush Kinder



Bush Kinder with Ali

space. So much dirt, mud, creepy crawlies, water, flora, cubby-building explorations to be had!

TALKING ABOUT ENROLMENT

Fast-forward to 2023 planning and we are delighted by the high level of applications for our 2023 funded and non-funded programs. As parents will now be aware, from next year the State Government is fully funding 15 program hours per week for 3yo & 4yo children. Identifying that families often prefer their child

in Kinder more than the 15 hours a week, the Kinder will (subject to program staffing & structure) continue to also offer additional bush kinder and school readiness programs which do attract a full fee.

We have limited places still available in our fully funded 15 hours/pw 3yo & 4yo programs and our non-funded Bush Kinder and 4yo School Readiness programs. If you or someone you know wishes to enrol for 2023, we encourage you to contact the Kinder for further information [02 6027 1560] or visit our website www.yackandandahkinder.com.au

KINDER'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MANGO FUNDRAISER - It's that time of year again; the Yackandandah Kindergarten's annual mango fundraiser.

If you are interested in purchasing a tray/s of mangos, please contact our Mango Coordinator, Sarah via yackmangos@outlook.com for either an electronic individual or group order form. Questions can also be asked via this custom email. We anticipate delivery to Yackandandah Public Hall in early to mid-December. Orders are needed to the Mango Coordinator by 21 October at the absolute latest.

STEM PROGRAM - Students in Yackandandah Primary School have enjoyed plenty of great learning and extra-curricular events in Term Three. We have launched a Lego based robotics and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) program where students create simple machines and robots with technical Lego and then program their creations using a computer interface. It is a highly engaging activity for the students and helps build foundational skills in the Science and Technology areas of the curriculum. The students have the opportunity to



Students enjoying the STEM program

follow technical design briefs and also be more creative with the skills they learn.

SKI TRIPS - Senior students have had up to three days skiing at Falls Creek this term. We have been lucky with the weather to have glorious days on the snowfields, with lessons and experiences of cross-country and downhill skiing. The students were supported by teachers and parent volunteers. Well done kids and thanks to the teachers and parents who gave their time to make the ski trips possible.



Creating with the STEM program

TRANSITION TO PRIMARY SCHOOL - Starting early Term Four is our Kindergarten to School Transition Program. The transition program involves students in 4yo. Kindergarten visiting 'Big School', getting to know the school, the teachers and meeting their 'big buddies'. This happens over several visits to the school in Term Four. The buddies are students who are in Yr. 5 this year and will be in Yr. 6 next year. Buddies help new students feel comfortable, find their way around and enjoy their move from kindergarten to primary school.

If you have a child starting school next year and have not yet enrolled, please



Senior students enjoying excellent snow at Falls Creek

complete an enrolment form and return it to the school. You can contact the principal (Michael Edwards) or Office Manager (Sandra McKibbin) if you would like to arrange a tour or ask any questions. Messages will be sent to families who have enrolled at Yackandandah Primary School before the start of Term Four.

CAMPS - During Term Three Yr. 3/4 students

spent time at the Urban Camp in Melbourne. The children visited Science Works, the Immigration Museum, MCG and the Sports Museum among many other things. The children made the most of their time in Melbourne.

At almost the same time students in Yr. 5/6 visited Sovereign Hill, Ballarat. They participated in the costume school and experienced school as it was in the gold rush era. It was an eye opening experience for students to learn how much school has changed from colonial times to now.

150 YEARS CELEBRATION - On 4th and 5th November this year Yackandandah Primary School will be celebrating 150 years of public education (there was a Church of

England School on the site prior to this). Part of our celebrations will involve inviting past students, teachers and families to revisit and reconnect with their time at the school. On Friday November 4th there will be school tours on offer to past students and family members to see how the school runs today – including seeing how classrooms have changed. Senior students will act as tour guides and look forward to sharing how the current school works with visitors. On Saturday, 5th November there will be displays of photographs, including class photographs, from the school's past. We invite community members to come and view the images and reconnect with former classmates and teachers. Other activities for the Saturday are in the planning stage, including food options. If you have historical photographs such as class photos, we would be keen to make a copy for the display. You can email the school at yackandandah.ps@education.vic.gov.au or call 02 6027 1431.

ARE YOU A FORMER STUDENT OF YACKANDANDAH PRIMARY SCHOOL? To help celebrate 150 years of public education in Victoria, some current students at Yackandandah Primary School are making a short film about interesting memories people have of their time at YPS. If you have something interesting to share (or know somebody who might), please get in contact with the school on 02 6027 1431 or via email to brendan.hogan@education.vic.gov.au



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A CONVERSATION WITH OUR NEWEST VOLUNTEER, SUSAN COLE

Q: What made you want to volunteer at Yack Museum?

SUSAN: Well, to make friends, give back, learn new skills, and learn fascinating facts.

Q: What have you learnt since working at the museum?

SUSAN: So much more than I ever thought I would! My office and retail skills have been upskilled. To that I can add, training as a museum attendant, cataloguing and data entry with the Collection (the heart of the museum, housing over 11,000 items!). Contributing to displays and exhibitions, the garden, and family research. There is always something to learn and someone helpful to learn it from.

Q: What do you like best about what you have learnt?

SUSAN: Engaging with the visitors is fun, seeing their interest piqued and sharing their enjoyment. It's a fascinating place to explore, full of the sagas of gold, war, fire, inventiveness, recycling, and even our local environment. Celebrating people's lives and resilience in detail, through everyday objects. Eight children in the tiny cottage without electricity or internet! In fact, all the families and lives that make Yack the community it is today, it is special.

Chris Zerbst

We are always on the lookout for volunteers to manage the many and varied jobs required to keep our doors open, and we would love to have more. In fact, we are now in need, more than ever. If you have the skills or would like to learn through training and ongoing support to be a - museum attendant, researcher, publication and display designer, social media whiz, indexer, or conservationist, then come in and have a chat. For anyone considering work experience with a community focused group, this is an opportunity that would look good on any resume.

Sharing the history of Yackandandah is another important role that the Museum plays. We recently had members from the local YCC arm of the University of the 3rd Age, visit the Museum following their discussion regarding early Squatters and Selectors in Yackandandah. Their tour of the Museum, cottage and collections room was a fitting finish to their learning.

In August, a total of fifty-seven students from the Yackandandah Primary School, were given a tour of the Museum, the cottage and collection room to enhance their current topic "What do we know about the lives of people in Australia's colonial past and how do we know?" Brendan Hogan who initiated the tour for his students said they were most impressed and thanked the volunteers involved for their effort in preparing the information and for the way it was presented.

GOOD WORK MEN'S SHED

Recently members of the Yack Men's Shed took on two jobs that needed repair. The "double dunny" was realigned to rectify the lean developing towards the eastern fence. They also replaced the base of the red telephone box. We appreciate their



Grateful thanks to the Yack Men's Shed (alias the Yack Shack) for their phone box assistance

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BEHIND THE DOOR of CC's Butcher Shop

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Alexander Priestley, Bootmaker

hand-sewn slicing boots. Made to order, they were sent as far away as Queensland. The boots were designed for the leather to unfold at the top and to be pulled up as high as the waist for wading. The sole was held in place using box-wood pegs. Alexander took great care in the making of his boots allowing for bunions and other foot problems. Fire burnt down his shop in 1932 and his cobbler's bench is now exhibited at the Museum. His daughter, Sister Adelaide Jane, served as a nurse in WW1 and her name is included on the plaque in the Soldiers Memorial Park.

WHAT'S COMING UP

On Sunday, 23rd October at 2pm, we are holding our annual Cemetery Walk.

This year the focus will be on families who lost more than one child under the age of fourteen, to what today are preventable diseases. Dr Rebecca McGowan will describe the various illnesses, their treatment and prevention. All members of the public are invited to attend, the cost is \$5 p/head. If you wish to attend, you can book with us or turn up on the day.

Also, towards the end of October we will be opening our new exhibition which is a celebration of three anniversaries – the Yackandandah School (150 years), YCDCo (20 years) and the Men's Shed (10 years).

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On Sunday 11th September, local residents, Jaime and Taylor, tied the knot in a lovely afternoon wedding at Osbornes Flat Hall.

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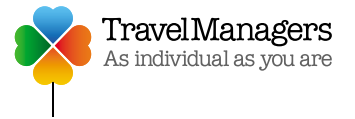
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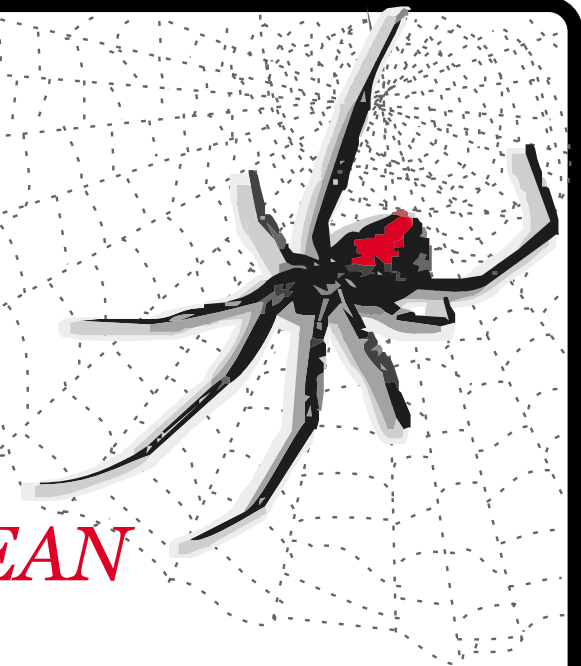
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At a time when so much of the world feels lost and adrift, Charli flies into John’s room at Sunset Oaks and into his heart. Together they unlock the dramatic rescue of the Uiver plane and the little pearls of wisdom we all need, to face life and to face death. This is a story of then and now and what is yet to come.

All the Shining Lights was created written by Yackandandah teacher Brendan Hogan. Recently we caught up with Brendan to learn more about the play’s development.

“My first introduction to the Uiver story was many years ago. I had been involved with Albury Wodonga Theatre Company and had a very small role in the play held in a hangar at the Albury airport. At the time I didn’t think any more of it, however my wife Carm was passionate about the idea - that it could be a great story for children.

During the day I teach year five and six students at Yackandandah Primary. The original play was more of an adult version, our goal was to retell it for a younger audience. In the big cities it’s at times common place, but in regional areas high quality theatre for families and young people is often not catered for.

Back in 2016, Carm and I began the idea of reimagining the story. At the time some people had no idea or had forgotten about the Uiver story. So, it was time to commence the development on how we might retell it for this new audience.



Well known playwright and director, Brendan Hogan

Once the play became involved in the HotHouse Program *Celsius*, it quickly evolved and took on different ideas and different themes and a really enriched and built out beyond what we had initially come up with.

When HotHouse commissioned the work last year it really supercharged the development. As a writer, you write stuff because you want it to be performed. So, once it was commissioned, it then becomes your priority. Starting out on other projects I would usually need to write, direct, produce and do every other aspect of it. Now with the support of HotHouse I was able to focus fully on the writing and, in collaboration, draw on the professional skills of others who could bring their own creativity.

The title *All the Shining Lights* came quite late. The story centres quite heavily on the Uiver story, but

in naming it *The Uiver Story* or something like that, the word is hard to pronounce and only going to confuse people.

The title was developed from different themes or concepts within the play. When the Uiver landed in Albury it was a row of car headlights on the racetrack that lit up and guided it down. In the play we also talk about the stars in the night sky and the idea that although the stars that we see may be burnt up, we can still be guided by their legacy.

The most thrilling part for me now is that I can’t wait for November when everyone can come along and enjoy it.”

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Robyn, Yackandandah

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Coming activities involving the Sub-Branch include organising Remembrance Day Services in Yackandandah, Kiewa/ Tangambalanga and Tallangatta, Poppy Appeal raising funds used in RSL Welfare, and the unveiling of a 'Lone Pine' tree at the Kiewa Valley Primary School organised by the Charles-Jones family in recognition of the role that KVPS played in their education

The Sub Branch's activities also include connection with ex-service veterans to ensure that their welfare needs are being met and to provide social outlet with those who have also served.

Contact with the Kiewa RSL can be made through Secretary, Damian Ley, 0408 618 659, or President Colin McMahon 02 6071 8630.

QUEEN ELIZABETH II DIES AT THE AGE OF 96

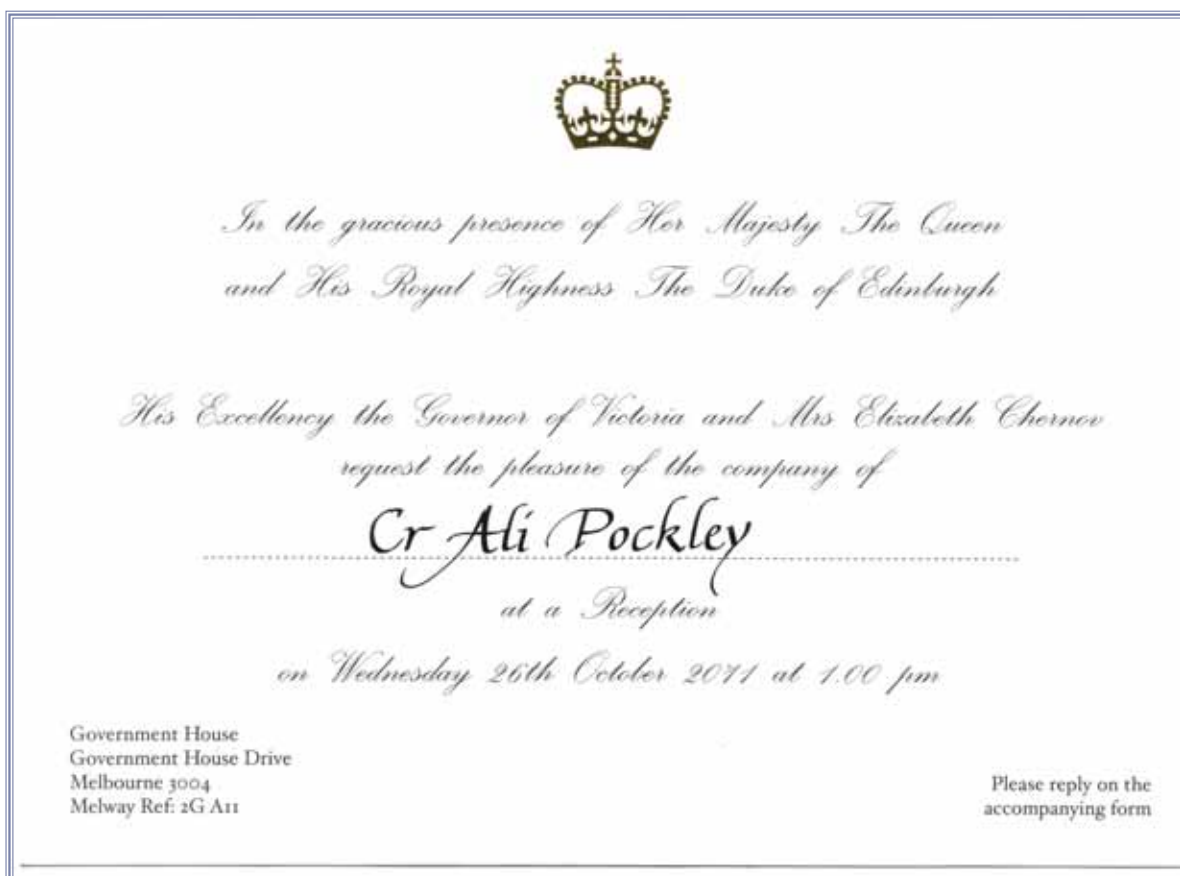
Pretty much everything about the death of the Queen has been said over the past few weeks, but there was one small event that will live on in the memories of two locals who were invited to meet the Queen and Prince Philip in October 2011

Wednesday 26th October 2011, at 1pm I was privileged to be invited to Government House in Melbourne representing The Victorian State Emergency Service. This visit was part of the Emergency Services participation in the 2011 floods and fires which our Yackandandah SES unit was part of. I was extremely happy to be invited to such an event. The thought of meeting the Queen was something that I never thought possible.

Entering Government House, the guests were advised not to carry anything, this included handbags or mobile phones. We were then checked before entering the building. I wish that I had been able to take photos, but this was not allowed. Once we were inside the building, we were given a run down on what we could and couldn't do. There were many rules when addressing the Queen and I certainly didn't want to get this wrong. The chances of her actually speaking to me was low as we were all grouped into groups of different Emergency Service agency representatives.

Once we were grouped, we were told of the Queen and her husband, The Duke of Edinburgh's arrival and we all went silent. Watching the Queen walk into the building with her husband walking behind was surreal. She looked amazing and once the introductions were over the Queen moved around the groups to chat. I was lucky enough that she spoke to me.

The scariest moment for me was getting the curtsy correct. I'd practised a few days prior not thinking that I would need to do it but then, here I was curtsying before the Queen. I held her hand and did my best curtsy and as for protocol I must have done alright as we then had a chat about which Emergency Service I was from and what we did



during the fires. I answered everything but thinking back, the Queen was probably thinking where on earth is Yackandandah!

She reminded me of my late grandmother who was born and lived in England. Regal and very approachable. My grandmother's hair style was similar, so I was taken back a little when I first saw the Queen. She wore a lovely brooch which my grandmother always wore when she went out. And of course, the Queen wore white gloves which matched her floral dress.

The memories I have of this extraordinary invite are wonderful and I was saddened to hear of her passing. The Queen must have had many handshakes and curtsies over her seventy years service and she would not have remembered mine, but I certainly remember my encounter with Her Majesty The Queen.

Jackie Ashman

It's not every day that you receive an invitation to meet up with English royalty, even as Mayor of the local council.

Two residents of Indigo Shire were invited to Melbourne in October 2011 to meet with Her Majesty the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh. Invitations were issued largely to people from regional and rural areas that had suffered from natural disasters – fire or floods, rather than the great and the good from Melbourne.

Fortunately, I made some notes after the event as now things are a little hazy in my imagination. Security was phenomenally tight and we went through three checks before being allowed into the rather magnificent ballroom at Government House.

I had forgotten that the half hour reception planned was reduced to a mere ten minutes due to unspecified delays beforehand and that the Royal party were half an hour late. Three

hundred and fifty people were present at the reception so those that had an audience were pretty lucky!

The Royal party were very adept at working the room. They parted company and the Queen went to one part of the room and the Duke of Edinburgh to the other. I wasn't spoken to directly by the Duke but was very close, and to watch him was a lesson in how to make small talk and close a conversation with consummate ease.

It was a great shame that their visit was rushed,

but probably more disappointing for the younger members of the audience; there were many children there of school age who had been clearly very excited to be invited to the event.

Jackie was delighted to speak with the Queen and was nearly speechless with delight afterwards!

I recall noting how much smaller the Queen and Prince Philip were than I had imagined, and that the Queen was wearing a white suit with a pale pink floral pattern with an eye catching cyclamen coloured straw boater.

I was in Melbourne also attending a Rural Councils of Victoria meeting and a Municipal Association of Victoria forum with two dinners and a stay at the Hotel Windsor. Quite an action packed couple of days in the life of a rural Mayor...

Ali Pockley

LIONS CLUB CELEBRATING SUCCESS 10 YEARS ON

Yackandandah Lions Club were delighted to celebrate the 10 year anniversary of the Yackandandah Men's Shed during September.

In 2012, John Bradley raised the need for a men's shed in Yackandandah with the Lions Club. There was concern that the men in the town needed somewhere they could meet and socialize with other blokes. The Men's Shed Victoria ethos is "men do not talk face to face, they talk shoulder to shoulder".



The Lions Club agreed to auspice the Yackandandah Men's Shed, a large undertaking with widespread support from the men in the town, the community, health services and Jenny Dale. Jenny Dale took on the role of Treasurer of the Men's Shed in addition to her Lions Club Treasurer role at the time..

A site for the shed was agreed with Yackandandah Health and in the intervening years the Men's Shed has flourished. One of the most successful men's sheds in operation, they repair furniture, make special projects like garden beds, shelving and cupboards on request. They also weld broken equipment.

The 10th anniversary celebration was attended by Yackandandah Lions Jeff Lacey, Wes Somerville, Reg Jackson, Kevin Johnson, Lyn Buerckner, Phil Buerckner, Mathew Smith, Lions at large Jenny Dale, John Dale and ex Yackandandah Lion, Peter May.



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YACK LIONS CLUB MARKETS



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

16th October

20th November

18th December

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

Please check what's happening via their Web page:
yackandandah.vic.lions.org.au

All Aboard!!!!

The Guard at Yack Station is up and running again! Recently relocated back to the beautiful North East from the Mornington Peninsula, Gary and Samm bring a combined multi-decades worth of hospitality and community service industry experience to you. Loving life back in the region, we are revelling in a slower paced lifestyle filled with wonderful opportunities and people. You may already recognise Gary's face as the "top pub" Trivia Master or perhaps his voice, from his Thursday night "Just Press Play with Gary" on Indigo FM radio?



We aim to provide warm friendly service, great tunes (early morning vinyl gets us started), "just like grandma made" slices and sweet treats that evoke warm memories, housemade jaffle fillings to warm your bellies, and really great Sixpence coffee.

We welcome you at The Guard from 6:30am - 3:00pm Thursday to Monday. You can also follow us on Instagram and Facebook @theguard.yack Come and say hi!

Samm and Gary xo



YCDCo are delighted to have been involved in the setting up of Yack's first EV charger behind the Star Hotel, in the Council car park. It has been a pleasure

to work hand in glove with some great Yack and locally based organisations, and to see the results of our Community Grant program fully in action.

If your organisation has a project that needs extra funding, then please check out our website, download the application form and send it to us. We meet monthly and assess applications

regularly, not just at one time of the year.

<https://www.ycdco.com.au/community>

We currently have a waiting list for people wanting to buy YCDCo shares. They are at an all time high at present (\$293 per share) so if you were one of the lucky peeps that bought at the set up of YCDCo, you will have nearly trebled your initial investment, and not many companies can boast that.

Click on our website - <https://www.ycdco.com.au/shareholders> and scroll down to "Selling and Transferring Shares".

THE ARTS IN YACKANDANDAH

The Big Bike Film night

The Big Bike Film Night's mission is to bring the best cycling short films from around the world together for you, and the 2022 collection is coming to the Yackandandah Courthouse at **7.30pm on Saturday, October 1.**



The collection has everything a cycle-centric audience could want - action, drama, humour, and plenty of inspiration; the evening is unashamedly and utterly, utterly, utterly designed and devised for the two-wheel devotee! The short films are a great reminder of why we love to ride our bike; with stories that captivate us, stories that make us think, and most importantly of all- inspiring us to get out and ride. All celebrate the fun, adventure, and joy that cycling enables.

Purchase a ticket to attend the Big Bike Film Night and you could WIN A TRIP TO NEW ZEALAND including return flights for two, and a personally curated cycling holiday on the Great Rides cycling network for you and a mate. Head to www.bigbikefilmnight.nz for tickets and details.

Arts Yackandandah AGM

Arts Yackandandah's AGM will be held on **Thursday, October 13 at 7.30pm** in the Public Hall. The meeting will be held in two parts, following a format established during lockdown years. The first half will be the formal part of the gathering, where the finances and activities of the last year will be reported, and a new committee elected. Following a shared supper, the second half will resemble a casual soiree, with walk-up performances by members and friends of Arts Yackandandah.

Please RSVP via arts@yackandandah.com, and come along with a plate of something supper-ry to share, and if you're keen to participate, a song you've learned, a poem you've written, an artwork you've produced, or the output of anything creative you've done in 2022. We look forward to seeing you there!

The Lady in the Van

"The Lady in the Van" was performed in the Public Hall on August 6, by the Highway 1 Theatre Company. The following is a review of the performance by Alison Higgins.

A visit to the theatre is something to look forward to and the recent production of Alan Bennett's "The Lady in the Van" by Highway 1 Theatre Company didn't disappoint.

Many will be familiar with the story of Miss Shepherd and her van (there were three, all painted yellow) which was parked in Alan Bennett's front garden from 1974 until her death in 1989. The story originally appeared in The London Review of Books, became a play and then a film - both starring Dame Maggie Smith. This production, directed by Tracey Shields, featured two Alans - with matching fair isle jumpers- one the writer, talking to us and to the other Alan who interacted

with Miss Shepherd - listening to her requests, ideas and complaints.

Among other activities, she sold pencils from the pavement. We meet a couple of neighbours and other characters, notably the social workers. Miss Shepherd was a prickly character, seemingly ungrateful for the help she received. Over the play we learn of her previous life - trying to become a nun, and her musical prowess on the piano. After her death we meet her brother briefly who tells us he had to have her admitted to a mental hospital. The van was effectively suggested as a kind of cupboard with the doors opening to the front of the stage. The cast, many of whom played more than one character, were most engaging. Rosey Cullinan's



portrayal of Miss Shepherd was a tour de force - a wonderful assortment of odd headgear marking the passage of time.

Highway 1 certainly provides a grand live theatre experience for the smaller regional towns.

UKE-N-DANDAH



Yackandandah's own Ukulele Club is proudly associated with Arts Yackandandah.

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The passion to create good pots is still strong even though the body is not quite as resilient as it once was. The challenges presented by the demanding processes of salt glazing and Terra Sigillata have not lessened over the years. Indeed, the difficulties associated with obtaining a reliable source for many of my raw materials has made things even more challenging and the outcomes even less predictable. Nevertheless, while my body is still able and my determination not to be beaten is still strong, I will strive to push the boundaries and weather and overcome the constant challenges. My perception of what makes a "good pot" has not changed markedly over the years. The timelessness of good pots is testament to their longevity. I continue to create forms that fulfil my ideals and embellish them with techniques that give me pleasure and satisfaction.

The exhibition will again spread over the extended period of two weekends and the working week between them. This will alleviate problems caused by the Victorian State elections and continued Covid concerns, allowing more flexible planning. It would give me great pleasure to share this year's endeavours with you.

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Spring Writers' Group

Early next month our writers' group will be meeting in a town half an hour's drive away, a step outside our normal routine of gathering inside the red brick structure that was once the Yackandandah Courthouse, across the road from the public pool and community garden.

Monthly we gather. Push rectangular tables together to form a larger rectangle, plug the heater in and turn it up to warm winter air. Monthly we sit together and chew over one another's work, taking turns to offer ideas and suggestions. One piece at a time. Masticating together on the meat and gristle of our words, respectfully spitting out bits we can't digest, nodding and noticing elements to our liking, making notes on desirable flavour and texture.

The cast of characters: the bearded one, our Gandalf; the jam maker with mischievous eyes; the ever-empathic wise woman; the muso who teaches Japanese; the diminutive one with an immaculate garden; an ex-librarian with an infectious smile; a softly spoken woman with a penchant for punctuation, peering over spectacles; the editor of the free local rag; our wordsmith leader, effortlessly commanding us, pulling us all together and impressing with her words. And me, a relative newbie, taking it all in, trying to master the telling of a thing, trying to make words sing.

When my piece is dished up to the table I scribble down notes, do my best to ensure I take meaning as intended. Hungry mind feeding on tasty morsels. Head spinning with ways to make words work better, polish and preen. We take turns to bring afternoon tea, a home-baked cake is often warm, fresh from the tin. We sip steaming coffee and tea from clinking cups and saucers retrieved from the kitchen out the back. When our time is up, we band together, wash up, return tables and chairs to their stacked positions. Chatting and chattering, chuckling. Linger over meaty conversations.

What does a writer need? A room of her own. Ideas. A way with words. A good pen. Reams of paper. A reliable hard drive. A deadline. Persistence.

Perseverance. Patience. A trusted community of others to share story, consider structure, mull over the shape of things.

Each meeting marks the turning of a calendar page, another piece submitted, workshopped and re-worked. Desire for writing re-kindled each time we meet.

Being a regional writer can be akin to being a lone rider in a vast landscape, on an unpredictable steed. But here, in our safe space nested within another safe space; a little community of writers within a community of creativity-minded residents. Judge and jury of one another's work in the courthouse. Month after month.

A routine, a ritual, a ripe thing.

Through the window wrens hop - females in unremarkable feather, barely discernible in dun-coloured lawn leached of green by too many frosts, pop from the field to greet the engaged observer, rewarding the attuned eye. Laden with purple flower, the hardenbergia threatens to devour the substantial structure created to support it, making it look puny. There, on the ovens wattle that self-seeded with gusto in the garden bed, the first bright fluffy balls have shot overnight - one of three indigenous wattles, doing its thing, where it belongs, its rightful place.

Spring will come and summer will follow. And together, we will write.

Kerryn Wilson - September 2022

The Yackandandah Writers meet on the first Wednesday of the month in the Yackandandah Courthouse. New members are welcome. Contact Bev Lello at beverley.ello@gmail.com

FELA AND AMELIA'S STELLAR PERFORMANCES AT THE ALBURY WODONGA EISTEDDFOD



Amelia and Fela with their certificates

Two of our very own young Yackandandah residents participated in the 2022 Albury Wodonga Eisteddfod on Sunday, 7th August, and both performed brilliantly.

Amelia Grenfell and Fela Gilbert are taught by David Pietsch (Violindigo) by the Suzuki method. The Suzuki method encourages performance, playing in groups and playing

Lichner.

The adjudicator, Anne Whale who is a music teacher and conductor, commented on his 'very stylish and musical performance' and 'very good stage presentation. Overall, a confident ... and musical



Teacher, David Pietsch and Fela at the Eisteddfod

player'.

Amelia took home two silver medals for her violin performances of Long, Long Ago by T.H. Bayly and Allegro by Shinichi Suzuki. Ms. Whale noted that Amelia was 'a very confident performer' and she had given 'a very expressive interpretation' of Suzuki's Allegro.

The adjudicator had clearly enjoyed both players' performances and was very encouraging with her comments.

Overall, an extremely successful FIRST Eisteddfod for these two 7 year old musicians from Yackandandah.

They should be very proud!



Fela Gilbert and Eisteddfod medal

for an audience as a way to build self-esteem and an opportunity to work towards a goal.

Amelia entered both the Strings and Piano Bronze Categories and Fela Gilbert entered the Piano Bronze Category. Amelia and Fela were both the youngest contestants in their piano categories, and they performed beautifully.

Fela Gilbert took home a bronze medal for his piano solo performance of Short Story by Heinrich

RECIPE OF THE SEASON

It's Asparagus Season, and we can't get enough of it. Roasting asparagus brings out its best. The tips get a little crispy in the oven, and the flavour is more concentrated than it would be if you steamed or sautéed it. Roasted asparagus is the perfect springtime side dish, whether for lunch or dinner. As a bonus, it's simple to throw together while your main dish cooks on the stove.



Details and photo by "Cookie and Kate"

refrigerator. It will stay fresh for several days longer this way!

How to Prep

Asparagus - The ends of asparagus can be unpleasantly tough and woody. To remove those parts, sharply bend the asparagus near the base. The asparagus will snap in the right place. You can use the discarded ends for a veggie stock.

How to Roast

Asparagus - Roasting asparagus is easy

and quick! Simply toss your prepared asparagus with a light drizzle of olive oil, and a sprinkle of salt and pepper. I like to do this on a large, rimmed baking sheet lined with parchment paper for easy clean-up.

Bake until the asparagus is easily pierced through by a fork, which will vary depending on the thickness of your asparagus. Pencil-thin asparagus will be done in as little as 10 minutes. Thicker asparagus will need between 15 to 20 minutes.

How to Season

Asparagus - Here are some ideas for flavours that will complement your roasted asparagus. Keep it simple and choose just one or two. Or go all-out use all four of the first ideas.

- Lemon zest and/or lemon wedges
- Sprinkle of finely grated Parmesan cheese
- Small handful of fresh mint or parsley, finely chopped
- Light sprinkle of red pepper flakes
- Pat or two of butter
- Light drizzle of balsamic reduction or thick balsamic vinegar
- Toasted sliced almonds

Reg's Rain Report



2022	Millimetres	Days of Rain
January	212.2	7
February	3.0	1
March	80.4	5
April	46.0	10
May	96.6	12
June	126.8	19
July	48.0	8
August	176.6	16
Sept to 16th	84.0	6
TOTAL	873.6	84
To: 16/9/20	682.2	86
To: 16/9/21	777.2	81

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Yackandandah Times (Vic: 1890 - 1931), Friday 28 December 1894, page 3

'THE WATER DELUSION'

(To the Editor of Yackandandah Times)

Sir, — In your last issue I noticed that Mr John Yale delivered a lecture recently on 'The Wine Delusion.' Having a little spare time at my command on Christmas Day I was cogitating over the question as I occasionally sipped at a glass of the deluding stuff. I had procured a glass of water, but I could not summon the courage to drink it after I had made up a list of the evil effects of water. I shaped my thoughts into the form of an essay as follows: —

Water is a terrible fluid that drowns people. It is composed of two gases on neither of which could life be sustained. Every year thousands upon thousands of people are killed by this dreadful fluid, leaving sorrowing widows and orphans behind them; and yet our wicked Parliament refuses to prohibit it. Water sometimes gets into houses and ruins the walls and ceilings, and spoils the carpets. Many horrible diseases are brought about by this water, such as rheumatism and pleurisy. It is very dangerous to drink water if your stomach is heated, as colic and inflammation often result from taking a copious draught. A stiff nobbler of spirits is far safer. Water is the home of disease germs. Typhoid fever, cholera, and hydatids are all brought about by drinking water. Water rises in the form of floods, and then whole towns are swept away, and hundreds of people meet their death. Often the farmers' crops are completely ruined, sometimes people get water in their boots; then they catch cold and die. If you put sponge cake in water you will find that it becomes pulpy and uneatable.

If water gets at the bread bin the bread becomes mouldy and has to be thrown away. Water will take half the value off a new silk hat, and spoils a lady's nice dress and hat. Mud is made of water mixed with earth. When water descends from the clouds we call it rain, and in this form it spoils picnics and sports and makes our streets and roads muddy. Water left standing for a certain time gives off an offensive smell, and will be found to contain thousands upon thousands of tiny insects, and to breed disease and death. If you put your boots in water you will find that all the blacking comes off them.

— Yours, &c., WINEBIBBER.

Cryptic Crossword #7

Compiled by Bill Buchanan

ACROSS

6 Steam; 8 Trounce; 9 Brim; 10 King Herod; 11 Bistro; 12 Leakages; 13 Ignite; 15 Events; 18 Bedtimes; 20 Shoddy; 22 Tarantula; 23 Foot; 24 Armfuls; 25 Eyrie.

DOWN

1 Usurping; 2 Helmet; 3 For Heavens sake; 4 Increase; 5 Needle; 7 Make ones mind up; 8 Tangle; 14 Interims; 16 Tadpoles; 17 Issues; 19 Extras; 21 Oxford

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YACK GARDEN CLUB



Under the Arbor

A CHAT WITH JILL WHITFORD and a Visit to "Magpie Rise"

As I drove into Jill Whitford's property, 'Magpie Rise', as if on cue, a magpie appears on her lawn. Jill is a stalwart



Jill in her and Richard's lovely garden

fruit. Jill's approach to gardening is to make it easy and sustainable, and when you walk around their garden, you can see this at every turn. Jill doesn't just talk about the environment, she is an active environmentalist, with an eye to creating a sustainable ecosystem around her, planting wide varieties, mulching and giving more to her garden than taking from it. While Jill's garden is pleasing to the eye and to the environment, it is most pleasing to Jill's health and wellbeing. Thank you, Jill for sharing with me the spot in your garden where you go and exercise Tai Chi, while invigorating yourself and no doubt planning your next creative garden project.

Karen Keegan

A GARDENING TIP – LAWN CARE

The beauty bought to a garden by the change in seasons cannot be underrated, especially when spring is upon us and our gardens are bursting with colour and fragrance. It is also the perfect time to renovate your lawn while your soil is soft from winter rain.

During winter the lawns are reasonably dormant but now the soil temperatures are perfect for root establishment and spreading. Lawns will naturally start to do this but without a little help from adding nutrition, it is limited to what remains in the soil. Spring is the ideal time to fertilise all varieties of lawns, check your local store for the product best suited to your lawn variety.

TWO JOBS YOU CAN DO TO HELP RESURRECT YOUR LAWN

Coring: Soil compaction is a killer and over a period of time from walking, mowing and general use, the soil can go hard and the lawn thin out, a perfect time for weeds to take over. Coring to a depth of approximately 10cm in length and twig sized, you are allowing the soil to breathe again. This can be done using an inexpensive hand corer from your local garden centre. After coring, lightly top dress your lawn with about 1 cm of coarse sand and spread gypsum over the area. The sand and gypsum will work their way down the core holes, improving drainage and turf quality.

Scalping: Another helpful hint to get rid of hardened old growth that has developed over winter is to scalp your lawn. The easiest method to encourage new growth is to turn the mower blades right down and "scalp" away all the old growth. This removes old leaves and the lawn will recover with nice soft new growth. The best time to carry out this procedure is from October to December on warm season grasses and from September to October on cool season grasses.

WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO

One of the outings our members enjoy is to visit a local garden. We do not expect them to be picture perfect, in fact we love them to be working gardens that may offer inspiration, a place to delight our senses, enjoy a pleasant stroll and of course the opportunity to have morning tea with friends.

We have visited two such gardens recently, the first being member Trish McGowan's garden at Baranduda. Growing trees was a priority for Trish while she was working full time. Many gum trees were planted in 1984, and are now well

established. A variety of deciduous trees, planted over the last ten years, are now interspersed with the gums giving her wide expanse of lawn wonderful structure. Since joining the Garden Club and having more time on her hands, Trish is delighted with how her garden beds have flourished and so too were the members who visited her garden. It is interesting to note that the vegetable garden is all contained in raised wicking beds, a wonderful way to conserve energy and water in Trish's mind.

Gandy's Forest, the home of Gary Haywood, was the second garden members visited. Gandy's Forest is a beautiful oasis for native animals, birds, insects and water creatures. Gary and his late



A Yack Garden Club expedition to Gandy's Forest

of the Yackandandah Garden Club; if she is not tending to the gardens and tubs on High Street as part of Streetscape team, she will be tending to the roses at the Cemetery or hosting visitors to her wonderful home garden. Jill grew up with a garden fork in her hand, when times were tough. Jill explained that her mum loved her garden and grew all her vegetables, she shadowed her mum and thus her love of gardening started early. Jill and Richard have created a mosaic of plants and trees, their orchard gifting them apples, pears, apricots, peaches, nectarines, oranges and lemons. Oh, and I must mention the passion that Jill has for tomatoes, she starts the germination

partner, Andy bought the 8-acre property about 5 years ago. They cleared a lot of blackberries and planted hundreds of native trees and shrubs as well as building their home.

Their aim was to regenerate the land and to share this space with the native wildlife. Gary has continued to maintain this beautiful garden, as well as an extensive vegetable and herb garden. He uses a hot-house to grow plants from seeds and tube stock. Gary has host bee hives and these bees are able to enjoy 3 acres of tea tree plants, producing delicious Manuka honey. He is also passionate about growing native Sandalwood trees and has successfully grown quite a few from seeds using wattle trees as host plants. It was such a pleasure to wander around Gandy's Forest while listening to the birds and frogs and seeing the hard work and passion that has gone into making this wonderful garden.

Are you looking for a Christmas present that reflects Yack? Then look no further! Our 2023 Garden Club Calendar is in print and will be available in local shops in time purchase for Xmas gifts.

CONTACT US

Meetings: We meet at 'Wellsford House', Wellsford St, Yackandandah, at 7 pm on the 2nd Thursday, bi-monthly (beginning in February). If you are interested in joining the club or coming to a meeting, don't hesitate to contact us by email or phone. (Membership is not required to attend a meeting.)

Email: yack.garden.club@outlook.com

Phone: 0428 116 562, President Cheryl Frawley

Post: P.O. Box 178, Yackandandah Vic 3749



Spring at Magpie Rise

early, even using an electric blanket to ensure they had stable warmth as they germinated. Now that is a love of tomatoes!

Jill and Richard love to live from the fresh produce from their garden which extends into preserving or solar drying their tomatoes and

LOOKING FOR A VENUE??

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

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

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

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



YACK TENNIS CLUB



CALLING ANYONE KEEN TO TRY TENNIS!

ANZ Hot Shots - Community Play is happening again! Anyone pre-school & primary school aged is welcome, no matter their skill level!

4 Wednesdays in Term 4, 2022 and 4 Wednesdays in Term 1, 2023

TERM 4, 2022 - The first Wednesday will be 16th November, and thereafter the 23/11, 30/11 and 7/12 (with Wed 14/12 as a back-up session if needed), straight after school.

TERM 1, 2023 - The first Wednesday will be the 1st March, and thereafter the 8/3, 15/3 and 22/3 (with Wed 29/3 as a back-up session if needed), straight after school.

TIME: 3.45-4.30pm at the Yackandandah Tennis Club

The idea is to inspire/expose/nurture 'kids and tennis' to see if they like it and continue offering options for kids to help develop enough skills to go on and play junior competition etc. THIS IS NOT COACHING and PARENTS NEED TO STAY, support their child/ren, even have a hit with their child or another.

Cost is \$40 (one-off payment) for the 2022/23 season (for a total of 8 sessions) which includes Yackandandah Tennis Club Membership and insurance.

PLEASE complete the following as both are required to participate in Yack Hotshots Program with Louise:

Link 1 = Yackandandah Tennis Club Membership - <https://play.tennis.com.au/yackandandahtennisclub/Membership/Join>

Link 2 = Hotshots registration (includes free T-shirt) here: <https://hotshots.tennis.com.au/about/>

Louise Thornton will be attending all sessions. Her phone no is 0425 707 346 if you have any questions.

ALLANS FLAT TENNIS CLUB

It's tennis time again!

Allans Flat Tennis Club is looking forward to another stellar season of social and competitive tennis over 2022/23. Our Section Four junior team and Section One senior team have again signed up for the summer pennant competition in the Kiewa and Talgarno Tennis Association.

Grassroots Hotshots Coaching is happening after school on Thursday afternoons.

Keep an eye out on Facebook for announcements regarding our regular Sunday Social hits and how to join the club. A 12 month family membership is just \$70. Any enquiries can be directed to Earle Mason at allansflattennisclub@hotmail.com



YACK COMMUNITY BOWLING CLUB

VALE - Ted Hurse

Ted a hard working unassuming gentleman, was one of the people who built the Railway Avenue Bowling Club. He was green keeper from 1973 to 1982 using hand rollers and mowers. Remarkably he was still actively playing bowls in his 96th year. Ted, a life member, has left a huge legacy in the Club.

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Frank Artis (l), President of the Bowls Club presents Ted Hurse with his life membership

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Finally, for one of our lady members, the enviable joy of getting a hole in one has been

CLUBHOUSE NEWS

It is with much relief that the Golf Club will finally be able to replace our crumbling clubhouse with a new building.



Angela Bishop celebrates her hole in one

accomplished! Although it was not on our own Yack course, but at Yarrawonga while playing in their annual women's tournament, the honour went to Angela Bishop. When Ange phoned her parents, her mum said "You win a car for that!" Unfortunately, not in this case, but Ange was presented with a decent bottle of Scotch and her winning ball is to be mounted in a trophy. The Yack Women's annual Bowl will be held on the 26th October and funnily enough, Angela's employer, *Foundry Financial Planning* in Albury, are putting up a \$1,000 purse for a hole in one. There is hope for us all yet!

Another achievement by one of our women members was to win



Mary Cardwell presents Robyn Davies with the Mary Cardwell trophy

the Mary Cardwell Trophy. This event is awarded to the player with the best aggregate scratch score, from the NEDGA Sandgreen Championships (Rutherglen) and the NEDGA Championships (Mansfield - on either day). The trophy was donated by Mary Cardwell in 2009 as an encouragement to women over sixty-five to keep active and playing golf. Mary, a champion golfer in playing days, was on hand to award her trophy to this year's winner, Robyn Davies.

For many years the committee has been petitioning for a grant and we have been advised that Indigo Shire Council have been successful with their application to Sport & Recreation Victoria to allocate a large part of the cost towards our new clubroom. Our sincere thanks go to Council for working on our behalf to secure this grant.

We have also been successful in winning a small grant from Indigo Shire Council to stage a coaching clinic to help local folk stay active. The clinic, ran by Wodonga Golf Club Professional, Gavin Vearing, will take place over three consecutive weeks for persons ten years and upwards. We are looking forward to inspiring new and existing players to improve their golfing ambitions.

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

For more membership information or to make inquiries, visit:

- Website:** <https://golfclub.yackandandah.com>
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