

Yackandandah Health members vote to join the Apollo Care Alliance

The members of Yackandandah Health Ltd. (YHL) have given strong support for the organisation to join the Apollo Care Alliance. After twelve weeks of solid community consultation, discussion and debate the vote was concluded at a Special General Meeting on 27th September, 2023 and delivered 84% approval from the members. Of the 340 members who voted 284 supported the motion, 52 voted against and 4 people abstained.

Thanks to Matt Grogan and staff from Halliday Solicitors, who professionally undertook the scrutineers' work of the voting process.

Yackandandah Health Limited will continue to operate the three services under the management of the Apollo Care Alliance, who have indicated they will progressively invest in staff, systems and buildings to upgrade services and improve governance.

This includes 80 current residents in Yamaroo, 7 residents in our independent living units, the families of 44 children at Little Yacks early childhood centre, the regular users of the GP clinic, and YHL's 140 employees.

Many Yack residents will be aware that there has been a great deal of concern about the use of the land at the back of the property in Racecourse Road. However, Apollo Care have stated that the Aged Care Facility and vacant land will only be

used for the purposes of the Aged Care Business or for use by the Yackandandah community; and that any proposal by Apollo for alternate usage of the facility and vacant land will be subject to consultation with the Yackandandah community.

Apollo Care has agreed to honour and fulfil all



Yackandandah Health - showing the footprint of the complex site.
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current residents' agreements and employee agreements and entitlements. There will be independent reviews carried out on both the Medical Centre and Little Yacks within the first twelve months, and the Men's Shed will have a long term lease at a peppercorn rent.

YHL's Board Chair Patten Bridge was pleased the members voted strongly in favour of the decision. "Our priority has been to determine the best and most realistic solution which will place these valued services on a strong footing for the future.

"We are pleased with the Apollo Care alliance commitment to ensure the continued provision of high-quality care to residents, whilst also providing access to proven residential aged care management expertise plus the capital to improve operational efficiencies, maximise time spent on resident care, and expand the early learning and medical services."

Patten offered sincere thanks to the residents and families and the staff of Yack Health who stuck with the process despite a prolonged period of uncertainty. He also thanked all previous board members and everyone who had contributed to the discussion through attendance at meetings, participation in working groups and providing advice (of which there was no shortage!).

Patten particularly noted the contributions of Heather Maddock, Margo Northey, Diane Shephard, Fabian Burder and Ben Evans for their roles on the recent board, and Mickey Clark from Outsider MD for his support and guidance. "It is our task now to get behind the new structure and make sure it can continue to thrive and grow as a service to our community."

Can it really be twenty long years since seven inspired (and inspiring) people got together in the Top Pub and formed the group that would see Yack not only retain its fuel supply, but have a top-notch service station that many a large town would envy?

It not only provides fuel, stockfeed, farm equipment, building and gardening products and many, many more items, but it ploughs large quantities of dollars back into the township and surrounds via its Community Commitment fund, and also pays dividends to its shareholders.

No wonder YCDCo is a completely community-owned organisation that many other townships seek to emulate. It can largely be because of those committed seven Yack residents that firstly took a very large step into the unknown business world of fuel supply to set up the organisation, & then because of the others that followed to take up roles on the Board & as staff members, that have seen this small township business flourish mightily as locals and visitors support it in a major way.

Twenty years on the Board receive many enquiries about how the business was set up and how this business model can be replicated. Success indeed!

See page 21 for more details and how you can be involved.



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A RAMBLE WITH THE EDITOR

It has been a pretty nail-biting time with the lead up to the voting of the Yackandandah Health members to see whether the majority wish to see the transfer to Apollo Care. Now the result has been determined, it would be a huge shame to see a split in the community over this. Yack seems to have, by and large, been immune to the schisms that other communities find themselves in. It would be well to remember that we live in a democracy (lucky us) and that we need to abide by the result, and we will hopefully not see any witch hunts afterwards....

Spring is in full force now, which is lovely after the cold, wet and endless winter we had, but doubtless we will all be looking forward to cooler weather if the summer forecasts are to be believed. The CFA, as usual, are in the fore front of looking after our community, so please take the time to read their article, and pay them a visit on their Open Day. Their volunteers go over and beyond expectations, so a small thank you will doubtless be appreciated!

Lots going on in the next couple of months as you will see in this edition. The Garden Club is busy, as ever, and there are Open Gardens on. There are concerts to go to, art exhibitions, and I would be very remiss not to remind everyone about YCDCo's

20th Anniversary on Saturday, 25th November, with a barbecue in Isaac Park at lunchtime, and a dinner in the Public Hall in the evening. Get the date down now!

Thanks must go to Mickey Clarke who was very insistent on coming out to the Indigo Valley to interview me about the paper - he writes a mean article!

I have been thinking a bit about succession plans for the paper, so if there is anyone who has a burning desire to become Editor of one of Victoria's successful community newspapers, then now is the time to declare it. I will be looking at hanging up the green eyeshade some time next year so please get

in touch for an informal chat about what this paid job entails if you are remotely interested.

I would have liked to put a whole swag of recipes in this edition as, at home, we are currently drowing in eggs, limes, lemons, rhubarb, citrus and now asparagus! It's been a great time of bounty, so it's probably time I hang up the keyboard and go and make some lemon and lime butter which is the nearest thing to Nirvana that I can think of at the moment, with the exception of a cup of tea.

The kettle's boiling! Enjoy the spring and this edition.

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METHOD

Preheat the oven to 220C, gas mark 7. Wrap your asparagus stalks in the pancetta with tips poking out and place in a roasting tray. Drizzle with a little olive oil and roast in the preheated oven for 10 minutes or until the pancetta is crispy and golden. While the asparagus is cooking, start soft boiling your eggs. Carefully place into lightly salted boiling water for 5 minutes, cut off the lids and put them in eggcups for individual servings or an egg box if serving as nibbles at a party. Serve 4 asparagus soldiers each for dipping into your egg with a good pinch of salt and pepper.

INGREDIENTS (serves 4)

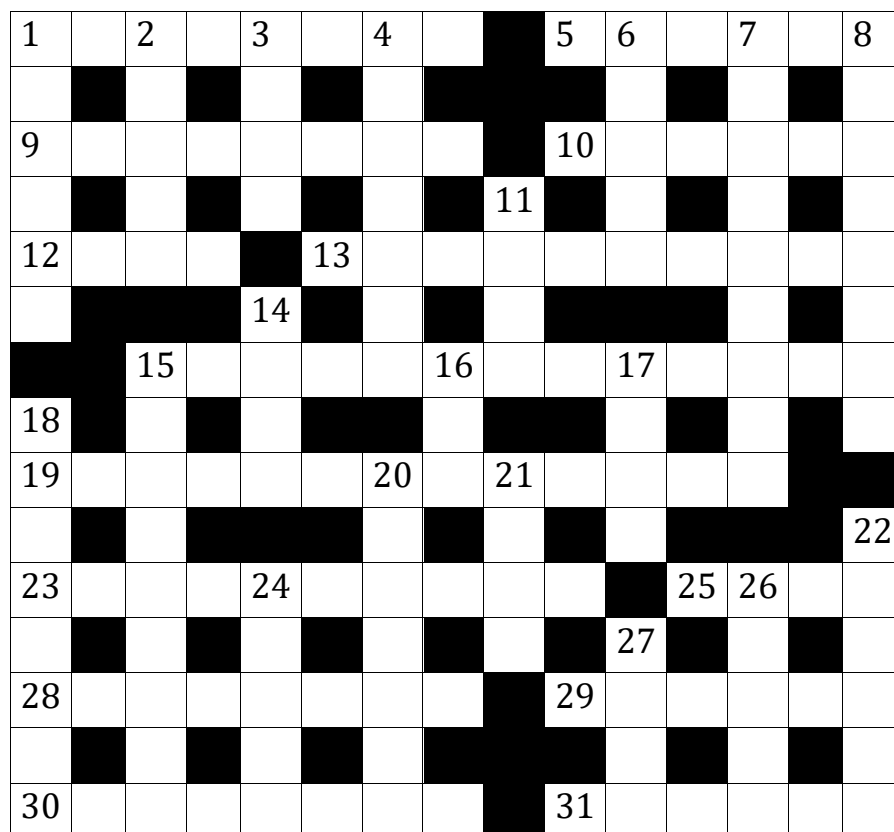
- 12 medium asparagus stalks, woody ends removed
- 12 rashers of thinly sliced pancetta or smoked streaky bacon
- Olive oil
- 4 large free-range or organic eggs
- Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper



CRYPTIC CROSSWORD #13

Bill Buchanan

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2023 – YACKANDANDAH

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Wow, where has 2023 gone? Christmas is coming around faster than any of us would like to acknowledge and it won't be long before it's here.

Bookings definitely make preparations easier for everyone – caterers and setting up. It's worked well over the past few years so I'd like to keep that practice in place where possible. We will still 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.

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Thank you once again to the many people, businesses, and sponsors for your most generous donations in 2022.

Date: Monday 25th December 2023

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

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD #13

Bill Buchanan

ACROSS

- 1 Erudite and dead cute! (8)
- 5 Not the warmest apparel for winter sport round the snow at first (6)
- 9 Put Dan Green in a precarious position (8)
- 10 Paddled while able with zero education cut short (6)
- 12 Return a bit of canvas (4)
- 13 Competence starts with headgear and ends with skill (10)
- 15 Purchase every bill, it seems obvious (2,3,8)
- 19 Apollo achieved feats out of this world (5,8)
- 23 These programs are shown on many channels (10)
- 25 Austin gave her a title role (4)
- 28 Gatecrashed, in no time initially carrying insulting note (8)
- 29 A more intimate hundred chases failure (6)
- 30 Crippling doubtful currency apparently (8)
- 31 Scan yonder gorge to see what's within (6)

DOWN

- 1 Smooth Eliot seen at ceremony (6)
- 2 And German takes queen below (5)
- 3 Too much sugar cane can produce it (4)
- 4 Peeper will see the orb (7)
- 6 The uniform colour identifies car access device, we hear (5)
- 7 Strangely, about the east points south again (9)
- 8 Miserable traveller (3,5)
- 11 Powder kept a metal can (4)
- 14 Both peel and fruit reportedly (4)
- 15 Riverside music brings monetary reward (9)
- 16 Find this in wild grasses in the lawn (3)
- 17 Has seeds sown randomly (4)
- 18 Silicates can be wondrously stretched (8)
- 20 Ends sleep with a funeral rite at both poles (7)
- 21 Ruminant beast brings up grass (4)
- 22 Unproductive pub about to have new start (6)
- 24 You will toughen with immersion in Yorkshire river (5)
- 26 Argentinian striker reports untidy play (5)
- 27 Luna Park ride could break forearm (4)

YACKANDANDAH COMMUNITY

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(An alcohol-free event)

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BACK ON DECK!

After a hiatus of four years, long time Brigade member Jennie McKern, 59, has returned to a leadership role within the Brigade.

Jennie, who was elected 2nd Lieutenant at the Brigade's biennial elections in May this year, says she decided to "throw her hat back in the ring" this year because she felt physically and mentally ready to return to being a member of the Brigade Management Team.

"As well, I felt with 20 odd years of knowledge and experience, I still have plenty to offer and to help/mentor the newer and/or younger members of the brigade," says Jennie who qualified as a Strike Team leader, a more senior role on the fire ground, two years ago. "Having been away for a little while, I'm seeing things from a slightly different perspective. It's reaffirmed my commitment to what I can do with the body I've got and the age that I am. And now I recognise that my mind and my leadership skills are what's going to take me forward."

Accordingly, she sees herself perhaps continuing to move into leadership roles within the CFA. "The more you learn with the CFA, the more you can apply it across other operational roles," says Jennie.

Jennie was the Brigade's First Lieutenant in April, 2019, when she snapped her ACL (anterior cruciate ligament) while fighting a fire on a property near Yackandandah. Recovery involved surgery and 12 months of rehabilitation. "I stepped down as Lieutenant then because I knew I would be non-operational for quite some time and thought it would give other members the chance to step up and contribute their skills," says Jennie who was a non-operational as a firefighter for 18 to 20 months. "I wasn't going to take on anything heavy duty until I felt confident in my physical abilities because that's common sense, part of the CFA's safety ethos, and I wanted to return to the team as a fully contributing member."

Jennie, whose husband Cameron McKern is a former Brigade captain and currently a Deputy Group Officer and Level 3 Incident Controller, joined the CFA shortly after Cameron in 2000. The couple, who had two young children at the time Briony and Callum, moved to Yackandandah from Melbourne in 1998. While Cameron grew up and then worked in Melbourne, Jennie's connection to Yackandandah goes back to when she lived in Albury as a child, visiting Yackandandah at the weekends to go horse-riding at a riding school on the edge of town. "We joined the Brigade because we had bought acreage backing on to the Stanley State Forest

and even as 'townies', recognised pretty quickly the potential for fire risk and therefore needed to know how to save ourselves, let alone anyone else," recalls Jennie.

Both Jennie and Cameron have been keen and active members of the Brigade ever since. In 2004 Jennie became the Brigade's first female lieutenant, working her way up to First Lieutenant over the years. Back then there were fewer women in the CFA, let alone in leadership roles; something that has changed over time. In her 20 years as a firefighter, Jennie has had a lot of practical fireground experience and training.



Jennie McKern, 2nd Lieutenant

The incidents that stick most in her memory are the campaign fires including the 2003 North-East/East Gippsland fires; the 2006 Great Divide

fires, the 2009 Black Saturday fires and the 2013 Blue Mountains fires where she was a member of strike teams. "The fires that have had the biggest impact on me have been the ones that threatened Yackandandah," says Jennie. "While you fight fires elsewhere with no less empathy and desperation, you don't quite the same level of emotion. The Yackandandah fires and the relentless way they affected so many people, made them far more personal... and because we had young children at the time, Cameron would do day shift and I would do night shift." Jennie, who has also taken on the role of the Brigade's Social Media Officer, has a background in administration. She has been the Yackandandah Kindergarten's administrator for the past nine years.

"It's really interesting," says Jennie as she reflected



Brigade secretary/treasurer Cameron McKern and Lt Yves Quaglio with the new cabinets, with other Brigade members using one of the slide-out desks

on the personal skills she's gained from joining the CFA. "I would have described myself as fairly timid when we moved to Yackandandah and who knew that by joining the CFA I would end up a

bossy redhead with confidence and leadership skills. I would have to attribute that to the way our Brigade operates and its members, past and present. I think there is something about the spirit of the Yackandandah Brigade that took in two ex-Melbournites, Cameron and I, and helped mould us into volunteer firefighters. They gave us an inch and we took the whole mile."

She also wants to acknowledge the support and encouragement she got, particularly in those early years, from two other female CFA members - April Padbury and Maureen Piera. "I think the strength of any brigade, and indeed our Brigade, will be in its members, the introduction of new members and the retaining of them," says Jennie. "Being a CFA member is more than just about wearing the overalls, pulling hoses and station maintenance. There's a lot to be gained in terms of your own confidence, comradeship and friendship, and not least of all, the satisfaction of being in a position with a team of others to help protect communities."

LOOKING GOOD

Thanks to grants from the Foundation for Rural Regional Renewal (FRRR) and YCDCo, the station's meeting room now has new storage cabinets and drawers which incorporate display tops and slide-out desks. These desks will be ideal for members that want to work on their laptops while on 'standby' in the station on those Extreme or Catastrophic Fire Danger days.

"Thanks to FRRR and YCDCo we've been able to better organise our administration and storage," said Brigade Captain Chris Wingard. "Additionally due to Yves Quaglio's architectural and building skills, we have integrated two desks into the design meaning on those hot and windy days Brigade members can work from the station reducing the time it takes to get our trucks on the road."

SAVE THE DATE : OPEN DAY

This year, the Brigade's Open Day will be on Saturday, October 28 from 10am to 2pm. "We're still working out the details, but we are planning to have a free sausage sizzle, lucky door prizes,

showbags, children's activities, information on fire preparedness for the coming fire season...." says the Brigade's Community Engagement officer Karen Mascas. "It will be a great opportunity to come and meet our members, and, if you are interested in becoming a CFA volunteer, to find out more." See page opposite for details.

SPRING INTO ACTION

Early warm temperatures this spring are a good reminder that NOW is the time to prepare for the coming fire season if you haven't started already. And that means all those regular "tidying up" chores around the place such as:

- Clearing the leaf litter in house and shed gutters
- Mowing lawns

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- Getting rid of dry grass, leaves, twigs and loose bark around the house
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 - Removing flammable material from around the house
 - Clear any branches that overhang your house or decking
- Burning or mulching your garden waste pile before the Fire Danger Period (if you live outside the town boundaries, otherwise you will need a permit from the shire)



Check the weather forecast for when you are planning to ignite your "burning pile". Don't burn on hot, windy days.

P.S Do remember to register your Burn Off which you can do on-line or by phoning 1800 668 511.

CFA have produced a very handy booklet "How to Prepare your Property" which is available on-line from the CFA website at <https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare>.

We also have hard copies in the station which you can pick up any

Saturday morning from 8.30 to 9.30am, or else on our Open Day.



Training at Wooragee

NEIGHBOURLY INVITE

A big thank you to our neighbours, Wooragee, who invited the Brigade to join them and others from Beechworth and Stanley brigades, on Saturday, 16th September for a breakfast/radio sched/ training morning.

"Over the last couple of seasons there haven't been many turnouts where we are all able to turn out in a group, so this morning was a good opportunity for us to get together, socialise, practice our skills and work as a team," says Wooragee Captain Jeff Vogt.

After a tasty breakfast, some 35 members from the various brigades (eight from Yackandandah), brushed up on their relay pumping skills and did a burn over drill.



Group training at Wooragee Fire Station

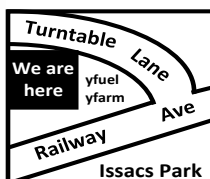
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THE YACK SHACK

Probably the most noticeable thing about the Yack Shack over the past month or so has been the “assembly line” of men busily cutting and bagging kindling before bundling it up and moving it across the road for sale at YCDCo. The cold weather has led to a run (something in between the dynamic burst of a 100m sprint and the extended endurance of the 10,000m) on our supplies and resulted in fervent and well-marshalled activity to ensure our fellow citizens can get kindling to get their wood fires going. Maybe even a case of doing their bit to keep the Yackandandah home fires burning! The activity across the assembly line is in itself a marvel and fuelled by the chatter and bonhomie of the blokes engaged in the various tasks. We are not the only Men’s Shed that supports their local community by supplying kindling. It seems that many Sheds undertake this



Nico Van Nouhuys working on the kitchen bench

essential winter-support activity. At a recent meeting of representatives from a cluster of Sheds across the Hume-Murray district a representative from one Shed noted with amusement, possibly even a jovial sense of pride, that they were one of the few who did not cut kindling.

Our efforts to help people with their heating extends beyond the cutting and sale of kindling and also encompasses a monthly wood raffle over the winter months. This has now come to an end for the year as the spring sunshine has broken through to warm our bones. We would like to thank Jenny & Pete Billsdon who donated the trailer loads of wood for the raffle – we appreciate the support, and definitely hope that you had a warm winter. And a warm thank-you to our Sheddors who braved the wintery conditions to set up their table

and chairs outside of the entrance to Foodworks and cheerily sold the tickets to our friendly public. Besides the allure of the raffle this activity provides another opportunity to chat with a wider variety of members of

our local community – we don’t yet have the same drawing power as the horse race held on the first Tuesday of November, but we are working towards it. And we do have the classy wooden benches that some of our members built behind the WAW building.

The list of activities in the Shed at the end of the car park at Yack Health has continued with the following illustrating some of the things we get up to week by week – building a display cabinet as well as small display stands, a pantry shelf, a beehive stand, jigsaw frames, and a mobile kitchen bench, as well as refurbishing a flagpole. The Indian motor bike name plate has not yet been converted into a guitar but it is in progress. I’m not sure what has been happening in the welding bay, but there is a regular cacophony of spitting sounds and flying sparks, followed by the soothing screech of an angle grinder. This is all in addition to the many



The finished workbench

personal projects that are undertaken, and also the chatting that goes on with a cuppa in hand along with a biscuit or slice of cake or even two (not that we mix smoko with the work). And for that we need to thank a few stalwarts who keep the larder stocked and the kettle on the boil (although we do have one of those wall mounted water heaters to help out).

One of the developing highlights of our monthly calendar has become the lunch on the last Tuesday of the month. In recent times this has included a cooked warm meal prepared by Larry and his trusty helpers. The last lunch comprised a hearty beef broth – you should see the food bowls that appear as soon as the lid comes off the pot. Given an emphasis on healthy food we have also been asked to share the recipes with other Sheds through the Victorian Men’s Shed Association’s newsletter.

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THE YACK SHACK

Fame is worth celebrating and is also exceeded by the knowledge that the wider Shedder community can also enjoin and enjoy a healthy meal. The healthy living and wellbeing side of our participation in the Shed sits alongside the image of men making or building things – the latter certainly happens and we have many talented individuals who are more than happy to share their knowledge and skills.

We would also like to express our appreciation to all those in Yack who have been involved in the defibrillator project – these are now dotted around the town in accessible places and ready for use whenever needed. What a great community initiative. We have been pleased to be part of this and thank our own members who were directly involved, as well as others around Yack, and especially the leadership from Yackandandah Community Centre.

The short, sharp talks about men's health presented by Claire Pyper from Yack Health continued with the most recent being about mental health as a contribution to RU OK day. Claire doesn't waste our time – she spells out the issues, backed by statistics, and importantly, what we can do to look after ourselves and those around us. This is a big part of being part of a Shed, and we appreciate her time and effort. Her next talk will address skin cancer prevention as part of national skin

cancer action week later in the year.

Before that we will hold our Annual General Meeting and besides compiling the necessary reports for government and welcoming the incoming members of our new committee, we will be saying thank you to our current President, Gordon Nicholls. Gordon has decided to relinquish the chair and take a back seat as he renovates a new house. I am personally not sure how long Gordon was in the chair, but it extends back beyond my few years at the Shed. We can check the records, but most importantly, we have appreciated his support and leadership and his controlling hand at our weekly meetings (except for the few months a year when he hitches his caravan and migrates northwards to warmer climes and leaves us to our own devices). Thanks Gordon – a job well done and good luck with the renovations. The identity of the new President will be revealed in the goodness of time after the scrutineers have checked the ballots and confirmed the vote. We expect an orderly transition to a new regime.

If you are interested in joining us at the Shed, please come along on Tuesday mornings. We can be found at the end of the car park at Yackandandah Health. Our sign says "Yack Shack" while formally we are the Yackandandah Men's Shed.

Max Finlayson
Secretary

VOLUNTEERS - The Lifblood of Yackandandah Folk Festival



The renowned Yack Folk Festival Choir

For those of you who are new residents in the area, you may or may not have heard that we hold a terrific little music event annually in Yackandandah called, believe it or not, the Yackandandah Folk Festival. Aside from the enforced shutdown during COVID times, this completely volunteer-run, carbon neutral Festival has been staged continuously for 25 years now with the most recent event held over the weekend of 24-26 March, 2023. We play host to over 55 artists during the 2½ days, spread over 6 venues with both local and overseas musicians from the UK, Ireland, the USA and Canada taking part.

The Festival directly benefits the local community by being a major financial supporter of local environmental group, TRY (Totally Renewable Yackandandah), which in turn has been instrumental in organising the purchasing and installation of several large solar energy and battery systems on buildings such as the YCDCo service station, the Public Hall and the Museum as well as the first of several large battery banks, to store excess energy generated by all grid-type solar systems in the local area. This year, these solar systems combined to generate twice as much energy as that required to power the Festival for the entire weekend - a major achievement in anyone's eyes.

As mentioned earlier, YFF is a totally volunteer staffed event and could not

possibly run without the generous support of the many people who put up their hands each year to assist us in various jobs during the Festival weekend. This year due to some visitors cancelling their plans at the 11th hour, we had a deficit of people to help us. This meant we had to scramble to find enough people to fill vital roles so the Festival could still take place. To avoid a repeat of this issue, we are putting the call for volunteers out much earlier than normal. Previous experience in most roles is not required as on the job training and information is provided and there are always experienced people close at hand should any issues arise. Full details of all the volunteer roles available can be viewed on the Festival website at www.yackfolkfestival.com under the "volunteer" heading. Volunteering may just qualify you for a free ticket to the Festival (details on our website) too so there are other rewards aside from helping your community.

Finally, we are also seeking new people to join the organising committee to assist us in managing the Festival on an ongoing basis. If you're interested in finding out more, please contact us either via the website above or the Yack Folk Festival or Yack Community Facebook pages.

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YACK WOMEN'S SHED

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This session will run from **3pm until 5pm on Saturday, 14th October** and will be followed by a bbq. Please contact the Women's Shed at yackwomensshed@gmail.com if you would like to come. We need numbers for catering. Hope to see many families there. The address will be given out when you register.



A Day Out in Bright

A group of ladies carpoled to Bright recently to have lunch and see the movie, "The Miracle Club". It was amazing what we found to buy in such a short shopping visit. Mary-Anne bought a walker from an OP Shop! Who would even think that someone would be coming

home with that!

Our monthly Mandala group has branched out in another direction with ladies creating Zentangles. This is a fun way to create art using some great doodling techniques. For anyone who would like to give it a go, our next session is on Saturday October 14th from 9am at the YCC Meeting room. No need to bring anything as we have materials for you to use at no cost, just to see if you like it before you go out and purchase pens and paper.

Each month the Indigo FM 88.0 radio station is manned (or should that be 'womanned') by some of our members. They chat about what we have been doing and what will be coming up in the near future. If you miss the broadcast it's easy to download the podcast.

Our open Members Meeting in early September saw many ladies come along to help the Committee decide workshops to choose for the coming months. We were also able to show off our new Women's Shed banner. It was great to be able to share what we have achieved as a group in a very short time.

The Annual Christmas Fair in the Yack Memorial Gardens is being organised. There will be many new stall holders and a great interactive kid's section. The date is the first Sunday in December which is the 3rd. Mark your calendars. Beautiful local crafts for you to purchase as Christmas gifts.

The fabulous 'Showtime' performance brought to you by our own Glen Aberle, featuring a grand orchestra, wonderful songs from screen and stage including a supper by our Women's Shed will be held on **Sunday October 22nd from 4pm**. Tickets can be purchased from TryBooking. Grab some friends and fill a table... it will be Cabaret style. See page 23 for further details.

There is always something going on at the Women's Shed, take a look online at: yackwomensshed.org

Lynne Davies on behalf of YCC and the Yack Women's Shed



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Escaping tears ran down his face
He whispered "Jenny's coming home!"
Tear filled eyes in weathered face
Precious visions he could see
Of an infant playing in the shade
Beneath that old Box Tree.

A child that grew so fair and wise
Would ponder what might be
So strong love began between this girl
And a stately old Box Tree.
Will you hold my love forever
No matter where I roam?
Caressing leaves then murmured "Yes,
I'll wait till you come home".

This girl grew into womanhood
To grace the district with her charm
Pledged love and soul beneath that tree
With hard work around the farm.
The old man's wife then passed away
To leave him all alone.
His only child and daughter left
For Europe then to roam.

The Box Tree felt so lonely
Bedraggled, sad forlorn
Dressed up to kill with mistletoe
Dead leaves and branches torn.
Old boughs reached down in make believe
To form an infant's shady dome
While every day survived to see
If his Jenny had come home.

Slowly years went past, till at last
The Box Tree finally died.
Gave in to waiting longer
For the love it could not hide.
Then one day some people came
To gather beneath dead limbs.
A lot were crying softly
While other sang some hymns.

This solemn congregation
Had each one taking turn
To embrace or kiss then quietly pass
The old man a silver urn.
He spread the ashes 'neath the tree
To join with sacred loam
As a zephyr played in mottled leaves.
At last, his Jenny has come home.

Bill Whitham
Tallangatta

INDIGO SHIRE LOOK TO WORLD HERITAGE LISTING

In a move that could catapult Indigo Shire's unique history and heritage on to a global stage, Council is hoping to be accepted into a consortium of Victorian Councils bidding for world heritage listing. Council will sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the Victorian Goldfields World Heritage listing bid stakeholders, and if supported, will be among 15 Councils seeking to be recognised by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

Mayor Sophie Price says the bid aims to recognise the Victorian Goldfields outstanding global heritage and if successful, will mean significant investment and job opportunities for the Shire. Cr. Price says the bid has strong Federal and State Government backing, with the Victorian Government pledging \$3.8M in this year's budget to progress world heritage projects, including the Victorian Goldfields.

Representatives from the Cities of Greater Bendigo and Ballarat recently briefed Council on the existing Central Victorian Goldfields bid and the importance of including Indigo Shire and one other Victorian Council to create the expanded Victorian Goldfields tentative bid process. Council heard a renowned international world heritage expert recently toured Indigo Shire and was of the firm belief that its inclusion would significantly strengthen the proposed bid.

YACK LIBRARY



Tiny Art show touring exhibition comes to Yack!

The libraries have had a fantastic response to our Tiny Art Show with entries coming in from all ages. The exhibition will have an Opening Event in Yack on Thursday 19 October from 4.30-5.30pm in the library where all are welcome. Otherwise the wonderful entries will be on display until 2 November.

Family History sessions

Are you curious about your ancestors' lives? We have a Family History talk every month at Yackandandah Library where you can learn to use resources such as Ancestry Library edition, Trove and PROV. There are sessions on Wednesday 18 October and Wednesday 15 November at 11.00 am For more information contact the library.

Author talk : Christian White

Join us for an afternoon with acclaimed author and screenwriter Christian White. Known for his gripping and suspenseful storytelling, Christian has captivated readers around the world with his thought-provoking, thrilling novels. Discover his life of writing in a conversation with Yackandandah's own local author, Torre DeRoche.

Friday 20 October 2pm Yackandandah Library Bookings essential 02 6028 1180 or www.indigoshire.vic.gov.au/libraries

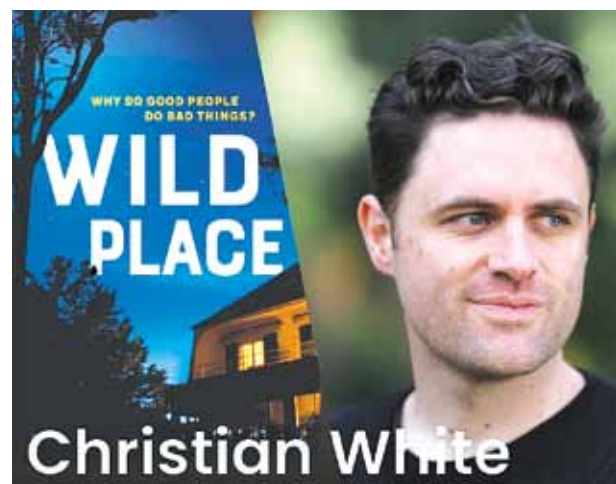
Storytime

Storytime continues each week on Thursdays at 9.30 am with stories, songs, rhymes and craft. Preschoolers and their carers are very welcome.

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Yackandandah Real Estate Market Update

Contributor: Jamie Horne – Principal - Indigo Real Estate

The property market has long been considered a stable and lucrative investment option, and despite the currently evolving broader economic caution our regional communities of Yackandandah, Beechworth, Wooragee, and Stanley appear to be weathering recent challenges and adapting to the new realities of real estate.



One of the most significant factors affecting the property market is the rise in interest rates resulting in increased borrowing costs, making it more expensive to service existing mortgages, and for first home buyers to enter a rising market. Interestingly a recent, Australia-wide, study found that approx. 40% of 25–34-year-old first home buyers are now being financially supported by parents or a family member to make a real estate purchase.

At the other end of the age and financial demographics there is an increasing number of buyers for properties in Yackandandah, Wooragee and Beechworth who have recently sold their previous properties and are now effectively cash buyers, or buyers who require minimal financing to complete their next purchase. This is an additional challenge for home buyers requiring finance as in many circumstances cash offers will be preferred by sellers.

Many recent regional buyer enquiries are from people and families relocating from Melbourne, Sydney, and Canberra, often with a higher degree of affordability. They are, however, also becoming more selective and seeking quality homes and acreage properties which require minimal updates or renovations. Higher prices are additionally supported by the lingering broader market effects of global supply chain disruptions and costs for construction materials, and the lack of new available land. All of which lead to higher property prices and reduced housing supply.

The following chart provides a summary for the 12 months to the end of September of our key local comparative markets of Yackandandah, Beechworth, and Wooragee where we see a notable cross-over of buyer interest and provides an indicative guide to prices, growth, and lower than average sales volumes.

Key Numbers	Yackandandah	Wooragee	Beechworth
Median Sale Price	\$785,000	\$1,040,000	\$770,000
Median Price Growth	6.1%	15.10%	14.10%
Highest Priced Sale	\$2,375,000	\$1,350,000	\$1,795,000
Lowest Priced Sale	\$515,000	\$940,000	\$500,000
Recorded Sales	16	4	41

Rental properties also remain in strong demand across our region with a notable shortage of affordable homes and many historical rentals having been sold due to recent capital growth and increased regulation. Whilst some investors are cautiously re-entering the market, they are not at sufficient levels to replace rentals leaving the market and are also selectively identifying quality properties which will provide a viable return.

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



Great to see so many dads at Yack Playgroup



What is going on here??



**Yackandandah
Playgroup**

Spring has sprung at Yackandandah Playgroup. Families have been coming along to our sessions at Osbornes Flat Primary School to find play stations all set up and ready for exploration. The children's senses have been taken on a wild ride by smelling all things pretty and feeling all things smooth and

rough. Our Coordinator, Stacey, has also been guiding the group through some spring yoga at the end of each

meeting so we walk away with a spring in our step. Come join in the fun on Tuesdays at 9:30am.

As the year draws to a close, Yackandandah Playgroup will finish up on Tuesday, 5th December. Due to work commitments, Stacey Hogan will not be running Yack PG next year. She has thoroughly enjoyed her time with all the children and their families and looks forward to seeing the group continue to thrive moving in to 2024.

Stay tuned for next year's day and times in upcoming Yackity Yaks and on the Facebook page.

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EPILOGUE

Working men of Manchester, unkempt, ill-fed and pale,
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Enslaved by genocide machines, in thankless factory walls,
Their souls tormented by the cries of bairns, when hunger calls.
They served the master-class full well and brought wealth to the land,
Yet were denied their just rewards, subdued by iron hand.
In wretched hovels, filthy, damp, they were obliged to bide,
Their kin, struck down by dread disease, oft mercifully died.
This dumb people, so convulsed, by such a plight severe,
Could not make known their wretchedness to even Government's ear.
By strikes, petitions, anarchy, their needs they did convey
To those in power across the land, the answer, always nay.

Yet could these souls in misery, be likened to a pawn,
Manoeuvred by the hands of greed, in industry's new dawn?
They flocked from villages and farms, and Ireland's hungry fields,
To seek a new dimension in the form of life's ideals.
The urban sprawl then quickly grew, to match industrial growth,
But profits pooled went to the rich, there was not room for both.
But one must ask, why were they poor, denied life's basic needs?
Were they really victims of the game of wealth and greed?
Could the human race survive if leaders had it not,
Men of vision, wealth and power, to shape their country's lot?
Our way of private enterprise, disliked by Engels, Marx,
Perhaps surpasses other ways in answering questions that it asks.
How can production, standards rise, if incentive's not innate,
And workers merely do their jobs, paid for by the State?
What joy is there in job appeal for those who live this way,
Whose lives are only numbers in a game of Stately play?
To answer questions such as these, we look at history's tale
And find in past experience the ways that should prevail.

As time moves resolutely on, deep thinkers write and plan
To find a way that will provide a better life for man.
New housing projects are designed, with gardens all sublime,
And space abounds in dwelling grounds, signs of a better time.
The workers now can dress in wool, and all are better fed
Than those poor souls of Manchester, for whom our hearts have bled.
For they were of a sadder time, of Queen Victoria's reign,
When values weren't the same as now, and class was fought in vain.
But time has moved a hundred years, with many visions rent,
Though much has been achieved for all the human spirit spent.
So where will go the human race, as bonds of want release,
'Twill surely find Utopia and ever live in peace.

John McIntyre



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Dear editor,

If it's true that a nation gets the leaders it deserves, then I guess we all need to take a good hard look at ourselves. We're obviously doing something very, very wrong.

Our PM, Anthony Albanese, son of a single mother, no less, has just announced a root and branch enquiry into the nation's handling of the COVID epidemic. You know, so we can learn the important lessons and be better prepared for the next pandemic, which is, apparently, inevitable.

Of course, as it will be 'forward looking', it won't actually consider what happened in the past, which seems, at least to me, when all the trouble happened. So, while it will consider issues relating to the previous federal government's handling of the matter and we may learn that there were some problems with getting enough stuff to put in people's arms and putting it there, and that Scott Morrison is a bad dude, we won't get a Royal Commission into anything the states did.

Apparently, this is because it would take too long and you can't really expect judges to understand this sort of stuff. Instead, we get some sort of review by a few public servants who can ask questions of mostly irrelevant, or at least sacrificial, people, but can't compel them to answer any of them. I mean, it took a year for the Robo-debt royal commission to come to any conclusion and we can expect this review to come up with no conclusions in only twelve months. Progress!

Unfortunately, a few minor issues will be left out. Like...

Lockdowns, remember those? Maybe we could see if there are any lessons to be learned there.

Hotel quarantine. Okay, so Dan has already looked into that, concluding that, although maybe it could have been done better, since nobody actually made any decisions, which just occurred organically, or magically, there's just not much that can be done about that. Somebody has taken transparent, full responsibility. Unfortunately, as a side effect of this transparency, no one can see who that was. Mind you, if a paperclip goes missing in the Greta branch of the ALP, Dan will know who has it.

Of course, the opposition are there to hold the government to account but, since their MPs' role is primarily not to get stabbed in party room knife fights, not much good comes out of that.

Police powers and execution obviously aren't important moving forward and neither are border closures, mask mandates and school closures. Hard to see what lessons will be learnt.

So, with dear Albo, did I mention he's the son of a single mother, finally casting away any pretence at running a principled government, the baton passes to Peter Dutton to become the shining light of public service above self-interest.

Uh, huh.

So, take a look at yourself people. You're clearly doing something wrong.

Name and address withheld

Dear Ali,

I have worked tirelessly over the last two months to see the Voice referendum succeed. I have had hundreds of conversations with both yes and no voters and seen the passion on both sides of the argument. I have also lived in an aboriginal community in the Kimberley for two years and witnessed first-hand the result of years of failed government policy on people and communities. My mind has not been changed. I believe that we will be a better country if we vote Yes. As a nation of individuals who pride ourselves on being fair, just and compassionate, this is the right thing to do.

The message to those of you who are not sure:

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Kirsten Coates

Dear Ali,

In defence of cats

There is debate lately about cats and their impact on wildlife. I agree feral cats should be controlled and desexing is important but don't just blame cats for loss of wildlife.

Humans are largely responsible for habitat loss necessary to sustain wildlife. New suburban developments are often treeless hard surface heat sinks with maybe a few spiky plants no bird would live in.

I have a cat and a diverse garden supporting many native birds, some of which are predators themselves. I don't have mice or rats. My garden offers a lot of dense bushy plants suitable for shelter, food and nesting for the birds.

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Jill Whitford



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Clare and Jervis outside the Yackandandah Scout Hall. PC: Florian Whiteley

Joeys Jump for 100%

A few Thursdays ago, some of the TRY team had the pleasure of visiting the 1st Yackandandah Joey Scouts group to have a yarn about renewable energy. A huge thank you to Kylie Schilling, 1st Yackandandah Scout Leader for engaging us in

how he could get it out of a tight spot with maximum vision. A massive thanks to Russell and Ryan!

We kept up the momentum with a fantastic 'solar race' in which the Joeys hopped with yellow balloons between their knees to fill their 'battery' (laundry basket) – to illustrate how sunlight can fill up a storage system. We then split up into two groups, one playing a solar quiz game with Kylie, while the others went with the TRY team to try out our thermal imaging camera.

We bought the camera with a grant provided by Australia Post, and we're keen to share it with the people of Yackandandah. The Joeys were extremely excited to measure the temperature of each other, but it actually has a few other uses too.

Thermal imaging cameras can be used to measure the temperature of different objects and spaces in your home. You can point the

camera and take a thermal photograph, or just have a look through the lens. Each surface is represented by a colour that corresponds to a temperature in degrees Celsius. For example, if we pointed it at a heater, the heater would show bright yellow, representing heat, and the space around it would be purple, representing a colder temperature. On a cold night, if you point it at a window, it will show you a colder space (purple-ish), as windows are a primary source of heat loss. Using the camera gives you an indication of the 'weak places' in your home where heat may be entering or leaking out. Improving those weak spots improves the comfort of your home and reduces the amount of heating and cooling you need. It can be illuminating to figure out where insulation may be located in your house, and to be able to see any gaps that if filled will improve your energy efficiency.

This camera is available to Yackandandah residents to loan and use in their homes for free. If you're interested in having a go, please contact us at info@totallyrenewableyack.org.au. We even have a guide to go with it.

Thanks to the Joeys for giving the camera a workout and being so keen to see some of the exciting things that TRY is involved with. Minimising energy use and moving to renewable sources of electricity has many benefits, as well as reducing costs and emissions.



The infrared thermal camera that can be loaned from TRY to investigate where your house loses and gains heat. PC: Florian Whiteley



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Our Native Garden Nursery in Wodonga has kindly offered to distribute the starter kits for

volunteer growers this spring and manage the distribution of seedlings to landowners next winter.

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Gas vs. Electric

When an appliance breaks down, it can be a great opportunity to assess your energy usage and the efficiency of your existing systems. But it can also seem too hard estimating overall costs for purchase price, installation, maintenance and ongoing usage costs. However, there are now some great resources to help you with this.

Luckily, Renew Magazine have done it for you! They modelled the costs and savings depending on your household type, whether you are generally home or work-based, and the age of your house. You can find the results in their article 'Gas vs electric: Your hip pocket guide' at <https://renew.org.au/renew-magazine/efficient-homes/gas-versus-electricity/>. They now have a recently released Getting Off Gas Toolkit which will step you through what to do to transition and give case study examples. <http://gettingoffgastoolkit.com/>. Gas was once a preferred cheaper fuel for household cooking and heating, but that's no longer the case.

As with anything, it depends on the size of your household and your home, the age of your home, your electricity usage and how much time you spend at home. Your location is also important, because if gas is cheaper in your area, then the cost benefit of switching to electricity is lower, and vice versa if gas is more expensive. In Yackandandah, renting bottled gas is the only/main option and is generally pricier than reticulated (mains) gas.

If you get a lot of sun and have PV panels, switching away from gas will save you more in ongoing costs. However even in Melbourne choosing to switch from gas to PV panels and electrical appliances has a net benefit. According to Renew, despite Victoria's capital providing the worst return when building new homes, you will still be almost \$10K in front after 10 years with PV and electrical appliances rather than gas.

It's a great idea to check out this article and figure out where you fall among all of these factors. BUT, we've created a quick summary

here as well:

- New homes: go all electric with solar! Even in situations where PV solar installations aren't an option, going all-electric is still the best option, but the level of benefit will vary.
- If you have one gas appliance near the end of its life, it's always better to replace it with an electric one (e.g. gas hot water to an electric heat pump), even if gas running costs are lower than electric ones.
- If you still have multiple gas appliances, it's a little more complicated, and depends on where you live in terms of how much you will save. Because you may be replacing many appliances at once your payback period will be much longer, and you have more upfront costs.
- With the price of solar PV panels falling so much over the last decade, installing rooftop solar is almost always a good economic decision

In general, the higher your consumption, the better return you get for going all-electric

The Renew 'Gas vs electric' article was published in 2018, when both gas and electricity prices were lower, but the key conclusions remain valid today. The recently published Getting Off Gas Toolkit by Renew is the latest informed advice on how to tackle transitioning away from gas, with all electric homes having operating costs about half that of fossil fuel powered homes.

Switching over appliances can be a challenging time. There are lots of great resources on the TRY website at <https://totallyrenewableyack.org.au/> and heaps of others. It can be really helpful to gradually build your list of reputable sources so you've got somewhere to go when the inevitable happens. Or feel free to get in contact with us! Email us at info@totallyrenewableyack.org.au, or follow us on Facebook!

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

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

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When: First Thursday of the Month

What Time: 7.30pm

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What's been happening?

YCC community grants program continues to deliver. Our local CERT team have been able to purchase hand held radios to help improve communication between emergency service groups in remote locations.



Here is what our Yack CERT Team Leader, Gwen Furze had to say: 'I'm writing to thank the Yackandandah Community Centre for enabling a grant for the Yackandandah CERT to purchase hand held radios for our team. I've seen them and can't wait to use them in the field. Cooperation between Yack CERT and the SES is vital in some of our jobs,

particularly out in the bush where conventional radios struggle to work. Having these radios will give us better coverage and hopefully that means a better outcome for our patients. Once again, thank you so much.'

If you would like more information about the Yackandandah CERT team, then please drop into the Yackandandah Community Centre for more information. YCC loves to hear about how our grants program is benefiting the community so please share your stories with us.

What's coming up?

YCC are working alongside our local CFA team and the Indigo Shire to deliver Emergency Preparedness sessions. YCC have been networking with local community groups to produce targeted information sessions to help provide information for good decision making. The following groups have sessions booked in for October 2023: Yack Women's Shed, Yack Men's Shed, Yack Senior Citizens, Yack Riding Club and YCC staff & volunteers. If you would like to join any of these groups or host a private session for your community group then please drop in or call the Yackandandah Community Centre for more information.

Additional general community presentations are also being planned for late October and early

November, the session will be 1-2hrs long and will address the responsibilities we all have as

- a community member,
- as a family member and
- as an individual during an emergency.

This program is aimed at giving participants enough knowledge to prepare and survive the first 72 hours of an emergency, hopefully inspiring people to go home and start their own emergency plans. The session will focus on;

- Making a plan
- Preparing a kit
- Going digital and
- Staying informed

We will explore the following questions: Why are you going? When are you going? What are you taking? Where are you going and how are you getting there?

So, keep an eye out for the dates or send an email to manager@ycc.org.au and we can add you to our mailing list to keep you updated.

We would encourage all community members to attend an emergency preparedness session as we would like to broaden our community knowledge and strengthen our community care and spirit.

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Upgrading a modern home and being part of the Mondo experiment

This is the second article of a series initiated by Totally Renewable Yackandandah where we describe innovations taken by local people to reduce their carbon footprint.

In 2009 when Ron and Helen Boulton built their home in Yack Heights, it had electric panel heating augmented by gas space heating, a gas cooktop, an electric oven,



The Boulton Residence

a gas boosted solar flat panel hot water service and an evaporative cooling system. The house has an east-west alignment that makes maximum use of northern sunlight to all living areas in Winter and has appropriately sized eaves to prevent sun coming into the house in summer.

Over the last 11 years several improvements have been made to reduce its carbon footprint. The house now has 5 kW of solar photovoltaic panels linked to 16.5 kWh of lithium battery storage. The hot water solar panels have been replaced with more efficient Apricus evacuated tube collectors, and this year the electric panel heating was replaced with a much more efficient split system air conditioner. All these improvements have also led to significant operational cost savings.

Five kW of solar panels will generate, on average over a year, about 20 kWh per day of electric power in Yackandandah. Based on some local installations it

seems the average value varies from about 30 kWh/day in Summer to 8 kWh/day in Winter. In many houses this, in conjunction with a 10kWh battery can be sufficient to operate a split system in heating mode overnight in Winter relying mainly on solar charging of the battery.

In 2017 when TRY were asking for people in Yackandandah Heights to be part of an experimental mini-grid system being set up by Mondo, Ron and Helen were very willing participants. Houses connected to a particular power distribution transformer can form a mini grid enabling sharing of power stored in batteries connected to individual houses. This concept is still in a development phase and being tried in several communities across Australia.

In 2021 Ron and Helen's house became part of a Mondo research project called "Project Edge" where the concept of mini grids was extended to developing software which can combine separate battery installations in an entire locality (in this case Yackandandah) to effectively become a single entity or "Virtual Power Plant".

This Virtual Power Plant can then export a burst of power to the electricity grid with financial benefit to the householder and provide significant benefit to the stability of the network, benefitting others in the

community.

In times when there are very short-term deficits in power generation, the grid variable feed-in tariffs can be very high. Even as high as dollars per kWh, compared with 6 cents/kWh at normal times, providing a return to those that

contribute power in those circumstances. The project did prove the feasibility of this idea but the means of access to variable feed-in tariffs for Virtual Power Plants still needs to be developed and implemented and the network needs to be able to cope with the power flows involved.

In future Electric Vehicles with 60 kWh batteries could be connected to your house and grid using this technology (known as Vehicle to Grid or V2G) creating very large "Virtual Power Plants", even when only 10% of the battery's capacity is allowed to be exported to the grid.

Not only have Ron and Helen reduced their emissions and daily operation costs at home, but they have participated in significant work to develop a better energy system for the 21st century. They found being part of these developments a very rewarding and exciting experience and look forward to being part of future innovations.



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YACK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NEW EXHIBITION OPEN - A Walk in High Street

The doors are open, not only to the Museum, but into the history of the shops on High Street.

Our newest display takes you on a tour of the buildings in Yackandandah's High Street all of which are protected by a Heritage Overlay. The eye-catching and informative display has been put together by a team of volunteers and we thank them for their time and knowledge in making our history come alive.



A Walk in the High Street - a cabinet of treasures

The exhibited objects are interesting and engaging and include a hand-written ledger of sales from the butcher's shop, 1871 – 1873. There are items that belonged to Sealey's Saddlery that were retrieved from under the floorboards of Graces's Place when it was renovated, and many more interesting items that may bring back memories. We also have a digital display depicting the shops at various stages of ownership; you never know who you might recognise!

Guided tours of our High Street are a part of what we do, and we currently have two bookings for October; one of forty members from the *Keillor Activities for Older Adults* and twenty members from the *National Trust of West Melbourne*. Our 'Walk in High Street' brochure would enable you to complete your own self-guided tour, please feel free to drop in and collect one.

Tying in with our current exhibition we will be staging our **sixteenth Cemetery Walk on Sunday, 29 October starting at 2.00pm**; the focus will be on a selection of those who plied their trade along the High

Street. All are welcome, there will be booklets on sale relevant to the walk which will be included in the entrance fee of \$5. If you would like more information, please contact us.

An initiative that the Yackandandah & District Historical Society Inc would like to implement, is to have the historic information relating to each of the buildings in the High Street commercial area readily available. The plan is to design individual QR codes that would contain the appropriate information for each building. At this stage of development, we are investigating several options, one of which could be a small sticker (10x10 cm) similar to the one on the museum window. We trust this initiative will add to the experience of walking down the High Street, for visitors and locals alike.

VISITOR COMMENTS

Up to the end of August this year, we have welcomed 565 visitors to the Museum. A large number leave their comments in our Visitors Book, and we can report 100% reflect positively on their experience. Recently, children from Yackandandah Public School paid us a visit and to our delight they presented us with a booklet of their comments which we would like to share some of them with you. The booklet is on display in the banking chamber and makes a delightful read.

What object was interesting to you?

"The babby cat". "The maws" (mouse). "The indoor potty". "The pot under the bed".

What object from the Museum would you like to have at home?

"The wheelchair, I'd put a booster on it". "I wish I had a tea set". "The bull's horns". "The bank safe".

What was something you learnt?

"The burnt stuff". "I learnt that the cellar is where you keep drinks". "They keep food underground".
Priceless!



A Walking Tour in early October

MEMBERSHIP of YDHS

Membership is open to everyone; \$20 single or \$35 family. Being a member means you can enter the museum for free, participate in the Society's organised activities, receive our bi-monthly newsletter '*Yackandandah Times*' and vote at our Annual General Meeting. Members are also covered by insurance when participating in an activity run by the Society. If you would like to join, our contact details are listed below.



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Thank you Foodworks Yackandandah!! With the community points collected the BCC was able to purchase a basketball ring and basketball for the local kids to use.

If you'd like to nominate your Foodworks community points to the Bruarong Community Centre then we would gladly accept them, our number is 21034

YACK GARDEN CLUB



GARDENING FOR THE MIND, BODY & SOUL

The link between gardening and personal well-being is known. In the garden, there can be disappointments along the way; you put your pitchfork through your watering system, or your carrots grow stumpy, or a favourite tree dies; these are bumps that can slow you down, but they won't stop you because you are getting so much more in return. Gardening can provide numerous benefits for both physical and mental well-being. It is a rewarding and enjoyable activity that offers so much to us as human beings, our plant and bird life, and Earth's climate.

Physical exercise – gardening involves various physical movements such as digging, planting, weeding, hammering, sawing and watering, which can improve strength, flexibility, and overall fitness. These tasks equate to physical actions – bending, squatting, reaching, lifting, stretching, kneeling, balancing, throwing - the list is endless.

Stress Relief – Spending time in nature and engaging in repetitive tasks while focusing on the moment, for instance, when weeding, can help reduce stress levels and promote relaxation. It offers a peaceful, calming environment to alleviate anxiety and improve mood - an escape from everyday life.

Connection with nature – Gardening allows you to connect with the natural world, fostering a sense of appreciation and awe for the beauty and intricacies of plants, flowers and our ecosystems. Watching can fill us with wonder - observing a flower bloom over days or weeks, waiting for a tomato to ripen and, if you want to go further, learning about why they have their peculiarities, temperature, soil, PH, light, etc. Finding these connections can instill a sense of achievement and foster a deeper understanding of ecological processes. And it's not only plants you find in the garden that can enhance your knowledge and understanding of what is on our doorstep. Listening can add another layer to understanding nature – birdsong, hearing the distinctive noise of a koala grunting, a lizard rustling the grass, it's all there, waiting to be heard.

Healthy Food equals Healthy eating – Growing your fruits, vegetables, and herbs allows you access fresh, organic produce rich in nutrients. It can promote healthier eating habits and a more sustainable lifestyle. Reduce reliance on processed and purchased foods - grow your own or nurture what you can -chooks for eggs, livestock for meat & compost and bees for honey & plant pollination.

Mental Stimulation/Cognitive Benefits – Gardening stimulates your mind and provides learning opportunities. It requires planning, problem-solving, and creativity, which can help keep your brain active and sharp. Patience and perseverance are common traits of a gardener. Mood enhancement and exposure to sunlight can help

increase serotonin levels, which are associated with improving health. Studies have shown that gardening can provide physical and mental activities to assist with various mental health issues.

Social Interaction – While many choose to garden alone, enjoying peace and space, others enjoy gardening with family and friends. Chatting, sharing and laughing while enjoying each other's company is a beautiful means of fostering connections. Community gardens and clubs are an excellent example of connectedness and can provide support and a sense of belonging. Yackandandah is lucky to have an active Community Garden and Garden Club, both easily accessible.

Sense of achievement – Seeing your plants grow and thrive or harvesting crops can give you a sense of accomplishment and satisfaction. It boosts self-esteem and provides a tangible result for your efforts.

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SAPLINGS CORNER GARDENING FOR CHILDREN

As described in this article, gardening benefits health and well-being, and starting at a young age is one way to develop these attributes into a lifelong passion.

Leo is three years old and is already learning about the joys of gardening. Nick, his dad, explains that Leo is referred to in their home as 'Nature Boy' because he has always loved the outdoors. What better way is there than to develop this interest by introducing him to gardening? It's not just about nurturing plants; it's about fostering a deep connection with nature. Congratulations to Leo; his green thumb is nurturing a lifelong passion for the natural world and he is doing what he loves best: being outdoors.



Leo the Gardener, tending to his plants

Mums and Dads, with Christmas on our doorstep, what better present could Santa

bring than a children's gardening kit?

SPRING GARDENING TIP – CARING FOR BULBS

Spring will see your daffodils & jonquils dying off; it is time to consider how best to care for them. If planted in soil with good drainage, the bulbs may be left in the ground and divided every three years. If you prefer to dig them up, spent flowers should be removed and foliage left to die off naturally. Once the leaves have died, they can be lifted and stored in a cool, dry, airy place.



Nick and Leo make a great pair, out and about in their garden

COMING UP – OPEN GARDEN

Sunday 5th November, 10 am – 4 pm at 'Magpie Rise', 35 Longstaff Lane.

Funds raised will be donated to the Red Cross Disaster Relief fund. There will be plant and book stalls, light refreshments and music from the Reedy Creek Band.

As a bonus, a second garden at 119 John Hodgson Drive will also be open on the day.

Australian Red Cross

ALBURY BRANCH OPEN GARDEN

Two lovely gardens minutes from Yackandandah will be open from 10-4pm on Sunday 5th November.

Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at:
Magpie Rise
35 Longstaff Lane, Yackandandah.

Directions will be given for Garden Two with purchased ticket.

Entry fee that includes tea, coffee, morning, and afternoon tea and tables and chairs will be positioned throughout the gardens.

The Reedy Creek Jazz Band will be playing at Magpie Rise at 11 and 1 pm.

There will be potted plants and second handbooks for purchase and/or donation to the Red Cross.

For further information contact:
Chris 0401 343 958
Ann 0418 474 990

FOR SALE

In October, the much-anticipated Yackandandah Garden Club calendar will be on sale in the Newsagents in Yack. Members have been busy taking photos throughout the year, and the best have been chosen to make up our 2024 calendar; they make a fantastic Christmas present - don't miss out!

CONTACT US

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

Email: yack.garden.club@outlook.com

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Lots going on with YCDCo in November!

YCDCo is celebrating its 20th anniversary on Saturday, 25th November! It is certainly something to celebrate. We are having a lunch time Barbecue in Isaacs Park with the unveiling of a commemorative piece of water sculpture, together with a dinner with speakers and music at the Yack Public Hall in the evening, Get that date in your diary too - NOW!



Details of the 20th anniversary will be sent out to both shareholders and past and present board members, and will be publicised around town at the usual places. It's quite a milestone, so we look forward to a couple of very special events. Please contact Denis Ginnivan on 0412 503 498 for further details, bookings etc.

We also have our AGM coming up on Wednesday, 29th November, 2023 at 6.00 pm, venue TBC. Shareholders will receive an official invitation shortly, but put this date in your diary now. Please let our Company Secretary know if you would like to attend on 0448 803 411.

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Indigo FM keeps the great music flowing through our local airwaves with an updated

playlist of new music that recently went to air with 72% Australian music content. Our regular local presenters have fantastic weekly shows for your listening enjoyment such as "Just Press Play" with Gary and Chris (Thursday 1:30-3:30pm), "Asleep at the Wheel" with Harvey (Sun 2-4pm), "Everyone Deserves Music" with Scott (Sun 12-2pm) and Spencer with his "Musical Mash" show each Monday and Friday 11-1pm. Bron and Ange continue to produce a monthly show called "Radio Theme Time" with different music topics as their theme for the month.

Catch up with all the news from the Yack Women's Shed or the Yack Garden Club, who also have a monthly show (first and last Monday of each month from 1.30) and Ada and Nyssa keep us informed of the literary world in their show, Book Talk. You can also enjoy the thoughts, the news and the music of the students from Yack Primary School and their weekly shows on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 4.00.

Our local radio station is now on the global airwaves with a live internet streaming service, so you can now tune into Indigo FM Yackandandah and enjoy the great local sounds and shows at any time anywhere in the world via this link <http://yackandandahstream.indigofm.au/stream/yackandandahfm88> or head to the streaming page on our website <https://indigofmradio.com/listen/streaming/>

Did you miss a show or would like to listen to other IndigoFM shows that have gone to air recently? If you would like to catch up with any recent shows from any of the Indigo FM presenters, just head to Spotify and search for

IndigoFM Radio Show Podcasts or find podcasts through the Indigo FM website.

Keep an eye out for the following events brought to you by IndigoFM in the next couple of months;

***Save the date for the **IndigoFM Radio Concert Saturday, 4th November @ Beechworth Memorial Hall** to launch our Radiothon for 2023 featuring great music from local and other Aussie artists. Details to follow....

Indigo FM is proud to partner with Arts Rutherglen and Destination Rutherglen to present The Weeping Willows live at Wahgunyah School of Arts Hall on Sunday, 8 October.

The Weeping Willows (Laura Coates and Andrew Wrigglesworth) are a couple of old souls, steeped in Bluegrass tradition and draped in Gothic Americana imagery. They regale their audiences with stories of sunshine and romance, God and The Devil, murder and decay. Real music.

Indigo FM President Scott Landells said Indigo FM is excited to be able to partner with Arts Rutherglen on this event. "The Weeping Willows have just returned to our shores after a successful tour of the UK which followed them wowing crowds at this year's Yackandandah Folk Festival. And it's a pleasure to be able to come on board a promote their concert at Wahgunyah on October 8."

Support act is Mieke Bosland from Beechworth. Mieke loves performing and sharing her stories through original songs, and who impressed at the 2023 Busking Rutherglen event.

Tickets are \$25 for general public, \$20 for members of Indigo FM, Arts Rutherglen and Destination Rutherglen and \$10 for young people (13-17yo). They are now on sale, so grab yours today from the websites of the above organisations or at the door.

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Yack local and olive grower, Michael Bell of the boutique grove The Olive Dowry, recently entered olive oil in the 2023 Golden Olives Awards put on by the Olive Producers of North East Victoria. He was delighted that their Extra Virgin Olive Oil received the following awards:

- Gold Medal - Class 2 Small Volume 100-999 Litres
- Best in Class - Class 2 Small Volume 100-999 Litres
- Best Extra Virgin Olive Oil in Show

The Olive Dowry oil is available at *The 7th Pocket*, 7 High Street, Yackandandah so you can buy a bottle and taste the quality of this very special olive oil.

Michael particularly wished to thank family and friends for helping with the 2023

harvest. Without their assistance, olive oil production from The Olive Dowry would not be possible.



Michael Bell (right) receives one of the Olive Dowry's trophies



UKE-N-DANDAH



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

Monday night sessions are back!
 7 - 8.30 pm on Monday evenings at the Courthouse.

Please come and join us.

To keep in the loop or for further details, please contact Chris via email - chris.zerbst@gmail.com

Did you know that many artists in Yackandandah showed their work publicly for the first time in Fresh and Unframed? And many of those artists were given the acknowledgment and validation to keep up their art making and to believe in themselves as artists.

I am excited to announce that Fresh and Unframed is on again this Melbourne Cup Day long weekend. Opening night will be **Friday, 3rd November** and the exhibition will run to **Tuesday, 7th November**



For those new to town, Fresh and Unframed is a three-day exhibition celebrating the creative endeavours of local artists, both new and established. Works must be unframed and there is a cap on the sale price, to ensure that all entries are affordable to the public.

Started in 2000 by local artists Linda Fish and Mandy Murray, Fresh and Unframed has stayed the distance and is still the premier art event in Yackandandah, not to missed under any circumstances.

Every year The Haldane Slatter Memorial prize is awarded to one exhibiting artist, and the public can vote for their favourite work in the People's Choice Awards.

Now is the time to "save the date" and start thinking about what you would like to do to contribute to the show. You may want to submit artwork, help with the preparation or both.

Keep an eye out on the Arts Yackandandah Facebook page for more details about this year's exhibition, including entry forms, price limits and other guidelines.

I look forward to organising the event, having fun and seeing what everyone has been making over the last few years!

Kirsten Coates

I'm only little

Lulu lollypop eyes
Jellybean heart
Fluttering magpie cries
In blue sunny skies

Cats eyes
Dangerous in the middle of the road
Long rows of soldiers at attention
Guarding the way

Devouring liquorice sticks
Like you'd never eaten before
Leading to a serious case of black lips

Wrapped in the warm cocoon of our car
Asleep now

Chasing the imaginary scaredy cat
All the way from Ballarat
And all the way back to Ballarat
All day long

Carried inside still asleep
Tucked into crumpled sheets and stale crumbs
Wrapped in a warm womb of dreams

Until it was dark
You were still awake
Watching reflecting upon
The mysterious shiney

Of black lips, scaredy cats, bright
sparkling cats eyes
And fluttering magpie cries in blue sunny skies

Stephen Masters

YACKANDANDAH WRITERS - AUTHENTIC VOICE

Something different for our writing group

When did you last write a personal letter? At our September Yackandandah Writers' meeting, we had the pleasure of listening to Doug Westland speak to us on the subject of an Authentic Voice. Doug had inherited diaries belonging to his grandmother, Harriet Sidney McDonald, which described her travels in 1910 from Melbourne to Naples by ship then overland to London. The notebooks were carbon copies of letters she sent home to her daughter in Kerang (Doug's mother). Transcribing them has been a labour of love for Doug as he is keen to make the diaries available for the generations to come.

One of the places his grandmother visited was Scotland in the Etrick Valley to connect with old family retainers as the granddaughter of James Hogg, otherwise known as "The Etrick Shepherd". James Hogg was sent to herd sheep at the age of six to help support his family. He taught himself to read and write a little during the winter months and, as an adult, became a prolific poet, story writer and novelist. Doug showed us some old and treasured books that Hogg was published in at the time.

Doug spoke passionately about the value of authentic contemporary writing. Its values are many, but most importantly, it is of the times in which it is written, brings social context and location and carries personal connection and passion.

In the current world of email, social media and AI, how much of this is being lost?

Bev Lello

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Experience the Ultimate Musical Extravaganza: SHOWTIME - Songs from Stage and Screen is Just Around the Corner!

The anticipation is building, and the excitement is palpable as the date draws nearer to the Arts Yackandandah presentation of 'SHOWTIME - Songs from Stage and Screen'.

With the detailed planning reaching its final stages and rehearsals well underway under the inspirational baton of maestro Glen Aberle, the hand-picked, enormously talented 14-piece band is abundant in resonating the glorious sounds of the precious melodies emanating from their fingertips.

As the enthusiasm and energy grows stronger by the day, the anticipation of promising an unforgettable afternoon of musical enchantment is also building.

The iconic Yackandandah Public Hall is being readied to be transformed into a world of musical splendour and timeless melodies. The stage is set to come alive with the talents of the remarkable performers and band members who are dedicating their time and passion to bring the beloved songs from both Broadway and Hollywood to life.

From the ageless charm of Mary Poppins to the adventure-filled melodies of Chitty, Chitty, Bang Bang, the heart-warming tunes of Oklahoma to the spirited rhythms of Annie Get Your Gun and Oliver and many other classics will be projected onto the big screen making this event an ode to the finest musical creations that have shaped generations.

To become a part of the enchantment, attendees are invited to dress up as their favourite musical characters. Whether it's stepping into the shoes of the whimsical Mary Poppins, or reliving the adventures of Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, or being a part of the spirited Cabaret cast, this is a way to be fully immersed in the magic, adding an extra layer of nostalgia and joy!

As the event draws nearer, the excitement is only escalating. The musical themes and decorations have been meticulously planned to give everyone who attends a memorably enjoyable experience. The cosy and intimate table settings with elegant finger food selections provided by the Yackandandah Women's Shed promise to tantalise taste buds whilst basking in the memories of the classic tunes.

Tickets are selling fast so its recommended not to miss out on this musical journey through the ages. Gathering friends, family, or even the local social group to secure either individual tickets or a table of eight. Tickets can be purchased through *TryBooking* www.trybooking.com/CKTYM or simply scan the QR code on the poster above to access the booking site.

The 'SHOWTIME - Songs from Stage and Screen' is a celebration of the magic of music, the nostalgia of classic melodies, and the unity of a community that genuinely appreciates the arts. So, mark a date in the diary for **Sunday 22nd October 2023, from 4:00pm to 6:30pm**, at Yackandandah Public Hall, and be prepared for an afternoon that will transport everyone to the world of musical dreams.

If you need any further details, contact Glen Aberle on 0433 135 265 or Robynne Hall on 0419 568 013

How quickly we reached the end of Term 3 and what a wonderful term we had!

For our 3yos, one of their highlights was the visit to the Yack CFA where they met with several

of the firefighters and took turns to operate the truck radios and hose down a pretend burning house. In fact, some of the children were so accurate with their aim, that the firefighters wanted to sign them up as new



Yack Kinder's 3 year olds meet the Yack CFA

recruits!! Book Week dress-ups came a close second place for excitement.

Over the term, the children have enjoyed indoor and outdoor play-based learning in addition to their more structured classroom program. They've particularly enjoyed creating delicious mud pies, cakes and biscuits in our outdoor mud kitchen. This messy play enhanced their sensory exploration and is something we encourage to support them as they develop their curiosity, creativity and problem-solving.

Recently, our little learners have been learning about volcanoes and lava. They created their own paper mâché volcano to see how lava bubbles up inside before erupting. They used a plastic bottle, bicarb soda, vinegar and food colouring to recreate the effect of eruption. Through these and other small science explorations the children are expanding their communication, language, and emergent literacy. Conversations and questions about volcanos and the earth helped to further their turn-taking and direction-following skills.

It has been wonderful to see the children continuing to build relationships with one another and engaging in different play scenarios. We are supporting the children to share their ideas, make choices, problem solve, and most importantly, have fun!

The 4YO children have had a stimulating and fun Term 3 that has seen them progress and grow as confident and involved learners. This past term the

children have followed their strong interest in construction play, engaging in large scale projects with wooden blocks, loose parts, and repurposed materials. Their structures become more elaborate and complex as the term went on as they planned and built singularly or with partners in small groups. These fun-filled experiences helped their social and emotional behaviour as they learnt to co-operate with one another. One of the wonderful outcomes of our construction play focus has been the development of the children's 'executive function'.

Executive function enables people to achieve goals, adapt to new situations, and manage social interactions. As they engaged in construction play, they were building their cognitive flexibility, planning, reasoning, and problem solving. It was lovely hearing their narratives about how they would construct; working out a plan and choosing construction materials via shape, colour and size.

The human body was a topic explored last term, with the children identifying and naming the parts inside their bodies, looking at the eye, the digestive system and our bones and muscles.

Whilst learning about the five senses, they learnt more about their body and explored how they were able to control their body parts, whilst acquiring vocabulary to describe how things look, hear, taste, feel, sound.

Whilst one of our teachers was travelling in Europe, the children wanted to follow her travels on a world map and talk about the different countries and cultures she was experiencing. A travel agent and airline play space was created where the children chose where they were flying to and booked their tickets for the plane. Every day it was a new adventure as to where they were going.

Thoroughly enjoyed excursion highlights were Wonga Wetlands, Murray Arts Museum Albury, Beechworth Bakery, Beechworth Honey and Wooragee Primary School. Having just had the excitement of dressing up for Book Week and the Yack Librarian coming to Kinder for story time, the children are now looking forward to the Wangaratta Road Traffic Safety School excursion in October and the commencement of their Foundation orientation days in October/ November.

In Bush Kinder, the children experimented with

cooking food on the fire – trying out different types of fruit and vegetables and engaging in conversations about how this food changes with heat. The unused portions of vegetables were also used to make marvellous mud stamp artwork.

Mid-term, the groups noticed the frogs were much louder and so began to record their sounds to send

data to FrogID [an initiative of the Aust Museum], which aims to gather info about frogs from all over Australia. We should soon be receiving an email from FrogID identifying which frogs we have living in our bush kinder.

Other exciting activities have been practicing our log balance and co-ordination, fishing off the boardwalk, making mushroom pictures, reading about spiders,



Getting your balance - it's as easy as falling off a log!

exploring the mud and the creek waterway, using the flint & steel and learning about safety around the fire.

Next term, with the warmer weather, we will be able to experiment with charcoal in art, enjoy more creek play and exploration of what water bugs we find in our creek. In Term 4 we have much to look forward to and we hope the children to take advantage of the opportunities presented to them.

We have many fun, exciting and challenging things coming up as we prepare for our 2024 orientation, 2024 Foundation transition days at the local primary schools, excursions and our end of year concert and art show.

We think our Kinder is pretty special, as is our community who support us greatly in working together to strengthen curiosity, kindness and independence in our children.

Fast-forward to 2024 planning and we will be busy next year running two 4yo rooms, two 3yo rooms, one 4yo school readiness room and 2 Bush Kinder programs. We have just had a few places become available in our 2024 Tuesday Bush Kinder, 3yo and 4yo programs and we encourage interested families to contact the Kinder for further information, [02 6027 1560] or visit our website at www.yackandandahkinder.com.au.

YACK KINDER MANGO FUNDRAISER

Tray sizes are 4.5kg at a cost of \$26 per tray. Orders are due to the Mango Co-ordinator by **no later than 24th October.**



Bowen Mangos will advise our December delivery date once they have started harvesting and this will be communicated via email.

Pick-up will be from the Yackandandah Public Hall (we will try to organise a drop off point in Beechworth as well).

Mango Co-Ordinator Sarah Crispin can be contacted at yackmangos@outlook.com to request Google order form details.

Once you have completed your order, please make payment via EFT or direct debit to Yackandandah Primary School. Westpac BSB: 033-222. Account No. 018848. **Important!** Please write MANGO and the surname of the person appearing on the order form in the reference.

Whilst we do aim to be flexible, please be aware that for the fundraiser to be successful we are hoping to keep things simple, so please **only order via the Google online order form**, as it is less likely to be lost or missed.

The Kinder thanks everyone for their support in this, our major fundraiser for the year.

YACK CEMETERY TRUST

Welcome to spring at the Yackandandah Cemetery – the grass is green and the rose garden and shrubs are in flower – what a great time of the year for reflection and to visit your local cemetery.

Many will have noticed the cemetery grounds are looking fantastic and we are well placed as we enter a high growth period across the grounds. The Trustees would like to acknowledge the efforts of the Beechworth Correction Centre for their ongoing commitment and support with maintaining the cemetery grounds. The Beechworth Correction Centre is a reintegration prison, and their goal is to help offenders serving in the final weeks and months of their sentence prepare for their successful return to the community, become an economic contributor, and to make positive behavioural choices. The Cemetery Trust has had ongoing positive experiences with the prisoners when they undertake maintenance activities. They exercise great care, judgement, and manners, and really enjoy using our electric mowers and maintenance equipment. They also really enjoy the Gum Tree pies that the Trustee Ian Jenkins provides them after a hard morning's work.

The historical cemetery gates that face Isaacs Avenue are currently receiving maintenance. The Trust is very grateful for the work Mr. Dan Carberry is undertaking to repair and paint these historical

risk of damage to cemetery infrastructure. This work will increase the cemetery's climate resilience by improving the management and directional control of fast-flow stormwater during extreme weather events.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – The Trust held its AGM in August. David Lerch was re-elected as Chair. Paul Anderson was elected as Deputy Chair and Risk Management Officer. Ian Jenkins was elected as Sexton and Treasurer. Thelma Buchanan was elected as Secretary. Trustees are Anna Hession, Heather Hillas and Louise Humphrey.

The Yackandandah Cemetery Trust values transparency and community engagement. In that spirit, printed below is a copy of the Chair's Report that was submitted at the AGM. The report provides an excellent summary of the past 12 months.

CHAIR'S REPORT - AGM 2023

Welcome everyone to our 2023 AGM. What an amazing year it has been. As always there have been challenges and triumphs with successful application for grants, new risk management register and documents implemented and adopted, a new area of cemetery opened to the public (Nature Area), successful grant applications and of course Mother Nature showing who's boss with torrential rain creating havoc.

Governance structures adopted or improved upon

The trust continues to review, develop and adopt policies and procedures for the benefit of the entire community. With a new risk management, Nature Section Policy, the Memento and Tribute Policy and Privacy Policy documents that have been worked upon by the entire trust led by Paul whose passion and many hours of work first to create, edit and then present to the trust as a finished document.

Successful grant applications - to allow the Yackandandah Cemetery to become possibly the only cemetery to fully transition from fossil fuel machinery to electric by turning our machinery shed into a solar and battery operation providing enough stored power to charge and maintain multiple mowers and other equipment. Also another successful grant to enclose the last remaining open drain, unfortunately work is still to be completed as we were beaten by the weather and hopefully will be completed in the spring weather permitting. Of course, a huge thank you to Paul and Ian for your uncanny ability to win these grants allowing us to not only improve the way we maintain and manage our cemetery, but without a doubt be the envy of many a cemetery trust far and wide.

Yackandandah Cemetery Trust continues to be one of the few Trusts with a minimum female participation rate of at least 50%. But as always striving to be diverse not only in age and gender but

ethnicity.

The opening of the new Nature Section burial area has had an immediate and positive impact on our community, with families already enthusiastically buying and using plots. Moving away from the traditional monument areas to a place of garden and quiet contemplation. A huge thank you to Cade Roberts of Sandy Creek Trees for providing the plants and workers to plant out the garden area.

Our Community Connections

This year the Yackandandah Gardening Club once again came to the fore, using their skills and spending hours to prune and maintain the rose garden for the benefit of all.

Corrections Victoria have provided on a number of occasions the willingness and manpower to help us maintain the cemetery, mowing, trimming etc, particularly in the lead up to holiday periods, allowing the grounds to look their best as family and friends come to visit loved ones.

The Yackandandah Historical Society once again held their annual Cemetery Walk once again to a huge success titled "Children's deaths in Yackandandah Cemetery from now preventable diseases 1859-1959". Well done, Thelma Buchanan.

Thank you to the Williams and Ross Family for your incredibly generous donation, allowing for two beautiful hand crafted timber seats to be built; and Cameron Mckern who not only offers his assistance but helps to maintain and update our website.

Other community members who continue to offer support and hours of labour: Ian Brown, Dan Carberry, Steve Stricek, Graham Britton and Mitch May. Thank you. And of course the wider community who without fail turn up to our Annual Working bee in December to offer their help and support.

Trust Members

Anna Hession, what an amazing leader you have been over many years, unfortunately in recent times you have had to step away and concentrate on your health. Whether you stay or go, hopefully we can always call on your knowledge and experience which is invaluable.

The executive committee, Ian Jenkins, Sexton and Treasurer and Thelma Buchanan, Secretary - as always your enthusiasm and meticulous record keeping keeps the trust on track and running smoothly.

Our general committee - Louise Humphrey, Paul Anderson, Heather Hillas; your willingness to give up precious time to help run and maintain our local cemetery for the wider community, to ensure that it remains a special place of contemplation and reflection for grieving families is truly a credit to you all.

One special mention, although not a trust member - Edna Lord, your generosity will be sorely missed.

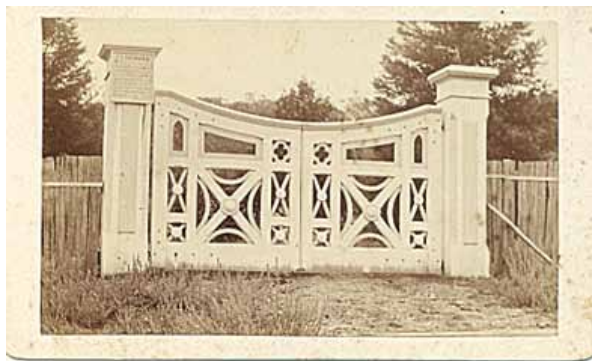
Future focus in the short term will continue to be the upkeep and maintenance of the cemetery, with longer term projects being the upgrade of the front car park and possible acquisition of land for future expansion of the cemetery for many more generations to come. We will continue to communicate with the community through our website, local newspaper (Yackity Yak), Yackandandah Historical Society and social media.

David Lerch, Chair

Cemetery Reminders

Cemetery Walk – Scheduled for **Sunday, 29th October** at 2pm, \$5 entry which includes a booklet. Bring sunscreen, a hat and a camp chair if you need to sit during the presentations.

Working Bee – Scheduled for **Saturday, 2 December**. Signs will be in the usual places around town as a reminder. Please bring a hat and any equipment you are able to and helps us ready the cemetery for the Christmas period, when the Cemetery receives hundreds of local and interstate visitors.



The very distinctive Yackandandah Cemetery gates

gates, and we recognise them as a prominent feature on the entry to town. The gates were designed and built in 1880 by Thomas Ramsay and Rasmus Michelsen, and underwent their most significant refurbishment in 1915 by John Charles McDermott and Thornley Valentine Hall.

Work will shortly commence by Mr. Graham Schmitt to install a further section of underground stormwater drainage. This work involves the removal of existing above ground concrete swale drains and replacing this infrastructure with a suitably sized subterranean reticulated network of stormwater pipes, noting that better stormwater management is needed to reduce safety hazards, and reduce the

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JUNIOR PUBLIC SPEAKING

Yackandandah Lions Club were delighted to host the area's primary school public speaking event on Monday, 14th August. A total of 15 students participated in the competition fully supported by



Meredith McIntyre, winning speaker - Elena Dean and Peter Croucher

room full of family and friends. Grades 3 & 4 and Grades 5 & 6 from Osbornes Flat, Wooragee and Yackandandah Primary Schools participated. The event involved 3 experienced, independent judges and supported by Peter Croucher as MC.

The Grade 3 & 4 topic was 'Oh No - you've turned into a Giant' with a 3 minute presentation.

Judges noted a high standard of public speaking skill was evident in this group of 8 very articulate participants. The level of imagination involved in these presentations was impressive.

The winner for Grade 3 & 4 was Emily Sheppard from Yackandandah Primary

School with Peter Kellaway (YPS) a close second place. Congratulation to both.

The Grade 5 & 6 topic was 'Strange World Records set in history' with a 4 minute presentation.

Judges were pleased to note evidence of detailed research on the topic and were entertained by the highly unique selection of obscure world records presented. A very high standard of public speaking skill was evident in this group of 7 confident speakers.

The winner for Grade 5& 6 was Elena Dean from Wooragee Primary School by the smallest of margins to Gabrielle Garguilo from Yackandandah Primary School. Congratulations.

Lions Club would like to thank the three participating primary schools and, in particular, the Grade 3 & 4, 5 & 6 teachers who did an outstanding job in guiding and preparing these aspiring young speakers to stand up in front of a room full of people and deliver their speech.

Thank you and a great job - Angela Vincent - Grade 3 & 4 YPS, Brendan Hogan - Grade 5 & 6 YPS, Bec Davis - Wooragee PS, Tameeka - Osbornes Flat PS

We would also like to congratulate every student who participated in this event. It was a very enjoyable evening for everyone involved.

Meredith McIntyre



Meredith, winner - Emily Sheppard and Peter

YCDCo SPONSORSHIP OF NEW TOYS AT YACKANDANDAH TOY LIBRARY

The Yackandandah Toy Library has been functioning at a limited capacity since the COVID pandemic in 2020. A new committee took over in April of this year. A great need for new toys was established to rejuvenate the Yackandandah Toy Library and we would like to acknowledge Yackandandah Community Development Company (YCDCo) for their sponsorship of \$1,865. This is the first injection of funds into the Yackandandah Toy Library for three years (aside



Gabrielle and Ruben Vening enjoying the new toys. PC: Nik Hazeleger

from membership fees which only covers our insurance). We were very excited to purchase a variety of new toys which will promote learning through play and help the children in our community flourish. The grant from YCDCo has greatly improved our toy inventory, which is helping to attract new members.

The Yackandandah Toy Library is now hosting 'Come and Play' sessions fortnightly which is a great space for families in our community to connect.

The opening days are Sundays during the school term from 10am until 11am. The dates for Term 4, 2023 are:

- 1st October
- 15th October
- 5th November
- 19th November
- 3rd December
- 17th December (then closed until Sunday 19th January, 2024)

Yackandandah Toy Library is an affordable and environmentally friendly way to access novelty toys for children. We encourage families to buy a membership and welcome all families in our community to attend a 'Come and Play' session.

Thanks again to YCDCo for playing a critical role in the rejuvenation of Yackandandah Toy Library!

Miriam Poyner
yacktoylibrary@gmail.com

'Yackandandah, Born in the Dreamtime ... Enduring Forever...

Winding roads
Rising from so many compass points
Snaking, meandering
Beside pretty creeks and down through valleys
Green and lush
Lined by a myriad of gums, deciduous, wattle and fir giants
Leading us home to the friendliest place on earth.

A community where everyone matters,
Big or small, old and young
Creative geniuses and everyday folk, all with dreams
Hard workers, whether at home or away in a workplace
Caring helpmates stretching out a hand to others.

A High Street lined with vintage verandah shopfronts,
And big tubs of colour waving a big welcome
To newcomers and locals alike.
A smile and head nod between mates,
A pat on the back for a job well done
Laughter and jokes shared between old and young alike
Recipes and money-saving ideas
Swapped over dozens of fences.

'Can I help you?'
'Do you need a hand?'
'What can I get you?'
'I've got lots; come, help yourself.'
Echoes from home to home, farm to farm
So many willing to lend a hand, or a tool

Cook a hearty meal
Share a cuppa, bake a cake.

Yackandandah, a town oozing with generosity,
Friendly faces, kind hearts
A plethora of clubs, groups or sporting hubs to join
Where acquaintances turn into good friends
And strangers become caring neighbours
Bringing a smile of good cheer
A word of encouragement when needed most
Or a chore secretly taken care of
Without a blink or whisper at all.

This is God's own country
Showing off her splendour - and His...
Around every bend, across every ridge...
In valleys low and lofty mountaintops...
Dripping with colour in Autumn and Spring's vibrant finery
Or Summer's lime green lushness
And Winter's intricate tree skeleton
filigree against a bright blue sky.

This is why we love living here
And why so many others want to join us.

Thanks to each and every Yackite, new or old for welcoming us so warmly into your fold - your blood's sure worth bottlin'!

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Jeni Robinson up on the hill in
Connel Street



Greetings

FROM YACKANDANDAH



Tea towels, stickers, stubby holders, fridge magnets, greeting cards, post cards

Transition to management planned for Varroa

Following a National Management Group meeting involving industry and government bodies on 19 September 2023, Agriculture Victoria will transition its emergency response to a transition to management phase for Varroa mite.

Victoria's Chief Plant Health Officer Dr Rosa Crnov said the NSW Varroa mite outbreak is no longer technically feasible to eradicate despite sustained efforts by government and industry.

'Victoria remains free of Varroa mite, and under the Transition to Management program the focus will be on slowing the spread of Varroa and ensuring our industries are prepared and supported for its arrival,' she said. 'The Transition to Management model will support business continuity minimising the impact of varroa on our beekeepers and pollination-dependent industries.'

'Surveillance of varroa and keeping track of the movement of bees and beekeeping equipment via our permit system will continue to help us maintain a Varroa-free status in Victoria while we work with industry to adapt to the new model.'

Beekeepers must continue to record any bee movements, regularly test bees for varroa and follow the requirements of the Control Area Order and any permits they are under.

Agriculture Victoria will work on developing the national Transition to Management Plan as part of the Consultative Committee on Emergency Plant Pests (CCEPP) process. The Plan's focus is slowing the spread of Varroa mite, supporting pollination, building industry resilience and providing management solutions.

Since Varroa mite was found 15 months ago, Agriculture Victoria's world class biosecurity capability has been able to support two successful pollination seasons without the pest entering the state.

Varroa mite is a parasite of adult honey bees and honey bee brood. It weakens and kills honey bee colonies and can also transmit honey bee viruses. Varroa mite does not affect native bees.

For more information on varroa mite requirements, reporting and permit applications, visit the Varroa page on the Agriculture Victoria website via: <http://agriculture.vic.gov.au/varroa>.

Any suspected cases of Varroa should be reported to the Exotic Plant Pest Hotline on 1800 084 881.



agriculture.vic.gov.au

They Have Cut Down the Pines

They have cut down the pines where they stood;

The wind will miss them – the rain,
When its silver blind is down.

They have stripped the bark from the wood-
The needly boughs, and the brown
Knobbly nuts trodden into the ground.

The kind, the friendly trees,

Where all day long the sun

Plays hide and seek with shadows

Till the multiplying shadows turn to one

And night is here.

They have cut down the trees and ended
now

The gentle colloquy of bough and bough.

They are making a fence by the creek,

And have cut down the pines for the posts.

Wan in the sunlight as ghosts

The naked trunks lie.

A bird nested there- it will seek

In vain: they have cut down the pines.

Mary Lisle

Reg's Rain Report

2023	Millimetres	Days of Rain
January	100.2	8
February	24.0	5
March	114.8	12
April	74.8	9
May	73.0	14
June	156.4	17
July	85.8	14
August	72.4	12
Sept to 14th	12.6	3
TOTAL	714.0	94
To 14/9/22	861.6	72
To 14/9/21	778.4	81



IF I AGREED WITH YOU, WE'D BOTH BE WRONG

Ali Pockley and the *Yackity Yak*

The person sitting across the table from me is the publisher of one of the few profitable and unsubsidised rural newspapers in Victoria. She is Yackandandah's Ali Pockley. Ali won't like me saying this, but she is fidgeting a bit, and I get the impression she doesn't much like talking about herself.

Ali is publisher and editor of our very own *Yackity Yak*, Yackandandah's community paper, in print for over 18 years (2005). The paper is currently published bi-monthly, free to readers, owned by YCDCo, with Issue #110 arriving soon. Ali has quite the diverse resume: previously, she was an Indigo Shire Councillor, Mayor and YCC Manager. She has had two stints as Editor for the paper: 2013-2015, and from 2019 on. These days (although she will not want me to say this either), Ali gets the paper out pretty much on her own.

Some of us might remember precursors to *Yackity Yak*: the *Yackandandah Community News* (1990-95 under Shirley Dobson), and the *Kiewa & Yackandandah Valleys' Community News* (1995-97 under Kelvin Quonoey). Earlier editions of *Yackity Yak* were photocopied, folded and stapled on A3 paper, before later being printed by North East Media, from 2013 on, as the paper you are now reading.

Yackity Yak prints more than 1600 copies for each issue, some arriving in our letter boxes and some placed in gathering spots such as the Post Office, the servo, YCC, the Newsagency, Indigo Shire, Yackandandah Health, and many others. Each issue is also published, in full colour, on the YCDCo website.

It's worth taking a moment to reflect on what rural newspapers provide their readers: news about what the local clubs are doing, news about upcoming events and gatherings, important information during times of hardship and disaster recovery, and advocacy regarding local hot topic issues (such as planning decisions before council and community dilemmas: "Should Mr J Doe have to pay to repair a bordering fence line alone (since he did so last time), or should the cost be shared (as it should have been last time)?").

Journalist Dana Milbank describes rural news eloquently: "*In a calmer place where the slow rhythms of rural life are newsworthy — and where, regardless of political views, its readers are unified by a powerful sense of community... The [rural] newspaper still serves as the hymnal of our civic religion. It's a tradition that we need to rescue in rural [areas] — and emulate in our cities.*"

But rural papers in Australia—and pretty much all over the world—have been facing difficult times, especially in the last decade. Readers are getting more of what they want through social media and special-interest groups, and advertising dollars are being spent through other platforms. As of last year, more than a hundred (1 of 4) rural papers in Australia have either folded, merged or gone digital-only. Thousands of journalist jobs have been lost in the past 10 years,

primarily outside urban areas, and in the US, an average of two newspapers are folding per week.

Many rural newspapers operate, as one small newspaper proprietor put it, "on the smell of an oily rag." For those rural newspapers that have survived, many have reduced their operating costs by simply printing syndicated content from larger news organisations, with their readers ultimately losing touch with real local issues.

But not Ali and not the *Yackity Yak*. The Yackandandah community enjoys providing and consuming local content only.

For example, in the recent Issue #109, a fulsome full colour 36 pages, I learned a great deal: I learned that the kids at Little Yacks were making the best of the cold weather, getting outside to get their muscles moving and their energy exerted. I learned that Johnnie and Shayne are making a guitar out of an Indian motorbike nameplate (I want this), that Zinna is quite the mosaic artist these days, that Jane, David (previously), the team at YCC, and lots and lots of other groups and people, have coordinated 14 (!) Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs) at various locations around Yack, and finally, hardest of all for me to digest, that Leigh, from Backwoods Distilling, is allowing Americans to taste his and Bree's whiskey in Chicago, of all places!

When I ask Ali what the secret to the paper's profitability is, she shrugs, "The paper just seems to cruise along..." I suspect there might be more to it than that, so I press on. She lets me in on her publisher's secret: reasonably priced advertising, leading to high demand to advertise, which allows the paper to be free to readers, which prompts high readership, which encourages continued high demand for advertising, which allows the advertising to remain reasonably priced. And so on. *Yackity Yak* just cruising along.

About her role as Editor? Ali advocates for local issues she feels need more advocacy, and occasional problem solving, such as requests like: "Please don't put the undertaker's advert next to my article!"

Ali's two favourite publishing memories? The 100th Issue in 2022, and YCDCo's 10th anniversary edition, replete with a glorious 4-page full colour pull-out!

Finally, here's something Ali does want me to say. That she feels very grateful towards earlier contributors to Yackandandah's media universe for their work: Matthew Charles-Jones, Kevin Poyner, Phil Newman, Zinna Davies, Julie Keeble, Shayne and Jenn Willis, Naomi Davis, Lauren Salathiel, Annie Brown, Bron Nolan, Michelle Walsh, Bec Busby, and Julianne Toth.

Ali is clearly a thankful person. So are Yackandandah residents, so thank you, Ali Pockley.

Mickey Clark
Yackandandah resident



Taken from the Ovens and Murray Advertiser on the 9th February, 1895 and it could equally apply to current or would be advertisers in Yackity Yak!

A fine store is no good for business if the proprietor keeps it a secret from the public by not advertising. Keep a good article, and then don't let there be any secrecy about your having it on sale. Your fixtures will then need oft-replenishment. Your customers will not be scarce as hen's teeth.

Thank you, Thelma Buchanan, for this genteel encouragement to advertise in Yackity Yak! Ed.

YACK LIONS CLUB MARKETS



Yack Lions Club's famous weekend markets will be held from 9 am - 1 pm on the following Sundays in 2023:

15th October

19th November

17th December

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

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

CRYPTIC XWORD #13 Answers

ACROSS

1 Educated. 5 Skirts. 9 Endanger. 10 Canoeed. 12 Tarp. 13 Capability. 15 By all accounts. 19 Lunar landings. 23 Syndicated. 25 Emma. 28 Intruded. 29 Closer. 30 Suspense. 31 Canyon.

DOWN

1 Events. 2 Under. 3 Acne. 4 Eyeball. 6 Khaki. 7 Reorients. 8 Sad Gypsy. 11 Talc. 14 Pair. 15 Banknotes. 16 Awn. 17 Owns. 18 Elastics. 20 Awakens. 21 Deer. 22 Barren. 24 Inure. 26 Messy. 27 Ulna.

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

email: sportspark@yackandandah.com

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

Get shearing done to prevent animal welfare issues

Agriculture Victoria is keen to remind people responsible for the care and management of sheep of their responsibility to manage wool length, so it doesn't become excessive.

Agriculture Victoria Program Manager Livestock Welfare Compliance, Dr Sarah Chaplin said sheep with more than 1 year's wool growth are highly susceptible to heat stress and disease and those with over-long fleeces are also more likely to become cast - lying on their side and unable to rise. 'A person who allows sheep in their care to grow excessively long fleeces may be exposed to cruelty provisions of the *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Regulations 2019*. Under the regulations, a person must not allow the fleece of a sheep to grow to a length greater than twice the average annual growth for the breed of sheep or more than 250mm (whichever is shorter)'.

Dr Chaplin said most sheep producers undertake shearing annually and won't have issues complying with this requirement. 'People that keep sheep as pets also need to ensure they plan ahead and arrange for their sheep to be shorn annually.' Dr Chaplin said all people who own or manage sheep must take appropriate actions to prevent their sheep's wool becoming over-long. 'Sheep with excessive fleece length are at increased risk of heat stress, becoming cast and serious animal health issues such as flystrike.

'This regulation applies to anyone responsible for sheep, including sheep kept for commercial or hobby reasons. Anybody who owns or is in charge of sheep can be fined for having sheep with excessive wool growth,' she said. 'It's also important anyone responsible for sheep consider the time of year they undertake shearing, particularly during the colder months when adverse weather conditions can have serious impacts on the welfare of sheep. 'Freshly shorn sheep should be placed into paddocks that contain proper and sufficient shelter to protect them from adverse weather conditions.'

For further information regarding sheep health and welfare visit the Agriculture Victoria website, call 136 186 or consult with Animal Health and Welfare staff at your local Agriculture Victoria office.

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



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FRIENDS OF CHILTERN-MT. PILOT NATIONAL PARK

Please note that the mid-week wildflower walks will meet at 9:00am in Chiltern at the car park between the Information Centre and the swimming pool.

Wildflower walks are planned for:

Sunday 1st October 2023: Donchi Hill area.

Wednesday 11th October 2023: Tower Hill area.

Saturday 4th November 2023: Mt Pilot section.

Further details from
Neville Bartlett
neville@nrbartlett.com.au

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YACK COMMUNITY BOWLS CLUB



Renovation of the Bowls Green

Renovation of the Green

A major renovation of the green was undertaken on Monday, 11th & Tuesday, 12th September. A huge effort by club members Wayne Furze, Reon Garvey, Mike Tobin & Frank Artis, with fantastic support from a 5 member team from Beechworth Corrections. We are extremely grateful to Beechworth Corrections for approving this project as it involved 80-100 wheelbarrow loads of organic matter being removed from the green, a process made do-able with their



Frank Artis keeping up with the young workers!

assistance on both days. There was a strong demand locally for the nutrient-rich organic material removed to be re-purposed and it was quickly loaded onto ute and trailers and taken away. A fantastic job with the green looking neat as a pin, ready for a 10 day rest.

The green was re-opened on the 23rd September.

SPOTLIGHT on a Major Club Sponsor

Mel Davis & Steve Dunn generously donated two lovely trailer loads of firewood for the club's winter firewood raffles conducted in May & August this year. These donations included immediate delivery to the lucky winners. These raffles supported by Yackandandah Food Works, were extremely successful fundraisers with delighted local resident winners - Rob Reebbs in May and Kelly Lees in August. A huge thanks from the Yackandandah Bowls Club to Mel and Steve for this large contribution to the Club and to the residents of Yackandandah and surrounds for their support.

OPEN DAY on Sunday, 10th September was a great success. Despite ordinary but dry weather we had a great turn out and enjoyed the company of 7 visitors interested in playing bowls and enjoying a lovely social gathering.

Come and Play

Sunday Social Bowls every week 10.30am – 12.30pm, subject to dry weather. Beginners, Intermediate and experienced bowlers all welcome. Come along and join in the fun.

Do you need to book a venue or planning your Christmas work party?

The Bowling Club is ideal for large or small, events, with a large kitchen, fully stocked bar, indoor and outdoor seating for 100+ people and modern toilet facilities. We can assist with catering if you need. Throw in some barefoot bowling for lots of fun and laughter. Contact Trish Tobin – 0418 419 270.

Meredith McIntyre

YACK TENNIS CLUB

Summer is just around the corner and the Yack Tennis Club is getting ready! New nets have been purchased and at time of writing this article, our major infrastructure project of upgrading the two plexipave courts to a sand surface was about to begin. This is very exciting as the project has been a long time coming and the Club is extremely grateful to the funding received from Tennis Victoria's Bushfire Community Development Fund, YCDCo and Indigo Council in making our project a reality.

Yack has teams in all sections of the upcoming Kiewa Talgarno District Tennis Association summer competition. One team each in Sections 1 and 2 and two junior teams in Sections 3 and 4. We wish all teams a fun summer ahead!

In other exciting news, our wonderful Hot Shots coach extraordinaire, Lou Thornton is undertaking a Women Leaders in Tennis course through Tennis Australia. One of her action learning projects aims to bring more women and girls to tennis and as such, she will be hosting Cardio Tennis session for 6 weeks on a Wednesday evening commencing 4th October. Spaces are limited but if there is enough interest, Lou will look to run the session in Term 1 of next year. Look to the Yack Tennis Club Facebook page for more details.

And of course, Lou will continue to run the Hot Shots programme in Term 4, 2023 and Term 1, 2024 on Wednesday afternoons (3.45pm – 4.30pm) for young children in pre-school up to grade 4. Other coaching for beginners to advanced will continue with Paul Sykes in Term 4.

Club membership is due in October and there are many different membership options available, depending on how much tennis your family loves!

Adult single \$60

Family \$140 (includes cardio/junior hotshots/junior competition and coaching)

Junior coaching with Paul Sykes \$20 (then additional private coaching fee)

Junior coaching - Hotshots \$40

Junior competition \$50 (has ball fees attached)

Cardio Tennis \$20 (then additional private coaching fee)

Members can renew their membership on the Yack Tennis Club website:

<https://play.tennis.com.au/yackandandahclub/Membership/Join>

Tuesday night tennis continues but Thursday night social tennis will be changing to a more casual Fast-4 game in which players turn up and play against whoever is keen for a game.

Also, at time of writing, the Yack Tennis Club is applying to be registered as an Get Active Sports provider so any junior membership costs can be covered for eligible children. Stay tuned for details on the Yack Facebook page.

It all makes for one great summer season of tennis ahead!



Upgrading the courts - a new era for Yack Tennis Club.

YGC
Yackandandah Golf Club

2023 Women's Charity Day

4 Ball Scramble (Women or Mixed Teams)

(for Fight Parkinsons Victoria in memory of Pam Crosthwaite)

Wednesday 1st November 2023
8.30am for 9.00am shotgun start



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Spring has sprung and there is no better time to get out, get about and get happy hitting the fairways. There has been a plethora of good golf and more to come!

But we had better start with a recap of results from the winter months....

WOMEN'S:

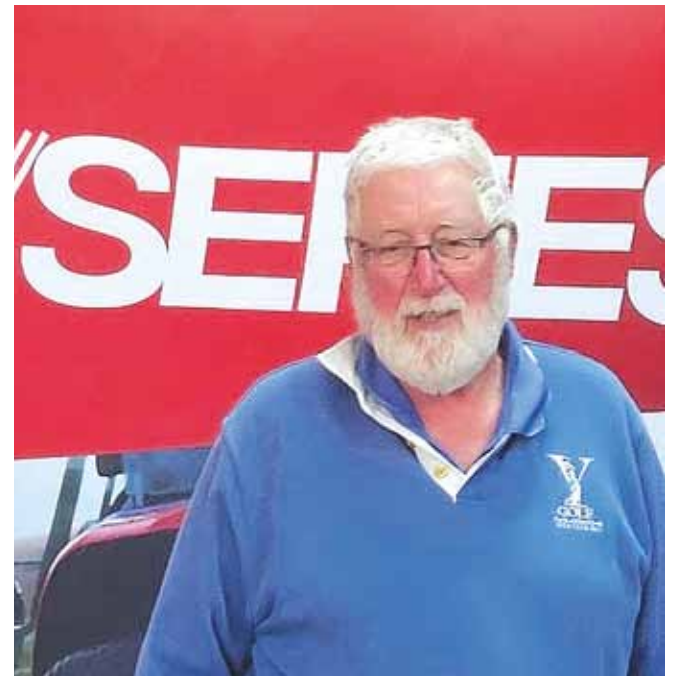
The Women's championships were contested over four rounds in August. Congratulations to the following:

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Celebrating at Benalla at the NEDGA District Championships

- The Pip Beatty Shield was won by Bluey in a Matchplay final against Hugh M'Crystal.
- The Men's Championships were held with the A, B & C-grade champions announced at the Presentation later this year.
- Herb Glass represented Yack at the Victorian Sandgreen Championships in August and came runner-up in the 4BBB opening day.



Herb Glass at the Victorian Sandgreen Championships



From l to r: Women's Champions Cath Bishop, Frances Boehm and Libby M'Crystal claim their trophies

- A Grade Champion: Libby M'Crystal
- B Grade Champion: Frances Boehm
- 9 Hole Champion: Cath Bishop

The NEDGA District Championships were held at Benalla in early September and well done to our team of Robyn, Margo, Lizzie, Glenda, Frances, Robyn and Angela. Congratulations to Robyn Davies who won the B grade 36 hole Scratch Runner up and B grade 36 hole Handicap.

Another awesome result was Angela Bishop who won NEDGA Pennant player of the year in our division.

MEN'S

- Hole-in-one honours were awarded to Mick Rodgers in July for his fantastic shot on the 6th par 3.



Mick Rodgers celebrating his hole-in-one

CLUB NEWS

We held a terrific practice/introduction day for women in September and it was great to see returning players and those new to the sport come along.

Thanks to Penny for sharing some expert tips and advice. Thanks also to club members: Libby, Helen, Jenny and Glenda for catering and helping the day run smoothly. We hope to see these players keep up with their golf!



Practice Day for returning & new players

October is full of tournaments around the district as the golf year winds up. Both our men and women have their upcoming tournaments (Women: Wednesday, 25th October; Men on Sunday, 5th November) and the volunteers have been doing an incredible job to present the course at its best.

The Women's Charity Day this year will be held on Wednesday, 1st November and we invite all golfers to enter in support of our chosen charity: Fight Parkinsons Victoria.

The event is a Mixed 4 Ball Scramble in honour of club member, Pam Crosthwaite. Cost is \$30 per player with lunch provided. See details on the Yack Golf Club Facebook page and on the page opposite, and email your entry to ygcwomenscaptain@gmail.com



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