YACCANDANDAH HEALTH’S CARE SANCTUARY
UP AND RUNNING

As reported in the August edition of Yackity Yak, the Care Sanctuary located at Yackandandah Health on the hospital site, is now up and running, with the first tree being donated by the Labram family.

This thoughtful and caring enterprise will help make the transition from home to assisted care and living, a great deal easier, particularly for people coming off the land.

For full details of this inspiring story, please see page 3.

A Fond Farewell and a Warm Welcome to staff at the WAW Credit Union, Yackandandah Branch

With spring just around the corner it was fitting that Diann Robertson, a keen gardener who has worked with WAW for 23 years, decided it was time to retire and focus on the things in her life that are the most important.

Number one is family and getting to spend some time with her grandchildren, and then comes the garden and last, but by all means not least, is travel.

See page 6 for the full story.
YACKITY YAK

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John Labram, who designed and created two award-winning gardens at the UK’s famous Chelsea Flower Show, is the first person to donate money for a tree at Yackandandah Health’s CARE Sanctuary.

John is a qualified landscape gardener who had a garden design business in England before moving to Australia 12 years ago. Over the past eight years John has been living with a form of atypical Parkinson’s Disease which has recently resulted in him being wheelchair-reliant. This gives John a great understanding and perspective on the needs of people who require disabled access to garden spaces.

John lives in an apartment at Yackandandah Health which allows him uninterrupted views of the planned animal sanctuary and garden and he is very excited to be involved in the project by participating in the garden working group.

The Yackandandah CARE Sanctuary received $200,000 funding from the Victorian government’s Pick My Project initiative last year. It is one of eight successful projects in the Ovens Murray region and received 212 community votes. The concept was proposed by Tijana Simic, Yackandandah resident and manager of the project. It is expected to be operating by the end of the year.

Yackandandah Health CEO, Annette Nuck said CARE stands for:

- Community garden
- Animals
- Relationships
- Education

“It’s the Sanctuary’s mission to build community cohesion and improve wellbeing through positive engagement with animals, gardens and education. Human and animal interaction has been shown to improve physical, social and mental health for people of all ages,” she said.

“The CARE Sanctuary will connect our older residents to others in the community and to a garden and animals they can help care for. This gives them a meaningful outdoor activity that contributes to their physical wellbeing and establishes connections with other people. It will also be used by children in our Little Yacks Childcare Centre,” she said.

If you would like to donate money to leave a legacy for yourself or a loved one in the Yackandandah Care Sanctuary Garden please contact Tijana Simic on tijana@ladybirdeducation.com.au or 0416 930 411.

**A RAMBLE WITH THE EDITOR**

A beautiful day in the Indigo Valley as I put this edition of Yackity Yak to bed. We are becoming the envy of the North East - no wonder so many people want to move here.

The CARE Sanctuary has been presented with an opportunity to pick a vet’s brains, so to speak, so don’t miss out on this opportunity. Talking about vets, I have become addicted to “The Supervet” - a word of warning - it’s rated PG as there are some pretty graphic shots of surgery shown. Shame Noel isn’t out in Oz - I know who I’d like to get to do any surgery on me! He is really doing amazing cutting edge vet work using stem cell surgery, hip replacements, “Terminator” surgery replacing bones and the like - truly breath-taking stuff.

Huzzah - we have caught up with Yackity Yak’s 2019 back issues! Having said that, the next one is out at the end of September to cover October/November, and we are then very much back to bi-monthly after that. It will be good to have some time to do some weeding in the garden! Thank you for all your lovely comments about the paper. I’ve had some great letters, but that will be the last of the “trumpet blowing”, honestly!

Please keep your articles flowing in. I know that doing them monthly is a bit of a fag, but the paper isn’t the same without our great community groups spruiking what they are doing. There’s lots of everything in this issue - again. We are becoming the envy of the North East - no wonder so many people want to move here.

Ali
A Fond Farewell and a Warm Welcome to staff at the WAW Credit Union, Yackandandah

Continued from front page

Over the years, the customers at Yackandandah have become accustomed to being greeted by Diann, she has become a local and knows everyone by name. It was a difficult decision but Diann wanted to be able to still do everything she has on her bucket list and then some, so the time was right.

Her farewell was extended with lifelong friends Denise and Barbara making the trip from Myrtleford and WAW Head office in Wodonga along with the present WAW CEO Michael Mack, to present Diann with a beautiful bouquet of flowers and partake in a lovely morning tea to show their appreciation.

A farewell Dinner was held at the Star Hotel in Yackandandah which saw the dining room being booked out by colleagues and work friends that wanted to give Diann a fitting send off. The food and company was outstanding, with many staying on to dance to the live entertainment.

With the departure of Diann at WAW Yackandandah, the Credit Union has been fortunate to secure the services of Tania Meehan, who is a true local. So the baton has been passed to Tania to provide outstanding customer service to the local community.

We encourage everyone to go in and say hello to Tania and make her welcome. You can feel confident that Tania can help you with all your banking and insurance needs.

Hi Ali,
Congratulations on a great (August) edition of Yackity Yak. Thank you for doing such a good presentation on our electric car and also Garden Club news. And so good to see a front page article on the most important issue facing our planet, as other news sources place its importance much lower than the dirty washing of politicians and football players. An all round good read of interesting articles.

Thank you,
Jill Whitford, Yackandandah

Hello Ali,
The value of Yackity Yak to your community must be enormous. All residents, all ages, knowing what’s on, where to connect, whom to ask. You are amazing Ali editing such a substantial publication. Ask me, well I think, Yackity Yak is the ‘glue’ helping to ‘knit’ a community together, in support of changing times and one another. Despite the ‘tech age’, I believe communities are stronger with a paper like Yackity Yak.

Joan Simms, Beechworth VIC 3747

Dear Ali,
I would sincerely like to thank you for the amazing effort that you have ignited back into Yackity Yak. The editions have been a credit to your dedication, professionalism and love for your community... Well done.

Andrew Young, Yackandandah

Dear Ali “Editor”,
Thank you for your nice letter, and it’s so good to know that somebody else likes Bush Poetry. Congratulations on your second term as Editor, and may you be here for a few years yet. We need you so much.

I have forwarded a few more poems to you hoping I’m not hogging the atmosphere. I have also enclosed a small donation as I always try and pay my way, if possible. Once again, thank you for your kind words and I do know my poems are “just, and not much”, but I do try. I grew up in the bush with poetry, and I fight like hell to preserve it, and keep it going. But alas, papers do not like printing Bush Poetry at all. I feel it may be a lost cause, it’s only people like you that help to keep it going. So keep up the very good work. I will close now hoping you keep good health and I must commend you on such a wonderful paper indeed. We need more people like you in our country today. Yours faithfully,

Bill Whitham,
Tallangatta

PS Sorry about the writing and spelling. I am headed towards 90 and my eyes are bad, and I’m illiterate, my education being on top of a stock horse chasing half mad cattle – “Cheerio!”

(see Bill’s poem on page 25. Ed.)
The last few months in the life of Yack CFA

It might have been winter but members of the Yackandandah Fire Brigade have still been kept pretty busy.

In terms of turnouts, since the end of April the Brigade has turned out to fifteen incidents, most of which occurred in July. While the majority of these were false alarms, sadly one was a house fire in Allan’s Flat, which, by the time we arrived, the house was well alight. Fortunately no one was hurt but we feel for the residents who have lost their home and belongings.

Also, a little surprising for this time of year, there was also a minor scrub and grass fire by the side of the Yackandandah-Wodonga Rd. The fire from burning leaf litter was only small but it certainly created a lot of smoke and a driving hazard.

The house fire at Allan’s Flat is a timely reminder to consider what precautions we can take to prevent fires in the home. The CFA website has a Home Fire Safety Checklist at https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/home-fire-safety-checklist that is well worth a look.

Also important to consider is an Escape Plan for when, and if, a fire starts in your home. Do you have one? Families who are well prepared are more likely to escape their homes safely and without panic. As part of your plan, all family members should know:

- The two quickest ways out of every room.
- How they will exit from upstairs if there is a second story.
- An agreed upon meeting place outside.
- How they will call Triple Zero (000).

Top survival tips include:

- If your clothes catch fire, stop, drop and roll.
- Get out and stay out.

Also in the past few months, three members of the Brigade faced the cameras for still photographs and a short video for a social media community engagement program called “The Good Energy” which celebrates renewable energy leaders.

The Good Energy is part of the Hume Renewable Energy Roadmap project which has been funded by the Victorian State Government (Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning) to help support a renewable future for the Hume Region (North East and Goulburn Valley.)

Earlier this year 6KW of solar panels were installed on the fire station’s roof thanks to a grant from the Victorian Government in partnership with Totally Renewable Yackandandah and other supporters. The system includes a storage battery which provides electricity if the mains power is off. The video, produced by OGA Creative Agency, is accessible on The Good Energy and the Yackandandah Brigade’s Facebook Pages.

Vulnerable Persons Register

Do you know someone who should be on the VPR? This register identifies people who either cannot understand warnings, or cannot act on them on their own, and who don’t have anyone to assist them. Being on the register means that they have a health service who will make sure that they, or their carer, checks in on them in cases of Heat Health Warnings or fire warning days. It also means that if there is an emergency, Indigo Shire Council are able to work with emergency services to assist these people first.

If you know someone who could benefit from being on the VPR, please call Katie O’Toole at Indigo Shire Council on (03) 5728 8079 or 0428 662 412.
The Yackandandah Arts Festival is an exciting new event celebrating the talent of local artists. Organised over three days, the Festival will run from 6-8 December 2019.

Yackandandah has an extraordinary artistic community and the aim of the Arts Festival is to combine performance and art with a strong sustainable message.

During the Festival, Yackandandah will be showcasing a full and varied range of local artistic talent. From an art and craft exhibition, workshops, community projects, school art, music, poetry and writing; to films, musical interludes and artist open studios.

All the events are free and over the three days an exciting varied program includes: the High Country Christmas Fair, children’s Workshops, the Big Night Out, Flickside screening of the ‘2040’ film, Violindigo, Poet’s breakfast, a Pub Choir, Open Artist Studios, plus late night shopping with carol singers and Santa.

Sustainability is a strong, consistent theme for the Arts Festival and participants, volunteers and visitors will be encouraged to support Yackandandah’s message of a plastic free community and future sustainable initiatives.

Yackandandah Arts Festival is a joint partnership between Arts Yackandandah and Yackandandah Community Centre.

For further information please contact:

Vanessa Welsh, Yackandandah Arts Festival Committee
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Saturday, 19th October 2019

This year the Yackandandah Town Garage Sale day is Saturday, 19th October from 8 am. The Yackandandah Town Garage Sale has been hugely successful. Last year saw over 50 sites across town with hundreds of visitors coming from every direction. The Visitor Information Centre Team work hard to promote and run the big day.

HERE’S HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Register your own Garage Sale Site:
Visit the Yackandandah Information Centre, complete a form and collect a sign. Your site location and sale items list is displayed on the Town Garage Sale Map. This Map is collected at the Information Centre by hundreds of visitors on the day.

Please register before Sunday October 13th. Registration is $15.

The Yackandandah Town Garage Sale will be advertised in the Border Mail, tourism publications, radio and online. That means for a small fee your garage sale is bound to attract a lot of people!

On the day, the Yackandandah Visitor Information Centre will be open from 7:45am where hundreds of bargain hunters collect a map for a gold coin donation.

SO COME ON – CLEAR OUT THE SHED, UNPACK THOSE DUSTY BOXES, REGISTER FOR A SITE AND HAVE FUN WHILST MAKING SOME MONEY

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Nervous laughter spreads through the cabin, but the men enter the cockpit, the door closes and the engines start up. The passengers begin glancing nervously around searching for some sign that this is just a little practical joke. None is forthcoming.

The plane moves faster and faster down the runway, and the people sitting in the window seats realise that they are headed straight for the water at the edge of the airport territory.

As it begins to look as though the plane will plough into the water, panicked screams fill the cabin.

At that moment the plane lifts smoothly into the air. The passengers relax and laugh a little sheepishly, and soon all retreat into their magazines, secure in the knowledge that the plane is in good hands.

In the cockpit, one of the pilots turns to the other and says, “You know Dennis, one of these days, they’re going scream too late and we’re all going to die.”

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A Call Out for the Osbornes Flat Community

Working Bee, Sunday, 15th September – 10 am-2 pm

Our working bee date has been set. If you have an hour or two to spare we would appreciate the help. We especially welcome newcomers to the area. We will be working through jobs on our maintenance program. These include: tidying timber piles, clearing bush between hall and tennis court, painting new storage shed. Come prepared with whipper snippers, gloves, etc. A light BBQ lunch will be offered as enticement!

For all enquiries please contact either Andrea on 6027 1991 or Lisa on 0439 855 297

The Yack Lions Club’s famous weekend markets will be held on the following Sundays in 2019:

- 15th September
- 20th October
- 17th November
- 15th December

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

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After six successful years of being Melbourne’s most popular and respected woodworking and furniture design school, Handsome & Co has relocated to Yackandandah, Victoria.

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“Looking Good” Ladies Walk for Guide Dogs Australia

The cold weather did not stop our ‘Looking Good’ Group from heading out for a walk in support of Pawgust (Guide Dog Australia’s fundraising walk). With heavy rain and cold wind, the group went ahead with their scheduled walk choosing Beechworth’s Chinese gardens and Lake Sambell as their walking route. Each quarter, the group embark on these short walks choosing a different route each time to complement their twice weekly gym efforts to keep active and move. As with all walking opportunities, the group finds a lunch option to continue their active conversations.

Our next walk will form part of the Indigo Shire’s Short Walks Festival with a historic walk of the Kirby’s Flat area proposed with the theme ‘Tales, Trails and Tea’. For more information in this initiative, contact the Indigo Shire directly (03 5728 8000) or touch base with Suzanne from Fitness4U (0411 234 277).

This historic walk is supported by the Yackandandah Historical Society and will focus on the man to whom the location ‘Kirby’ obtained its name.
Do you know someone who could do with some help learning how to use a smartphone, computer or tablet?

The Yackandandah Community Centre can offer that help.

The Centre has become a community partner with the Australian Government program, Be Connected which aims to help everyone over the age of 50 get online.

Be Connected offers a huge variety of free online learning resources which can help anyone become familiar with digital devices and how to use technology to enhance their life. YCC manager, David Thorpe said the program had something to offer everyone.

“Be Connected is a really well thought out program as it lets you learn at a level that suits you,” Mr Thorpe said.

“Through the program we can get you started, even if you haven’t touched a device previously. Or we can help you become more familiar with specific things such as shopping online, social media or connecting with friends and family. We can really tailor the program to what you want to learn and the level you want to learn at. It’s a great way of building your confidence with using digital technology and getting support as you progress.”

Learners sign up to the program through YCC which gives them access to hundreds of short lessons on-line. Topics covered include, the basics of getting online, social media, connecting with friends and family, shopping and playing games on line.

“There is real emphasis on staying safe online so learners can be sure they stay safe and secure,” David said.

“It’s becoming increasingly important for everyone to be comfortable online as we now need to access so many services online. But there is more to it than just accessing services, being online can really help enhance your life and give you another avenue for entertainment and enjoyment.”

YCC will hold an information session at 10.30am on Wednesday, September 4th at the Centre, 29 High Street, Yackandandah.

Weekly, one-hour free training sessions will be held at YCC from 10.30am on Wednesday 11th September.

“I would encourage anyone over the age of 50 to get in touch with us and ask about how Be Connected can help enhance their online experience,” David said.

“Bring a laptop, smartphone or tablet along to one of our weekly sessions if you would like to learn on the device you are familiar with. But don’t worry if you don’t own a device as we can give you free access to one while you are learning at YCC. Just drop in to talk to us about getting online with Be Connected.”

For more information contact YCC on 02 6027 1743 or call in to the information session beginning at 10.30am on Wednesday, September 4th.

YACK LIBRARY

STARGAZING NIGHT

The Albury Wodonga Astronomical Society visited Yackandandah Library on Wednesday 14 August. As the night turned out to be cloudy, our visitors gave a presentation on astronomy, stargazing, using telescopes and the wonders of the stars.

99 interested people of all ages were intrigued by the images and information shown.

One of the participants said “Thank you for the opportunity to learn some astronomy tonight. The photos and discussion were fascinating” and one of the kids said “There are lots of cool stuff like Jupiter and the Moon”.

The library would be keen to hear about other such activities that people would be interested in so please give us a call on 02 6028 1180 or send us an email on yackandandah.libray@indigoshire.vic.gov.au

Children’s Book Week

August 17-23 is Children’s Book Week and the library is gearing up to present some of the books from the Children’s Book Council Book of the Year shortlist to the children of Yackandandah. The Children’s Book Council aims to promote quality literature for young Australians, support and encourage a wide range of Australian writers and illustrators of children’s books and celebrate contributions to Australian children literature.

Come into the library and see the great display on the Book Week theme “Reading is my secret power”. We are open Monday – Friday 8.30-5.00 and Saturday 9.30 am - 12.00 noon.

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Sunday 15th September, 11am

Old Murmungee Hall, Buckland Gap Road

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- The purpose of monitoring; why we do it?
- Field monitoring techniques; data recording and analysis
- Local birds of interest; threatened species
- What happens to collected data? How can we use it to help others working to improve our environment?
- Other local programs that are benefitting our local birds

After lunch we will be performing some short bird surveys in the local area so please wear appropriate footwear and clothing.

Lunch and afternoon tea provided, Please RSVP by Wednesday the 11th of September to Sophie at swampsriversranges@gmail.com

For more information please contact Sophie on 0447194399

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In the midst of climate breakdown, governments around the world are funding and protecting the fossil fuel industry.

The tragedy of our times is that the gathering collapse of our life support systems coincides with the age of public disservice. Just as we need to rise above self-interest and short termism, governments around the world now represent the meanest and dirtiest of special interests. In the United Kingdom, the US, Brazil, Australia and many other nations, polluters rule.

The Earth’s systems are breaking down at astonishing speed. Wild fires roar across Siberia and Alaska, biting, in many places, deep into peat soils, releasing plumes of carbon dioxide and methane that cause more global heating. In July alone, Arctic wildfires are reckoned to have released as much carbon into the atmosphere as Austria does in a year: already the vicious twister of climate feedbacks has begun to turn. Torrents of melt water pour from the Greenland ice cap, sweltering under a 15°C temperature anomaly. Daily ice losses on this scale are 50 years ahead of schedule: they were forecast by the climate models for 2070. A paper in Geophysical Research Letters reveals that the thawing of permafrost in the Canadian High Arctic now exceeds the depths of melting projected by scientists for 2090.

While record temperatures in Europe last month caused discomfort and disruption, in Southwest Asia they are already starting to reach the point at which the human body hits its thermal limits. Ever wider tracts of the world will come to rely on air-conditioning not only for basic comfort but also for human survival: another feedback spiral, as air-conditioning requires massive energy use. Those who cannot afford it will either move or die. Already, climate breakdown is driving more people from their homes than either poverty or conflict, while contributing to both these other factors.

A recent paper in Nature shows that we have little hope of preventing more than 1.5°C of global heating unless we retire existing fossil fuel infrastructure. Even if no new gas or coal power plants, roads and airports are built, the carbon emissions from current installations are likely to push us past this threshold. Only by retiring some of this infrastructure before the end of its natural life could we secure a 50% chance of remaining within the temperature limit agreed in Paris in 2015. Yet, far from decommissioning this Earth-killing machine, governments and industry stoke its fires.

And yet, far from decommissioning this Earth-killing machine, almost everywhere the carbon intensity of new power is increasing, and our governments and industry stoke its fires.

The oil and gas industry intends to spend $4.9 trillion over the next 10 years, exploring and developing new reserves, none of which we can afford to burn. According to the IMF, every year governments subsidise fossil fuels to the tune of $5 trillion: many times more than they spend on addressing our existential predicament. The US spends 10 times more on these mad subsidies than on its federal education budget. Last year, the world burnt more fossil fuels than ever before.

An analysis by Barry Saxifrage in Canada’s National Observer shows that half the fossil fuels ever used by humans have been burnt since 1990. While renewable and nuclear power supplies have also risen in this period, the gap between the production of fossil fuels and low carbon energy has not been narrowing, but steadily widening. What counts, in seeking to prevent runaway global heating, is not the good things we start to do, but the bad things we cease to do. Shutting down fossil infrastructure requires government intervention.

But in many nations, governments intervene not to protect humanity from the existential threat of fossil fuels, but to protect the fossil fuel industry from the existential threat of public protest. In the US, legislators in 18 states have put forward bills criminalising protests against pipelines, seeking to crush democratic dissent on behalf of the oil industry. In June, Donald Trump’s government proposed federal legislation that would jail people for up to 20 years for disrupting pipeline construction.

In several nations, led by the Philippines, Global Witness reports, governments have incited the murder of environmental protesters. The process begins with rhetoric, demonising civil protest as extremism and terrorism, then shifts to legislation, criminalising attempts to protect the living planet. Criminalisation then helps legitimise physical assaults and murder. The first stage has now begun in Britain, with the publication by a dark money-funded lobby group, Policy Exchange, of a report smearing Extinction Rebellion. Like all such publications, it was given a series of major platforms by the BBC, which preserved its customary absence of curiosity about who funded it.

What we see here looks like the denouement of the Pollution Paradox. Because the dirtiest industries attract the least public support, they have the greatest incentive to spend money on politics, to get the results they want and we don’t. They fund political parties, lobby groups and think tanks, fake grassroots organisations and dark ads on social media. As a result, politics comes to be dominated by the dirtiest industries.

We are told to fear the “extremists” who protest against ecocide and challenge dirty industry and the dirty governments it buys. But the extremists we should fear are those who hold office.

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New members always welcome. Please contact Jane on 0400 271 992.

Jane Moore

WELCOME TO RAFFERTY MUNRO
Second born son of Billy Munro and Meredith Greenwood, and baby brother to Rupert.
Rafferty is now nine weeks old and is in keeping with the mysterious prevalence of boys being born to Yackandandah residents.

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THE BEGINNING OF GOLF IN YACK

The Yackandandah Times reported that on 19th May, 1910, a meeting was held stating that it was desirable that Yackandandah should have a golf club and inside a month it could have a course of 9 holes. The motion was passed and Mr Hodge was elected president and Mr Stanley Fletcher secretary; by July there were 35 members. The site chosen was the show grounds, (also formally reserved for racing, outdoor recreation, cricket, football and athletics) adjoined paddocks belonging to Messrs Hill and Montford, D’Johnson and Riddington were also obtained.

Thus the Yackandandah Golf Club was formed, sharing the facilities with the other sporting clubs. Not all went smoothly when the golf club was given permission to make improvements and removed the wood chopping blocks used by the athletic club and they were duly requested to be put back. The golf club stood by the permission granted to make improvements!

Close connections with other local clubs were formed including: Chiltern, Corowa, Wangaratta, Rutherglen, Tallangatta and Beechworth. Members travelled to each other clubs’ tournament days and they formed a N.E. Border Association. In 1936, the North East District Golf Association (NEDGA) invited clubs to affiliate with them in order to be eligible to play in tournaments with other clubs registered with them. They chose to affiliate and the Club to this day is still with NEDGA.

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Charity tournaments were held as far back as 1937, when the Yackandandah Golf Club hosted a tournament for the blind. The standard was set and the Ladies have just competed in the Royal Women’s tournament for the blind. The standard was set and the Ladies have just competed in the Royal Women’s tournament for the blind. The standard was set and the Ladies have just competed in the Royal Women’s tournament for the blind.

The above was extracted from ‘Yackandandah Golf Club 1910-2010’ by Marian Barnard. It is available for purchase at the Museum.

The Yackandandah Golf Club is thriving today thanks to the fortuitous forethought of past locals and members. The men and ladies play on Sundays and Wednesdays respectively and are creating many wonderful memories that will be passed down through the years for future generations.

TODAY’S HISTORY

We have had very positive visitor responses to our current Exhibition, the ‘50th Anniversary of the Yackandandah and District Historical Society.’ The Society was formed in early 1969 by a group of concerned citizens who were eager to save the building of the Bank of Victoria and the adjoining cottage from demolition. Their foresight led to the establishment of the Bank of Victoria Museum in 1971.

The exhibition showcases the stories, the people of the Society and the collection of Museum. It opened on 22 February, 2019 following an inspiring evening with Geoffrey Blainey, the esteemed Australian historian, which also saw the launch of the book of that history by Colin Barnard. The book is for sale at the Museum.

The items on display include a wedding dress worn in 1808, the wedding photograph of Margaret Haig and John Molyneux who celebrated their wedding in the back two rooms of the bank building in 1912, bottles from the Hattersley Cordial factory, a large chest which contained many documents from the MUIOOF or Oddfellows. In the front room is a small cabinet which contains some interesting treasures – so do look inside the drawers.

This exhibition will continue until the middle of September when the Squatters and Settlers will return for a second run.

SQUATTERS AND SETTLERS

Squatters and Settlers is a revisit of the exhibition opened earlier this year for a short run. The exhibition retells the story of the first European men and women who made their indelible mark on the landscape of the Yackandandah Valley; the scores of settlers who followed and the trials and triumphs that they experienced on the land. There will be some extra items on display.

THE ANNUAL CEMETERY WALK

The thirteenth Cemetery Walk will take place on Sunday, 20th October, starting at 2 pm. This walk will highlight the dangers of life on the land and will focus on farmers and their children who met untimely deaths. Please meet at the main Cemetery gates on Isaacs Avenue.

We continue to raise funds by selling jams, pot plants, second-hand books, jigsaw puzzles, beanies, scarves, mittens and fresh produce when in season. We are grateful for the donations of the books, jigsaw and plants and for the efforts of our jam-makers and makers of the handmade beanies and mittens.

We now have available for sale all volumes of Colin Barnard’s wonderfully detailed “Yackandandah - A Nineteenth Century Village”.

Visitor Quotes of the Week:

“Great snapshot into history” – Thurgoona.
“Amazing! Thanks for preserving a part of history”.
“Just amazing. Well done to the town – just love coming back to visit”.

Quote of the week: Reason for Visit? (to the Museum). “Came for a Gumtree pie.”

Chris Zerbst

Vale Graeme Ridgeway

Graeme and I have lived in the Osbornes Flat/Yackandandah community since 1976 and have loved every moment. It was wonderful for our two children, Kylie and Scott, to experience growing up in a community such as this. We have seen many changes over those years, but the most important thing to Graeme was his love of the area, the surrounding land and bush and respect for his neighbours and friends.

Many people attended the service at the Osbornes Flat Hall to celebrate his life and achievements and show their respect and admiration for the man he was.

We would like to sincerely thank everyone for their love and support both during his illness and following his passing. We were overwhelmed by the number who attended as well as those who assisted in setting up the hall, bringing food and sending flowers and cards. We feel loved and appreciate your care and honouring of a life well lived!

Thank you Roslyn and Kylie and Scott and their families.

“What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments, but what is woven into the lives of others.”

Chris Zerbst
I’m the author of the book The Great Yackandandah Billy Cart Race, which has long been out of print.

After many requests, I’ve decided to reissue the book myself as a pdf for children to illustrate themselves, and Russell Taylor suggested I let you know about it. I’m attaching an image of the original cover, and my pdf cover which I hope will encourage children to have a go at doing their own drawings!

Way back in the 1980s, when we lived in the flat country around Numurkah, my son’s Cub troop had a billy cart race. The kids had a great time, but I couldn’t help thinking how much more fun and exciting it would be if it had been a billy cart race. The kids had a great time, and sadly, Neil Curtis had died.

After many requests over the years, I have decided to reissue it myself as a downloadable pdf, so that readers can draw their own illustrations, either individually or as a classroom project. Anyone interested can contact me at wendyorr1@mac.com.

The radio interview can be heard: http://mpegmedia.abc.net.au/local/goulburnmurray/200811/r311491_1371346.mp3

Wendy Orr
Yackandandah Writers
The Long and Short of It

Only the Truth
What is said in the home should stay in the home; a concept understood by adults, perhaps by older siblings, but seldom by a five-year-old.

“Class, today we are going to learn about story telling through acting. Some of you will make up the words for our play, you are the writers, and some will act it out, it is called drama. Does anyone know any actors?”

A quick hand went up.

“Last night my dad said my mum was a Drama Queen, does that mean she’s a good actor?”

Drama Queen, does that mean she’s a good actor?

Parent/Teacher night … to tell or not to tell? That is the question.

by Chris Zerbst

Transformed
A trip to the tip was always special. James never knew what he might find among the broken chairs or under a ruined mattress. Whatever he loaded on his trailer from home was trash, whatever he brought back was treasure. One day two suitcases. The first contained the contents of a dead man’s singlet, he felt a better effect.

“Get lost.”

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It’s not easy
Jake doodles her image on the page of his Maths’ textbook. Cartoon character eyebrows – straight line angled up. Speckled bird’s-egg freckles. An intense one-eyed stare because the other is hidden by a sheaf of shredded wheat hair. And that mouth, a glint of two white teeth between lips slightly parted, forming words to hurl him an answer when he plucks up the courage to speak. What will she say? Get lost. You’re a creep. Thanks, but I’m busy. Thanks, but no thanks. Thanks, I’d like that.

What time? Will you pick me up?

It’s not easy asking a girl out.

by Bev Lello

Yackandandah Writers have been meeting as a group for three years. Their focus is to share and comment on each other’s writing in an encouraging environment.

The group meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 2pm in the meeting room of the Yackandah Court House.

Contact: bevery.lello@gmail.com

by Michael Metzger

POETRY

The first Sunday of each month at 2 p.m. in The Board Room at Yackandandah Community Centre, High Street, Yack

Sunday 1st September

Bring your favourites to share – poems of all styles and eras welcome. You don’t need to be a poet or have to read – just come to enjoy and explore the magic of poetry and words.

by Bev Lello

Thank you to those new volunteers who read about us in Yackity Yak. Welcome aboard, we look forward to helping you get your sessions up and running.

NEWS GRABS from Indigo FM

Community News – don’t forget to shoot us an email or give us call, we can put your news out over the airwaves. Have you got a great story to tell, an achievement to share with the community or do you want to acknowledge one of our amazing community members, then get in contact and we can help spread your news.

Mark your calendar

Indigo FM AGM at Wooragoe Hall on Thursday 19 September 2019 at 7.30pm.

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Indigo FM’s Radiothon is our month long celebration of all things radio as well as our Annual Membership Drive. It’s one month where we highlight how we innovate to provide a unique voice for local communities whilst hosting a range of fun events across Indigo Shire. And along the way we encourage new and renewing members alike to take advantage of the opportunity to join up and be in the running for a host of cool prizes. Radiothon Coordinators have come on board, so stay tuned for more news about our Radiothon.

Gig Guide – don’t forget to check out our gig guide on our Facebook page and on the Yack Community Facebook site. Doug, from our marketing team, tracks the gigs down and puts them into one place for you find.

Opportunities at Indigo FM – we are always looking for people who are interested in getting involved with Indigo FM, it might be you would like to present a music show, or a conversation piece, or report on local news and events, come on board and be part of the team. If being in front of the microphone is not for you, then we have a range of ‘back of house’ jobs, in marketing, technical support and event management that you can be involved in.

If you are interested in knowing more about what Indigo FM here in Yackandah is all about, then shoot Bron Howlett an email at indigofmradioyack@gmail.com.

POETRY

by Michael Metzger

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BOOKING THE PUBLIC HALL OR COURT HOUSE?

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

Information about both the Public Hall and the Court House can be found here. 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. If you are looking at putting on a concert, theatre production or wedding, you won’t go far wrong by booking the Public Hall. The Court House is a smaller, more intimate venue.

Ali Pockley, the Booking Officer can be contacted by email at: publichall@yackandandah.com or by mobile on 0448 803 411

Chris Lello, Treasurer, Yackandandah Public Halls Committee of Management

THE ARTS IN YACKANDANDAH

The Cloths of Heaven
Had I the heaven’s embroidered cloths, enwrought with golden and silver light,
The blue and the dim and the dark cloths of night and light and the half-light;
I would spread the cloths under your feet: But I, being poor, have only my dreams;
I have spread my dreams under your feet; tread softly because you tread on my dreams.
W. B. Yeats

Time
Yesterday is past
Yet it is where today comes from
Tomorrow has not yet arrived
Yet it is made today
Today is all we have now
Although today you can remember yesterday
And think about tomorrow
While living today.
Stephen Masters

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Since breaking out as a solo artist in 2017, her songwriting has become increasingly daring and potent, with hard-hitting lyrics and an unconventional brand of classical-folk-pop cello.

Joe D’Esposito is a multi-genre fiddle player and improvisor with infectious charisma. His work with The Railsplitters has seen him play Telluride Bluegrass Festival, Woodford Folk Festival and Celtic Connections.

This duo brings together a shared classical training, obsession with fiddling traditions and a mutual love of Björk to deliver intricate arrangements of original songs and tunes.

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A leader can only be judged
By how many beggars
There are on the streets
How many homeless
Sleep in the gutters
And there are thousands
For which you care nothing.

One day they will eat you.

*Stephen Masters*

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Members only admission available at the door, or you can join online at:

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Membership also entitles you to discounts at other exciting Arts Yack events.

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**UKE-N-DANDAH**

Yackandandah’s own Ukulele Club is proudly associated with Arts Yackandandah. We meet every Monday night between 7:15 - 8:30 pm at the Court House during term time.

New members are most welcome, and if you are a beginner, no problem as basic instruction is given.

Come on - have fun and strum!

For further details, contact Frances on 0417 292 917.
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The continued absence of Noisy and Little Friarbirds demonstrates the patchiness of flowering in the Park (and indeed in most of North Eastern Victoria and Southern NSW. Nevertheless, Mugga Ironbark, White Box & Hybrid Box-Ironbark are still carrying reasonable to heavy bud that will provide ongoing flowering resource for another three months. However, it is beginning to appear that there is a really scary trend towards increasingly extreme weather - with hot summers being problematic for vegetation, wildlife and humans alike.

Interesting visitors: Kate, Janet & Jo recorded a pair of Spiny-cheeked Honeyeaters off Lang’s Track.

There is a guide available that helps readers/viewers to distinguish between like species.

They are available for collection at Wodonga DELWP reception, and it’s also on the BirdLife Australia website: https://birdlife.org.au/documents/WL-Regent_Honeyeater-identification-brochure.pdf

Time to Spot a Regent! Wél'd really appreciate everyone keeping an eye and ear out for Regents in your patch. Please let us know ASAP if you spot any or hear of Regent observations. Remember to check for bands with binoculars and forward photos where possible.

Glen Johnson, DELWP 0418 501 936

Dean Ingwersen, BirdLife Australia 0409 348 553.

The Regent Honeyeater - a sometimes resident of the Chiltern Mt. Pilot National Park. Photo: Dean Ingwersen, BirdLife Australia

DID YOU KNOW? That the CEO of Indigo Shire, Trevor Leirino, is a very keen birdwatcher and great photographer. Perhaps you might like to provide us with some photos, Trevor? Ed.

REGENT HONEYEATER AND SWIFT PARROT SURVEYS

Two years on following the 2017 release & the Bi-annual Regent Honeyeater & Swift Parrot survey report thirty participants braved the 1 degree foggy 8.30am start to the bi-annual National Regent Honeyeater & Swift Parrot survey conducted in Chiltern Mt. Pilot National Park at the end of July 2019.

Thanks to Scott Jessup’s report earlier in the week, the team confirmed the identity of two Regents near Pooley’s Track on the south side of the Park. Five Swift Parrots were also recorded in the same area. Both Regents are captive bred birds released into the Park in April 2019.

At first glance it may seem that these birds are sedentary. They are now only just under 4 kms away from their point of release 800+ days ago. However, the reverse is the case. Readers will recall recent Regent updates of various 2017 release birds being recorded hundreds of kilometres away including in Melbourne, Sydney and multiple Gippsland locations.

Indeed, the male of the pair sighted over the weekend, was last recorded in September 2018 in Whorouly, over 40kms to the south west of Sydney and multiple Gippsland locations.

The locations were chosen to best meet the needs of locals who frequent Yackandandah’s popular trails and tracks. A local sculptor was engaged to design and construct the racks.

NEW BIKE RACKS

Four new bike racks have been installed along High Street, Yackandandah. The locations were chosen to best meet the needs of locals who use pedal power to get around town, as well as visitors who frequent Yackandandah’s popular trails and tracks.

For more information on bins, rubbish and landfill. So it’s business as usual for recycling across our shire.

Thanks to Scott Jessup’s report earlier in the week, the team confirmed the identity of two Regents near Pooley’s Track on the south side of the Park. Five Swift Parrots were also recorded in the same area. Both Regents are captive bred birds released into the Park in April 2019.

At first glance it may seem that these birds are sedentary. They are now only just under 4 kms away from their point of release 800+ days ago. However, the reverse is the case. Readers will recall recent Regent updates of various 2017 release birds being recorded hundreds of kilometres away including in Melbourne, Sydney and multiple Gippsland locations.

Indeed, the male of the pair sighted over the weekend, was last recorded in September 2018 in Whorouly, over 40kms to the south west of Sydney and multiple Gippsland locations.

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RECYCLING IN INDOGO SHIRE

As you may be aware, SKM Recycling are no longer taking recyclables from some Victorian Councils.

Thankfully, Indigo Shire is not affected. Recycling across our shire is processed by Cleanaway as a result, won’t be sent to landfill. So it’s business as usual for recycling in Indigo Shire.

For more information on bins, rubbish and recycling visit bit.ly/2GJdlZJ

DETOK YOUR HOME

Safety dispose of your unwanted household chemicals for free in Indigo Shire through the Detox Your Home mobile collection service this August.

Date: Saturday 31 August 2019

Time: 10am - 12pm

Location: Beechworth Transfer Station, 1620 Diffey Road, Beechworth

For more information and collection locations visit www.indigoshire.vic.gov.au/detoxyourhome

STAY UP-TO-DATE

Do you follow us on Facebook? Our Facebook page is a great way to stay up-to-date with what’s happening across the shire.

Follow us on Facebook at: Indigo Shire Council (@indigoshire)

BIRDS AND BEES

To speak of “birds and bees” once was a euphemism for discussing the sex act. If at all used nowadays, it is done in a light-hearted way. But the very phrase presents a problem. Why, of all creatures should birds and bees be singled out to describe the process of procreation?

Some authorities have suggested that it goes back to the days when sex was a taboo subject. To teach children the facts of life, nature study took its place. Children were told how birds hatched eggs and bees pollinated flowers. The rest was somewhat hopefully left to the children’s imagination. It is a rather unconvincing explanation. After all, there were so many better examples near at hand. Children, always observant, were well aware of the sex play and copulation of pets and other domesticated animals, which could have served as a much more suitable lesson. There was no reason therefore to seek out the birds and the bees.

The strange combination might well have been the result of a single mishandled word from a once popular hymn for even-song. The latter had been written by Sabine Baring-Gould, clergyman-author of the well known hymn “Onward Christian Soldiers”, and was particularly loved by children. It portrayed the arrival of night:

Night is drawing nigh, Shadows of the evening, Soon will be asleep.

Somehow, perhaps through slovenly enunciation, the beasts came to sound like bees, and thus mishandled and contracted, contributed to the creation of the proverbial “birds and bees”.

That the phrase may be trace to the Rev Baring-Gould is especially fascinating, if it is realised that he was not only the prolific author of 159 books, but also the father of 14 children.

‘The Book of Beginnings’ by Dr. R and L Brasch
Annual General Meeting 2019

There was a round of re-potting at the Annual General Meeting as some members relinquished their positions and others stepped up to assume new responsibilities. We trust that with care, the fertilizer of ideas and the mulch of support, the Club will continue to support each other and the community.

Mid-year excursion and celebration July 20, 2019

A trip to Wandiligong took in Nightingale Brothers’ Alpine Produce and Cider Store, with a talk about the 60 year history of the business and the orchard. Who knew there were so many varieties of apples with such different characteristics?

Rose Pruning in the Cemetery. Jill gives a lesson!

There were some interesting insights into how pricing can keep some varieties exotic (Pink Lady), besides the preferences for crunchiness or sweetness (Envy). Buying at the store, all prices are the same, but it’s not only apples – the range from cider to sweets is enormous. Quite a few of us succumbed to temptation.

“Wandiful Produce” orchard and café.

Wandiful Produce is a small farm growing chestnuts, hazelnuts, veggies and other produce using biodynamic practices. Their farm shed is a cafe and the orchard. Who knew there were so many varieties of apples growing chestnuts, hazelnuts, veggies and other produce using biodynamic practices.

 streetscape

After years of extraordinary service to the Club and to the community, Dave Crook has finally relinquished the responsibilities of co-ordinating the task of keeping Yackandandah’s streetscape looking amazing throughout the seasons. We thank him and Rose for their commitment and their labours, together with the volunteers who turn up every time. Stepping up to continue the tradition is Jim Ralston. He will have the ongoing support of Dave and Rose, together with the ever energetic and constructive help of Chris.

Garden beds at either end of the High street, flower and bulb plantings around the trees and the upkeep and tending of the barrels all form part of the work. It would be wonderful if that effort were recognised, particularly by the lycra-clad cyclists who drop their machines onto plants and the smokers who sometimes think a floral garden is augmented by cigarette butts.

The Club is grateful for the support from shopkeepers who carefully tend and maintain the barrels outside their premises, keeping them neat and watered and beautiful.

Growing Roses From Cuttings

This came from a book called ‘Two Dogs and a Garden’ about Paradise garden in Kulnura, NSW, written by Derele Cherry, wife of Bob Cherry, plant breeder and horticulturist. It sounds a wonderful place to visit and is now on my bucket list. Bob has bred the range of Paradise camellias, among many other plants.

The best time to take cuttings is mid-summer, when the wood is semi-hard. Find a stem or heel which you can even snap off with your fingers. Cut off the flowers and trim back to one or two leaves. Dip in hormone powder of honey and watered and beautiful.

Rose Crook with Chris Zerbst Out and about in Yack keeping those beds looking beautiful

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Jill assures us they will.

Liquid Manure - A Recipe

If, like me, you have other people’s cattle wandering around in your garden, it’s not all a disaster. They leave their calling card – an opportunity not to be missed. A good dry cow pat (or horse manure) is not to be sniffed at, though sniffing is probably not recommended.

Making liquid manure from dung might breach organic standards, but it can be an effective way to supplement soil and plants. Obviously it should be handled with care, so wear gloves, and if concerned about inhaling pathogens, wear a mask as well. When done, make sure you keep the covered container away from children and animals.

 wastewater

PREPARE the soil well, adding well-rotted manure or compost. A little time and effort spent on enriching the soil will result in a bigger plant more quickly.

WATER around the base of the stem at least twice a week for 3-4 months after planting, until new roots grow out of the old root ball into the surrounding soil.

FEED once a year, preferably in September, with any mixed fertiliser such as camellia and azalea food, although rose and citrus food is just as good. In pots, use a slow-release fertiliser such as Osmocote.

BOB CHERRY’S GOLDEN RULES FOR GROWING CAMELIAS

Bob Cherry is a camellia expert who breeds camellias in NSW.

You will need

• Protective gear – gloves, mask
• Large covered container or bin
• Net bag (onion bag) or hessian sack
• Watering can (for measuring and distribution)
• Ingredients
• Sun dried cow pats (make sure they are properly dry)

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• Water

Method

Break the dung into smaller pieces and the pieces in a net bag, hessian sack or even an old pair of panty hose
Birdscaping Baranduda - Open Gardens

Saturday, 12th October, 2019

10am - 12.30pm followed by a bbq and guest speaker, AB Bishop author of “Habitat - a practical guide to creating a wildlife-friendly Australian garden”

Start location: 4 Wickham Court, Baranduda

A gardener that uses native species, or better yet, uses the species varieties that occur naturally in the local area (called ‘endemic’), are contributing to the habitat options and sources of food for our local wildlife. The first type of wildlife to be sighted in a native garden is usually the local bird populations as they can flit about from backyard to backyard and make the most of what’s available. This is a huge delight to the gardener who will likely spot elegant little Eastern Spinebills, talkative New Holland Honey Eaters and a family of bright, busy Superb Fairy Wrens among many other feathery visitors.

Baranduda Landcare Group is busily organising its second Birdscaping Baranduda open gardens day event to be held on Saturday 12th October, 2019. You are invited to come along and pick up a map and brochure to self-guide around the four different style native gardens. Pick up some tips, see what style you like, look at some native flora that might suit your garden and have the chance to ask the gardener some questions.

The event will culminate at one of the gardens with a casual bbq lunch, plenty of lawn to sit on (or bring chairs) and listen to guest speaker AB Bishop, author of Habitat - a practical guide to creating a wildlife-friendly garden.

This is Baranduda Landcare’s fifth Birdscaping event, and it’s going to be a great day. Come and take a look!

Please book in via Kiewa Catchment Landcare Groups Facilitator - Megan Hughes. Phone 0407 227 814. Email kiewalandcare@gmail.com or Kiewa Catchment Landcare Groups Secretary - Tony Marsh. Phone 0417 687 842. Email secretary@kiewacatchmentlandcare.org.au

YACK GARDEN CLUB continued...

Hang the bag/s in a large garbage bin, 44 gallon drum or container you can cover and fill with water
Leave for three weeks, gently dunking the bag at regular intervals.
Use the liquid after diluting 1 part fermented manure to 9 parts water.
Plants will tell you it’s delicious.

POTTING DAY

The Club plans to have 2-3 potting-up days, beginning with the ‘Come and See my Garden’ day at Cheryl & Karen’s house in August. Members are asked to please have a think about what they have that could be potted up and, if possible, bring pieces of plants along on the next scheduled day – deciduous shrubs that grow well from hardwood cuttings, plants that are easily divided, or other plants which will propagate easily. Anything which will be in flower around autumn time will sell particularly well. Potting mix will be available on the day – please bring any spare pots that you have. Members will be asked to take trays of plants home to ‘babysit’ until the expo date.

COMING EVENTS

- Tuesday, 3rd September, 2019, 9.00 am - Streetscape, High Street
- Saturday, 14th September, 2019, 10.00 am - Come & See my Garden – Leonie Adams
- Thursday, 10th October, 2019, 7.00 pm - Club meeting, Wellsford House

Happy gardening everyone!
Michael Metzger
(Communications and Media Secretary)

“We need the tonic of wilderness... At the same time that we are earnest to explore and learn all things, we require that all things be mysterious and unexplorable, that land and sea be indefinitely wild, unsurveyed and unfathomed by us because unfathomable. We can never have enough of nature.”— Henry David Thoreau, Walden: Or, Life in the Woods
We are very excited to be finally using our brand new kitchen installed by a group of parents with the financial assistance of Yack Lions club ($1,800) and funds raised from our baked potato stall at the Yack Folk Festival. The timing of its completion has been perfect for this terms whole-school study topic - "Paddock-to Plate". We have been utilising the free learning.

We have had many students involved in community activities which are an important part of school –life: Year 5/6 students have been regularly visiting the resident of Yack Health Aged-Care, participating in art therapy, gardening, games and quizzes. This year, our Indigo Shire Youth Ambassador, Nick Schmidt, will be attending regular workshops with other ambassadors from across the Shire to develop strong student leadership skills. Four of our students – Edward Greig, Annika Naldrett, Matilda Moore and Darcy Reddy were selected by their peers to speak at the recent Yack Lions Club Junior public speaking event and did an amazing job standing up in front of a full-house at the Yack Senior Citizens’ rooms speaking for 3–4 minutes on either “The Day I Met An Alien” or “Imagine You Are A Character In A Book….”.

In sport, all of the Year 3-6 students played either Aussie Rules or Volleyball at the Winter Sports Carnival in Wodonga. We had some wins in both events but everyone had fun. Our Year 5/6 students are about to head up to Falls Creek with students from Yack Primary for 2 days of downhill skiing and all students will be having swimming lessons across five days in September at the Wodonga Sports & Leisure Centre. The Wodonga Leisure Centre.

Students cooking in the new Kitchen facilities

Food from Wodonga Food Share which has provided us with fruit, vegetables, eggs, milk and packaged products as well.

For our grand opening (which just happened to coincide with Pyjama Day!!) each class prepared and cooked items that were then served up to the whole school and staff. We all sat down together in one classroom with “proper” cutlery and crockery and it was fantastic to see every student have a try of the zucchini slice, banana bread and smoothies. A very healthy and delicious meal, enjoyed by all. Since then the students have been cooking up a storm with breakfast muffins, home-made pasta, apple crumble and paella to mention a few dishes. It has been a wonderful addition to the activities we are able to offer our students.

Our teachers have been working hard to implement the learning practices discussed with other local schools earlier in the year and we have seen some wonderful improvements in student outcomes. Communication with our families through Student Individual Education Plans has also helped to entrench the relationship between parents and school and can only benefit our students.

Everyone at Osbornes Flat Primary School sit down together to celebrate their new kitchen

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NEXT MEETING – SATURDAY, 7th SEPTEMBER, 2019

A walk in the Park followed by dinner and all students from Yack Primary for 2 days of downhill skiing and all students will be having swimming lessons across five days in September at the Wodonga Sports & Leisure Centre. The Wodonga Sports & Leisure Centre.

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A family of Superb Wrens

Photo: Eileen Collins

Membership

It’s Time to Renew

Memberships expired on June 30th. Thank you to all who have taken out membership this year. We hope you will continue your support. Friends have achieved a great deal during the past year. Surveys for plants, birds and monitoring, maintaining and surveying mammal boxes, tree planting, weed control and provision of brochures, interpretive signage and park furniture are just some of our contributions. Your support for our activities is valued and your membership renewal is vital to our cause.

It costs just $15 for 2019/20. The fee covers the whole family and includes 11 newsletters.

If you wish to use electronic payment the details are:
Account Name: Friends of Chiltern - Mt Pilot National Park
Bank: WAW Credit Union Cooperative Ltd (Cuscal Limited)
BSB number: 803070
Account number: 000081167

Please add your surname to the transaction. Please advise Tony (anthonymurnane9@gmail.com) or Neville (neville@nrbarlett.com.au) when you have made the payment to help us keep track of monies.
I wonder where our childhood goes as seen through innocent eyes. I wonder does that old school wait alone upon the rise? Bold times behind the shelter shed, shy kiss of love and tell. I wonder now of that pretty girl who used to ring the bell.

When we were unsuccessful in a grant application, the Yackandandah Men's Shed stepped in to construct the boardwalk. "We had discussed doing the works and when Marisel told us they weren't successful in the grant, we decided to go ahead and do it for them anyway," Mes's Shed Secretary Frank Burfitt said.

In 2017, through the signing of a formal Memorandum of Understanding between the landowner, Yackandandah Kinder gained access to approximately 2 acres of privately-owned land with creek frontage adjoining the Kinder site. This recognised wildlife corridor links the Yackandandah Creek with the Baranduda Regional Park and the Kinder, together with its families and collaborative partnerships with the local LandCare and Sustainability groups, our Koori

Kinder experience and it recognises the significance of the bush and land in both Aboriginal culture and Australian folklore and is firmly imbedded in our indigenous learning programs. Future plans include a bush tucker garden, bush cooking and continued indigenous re-vegetation projects.

We are always delighted to introduce people to our bush experience. We are very interested to engage with our local community to celebrate culture and share learning experiences with the children. With the help of parents and our local community, the scope possible to add new learning dimensions to our bush kinder program could be endless! The Yackandandah Kindergarten would like to offer enormous thanks to YCDCo for their funding towards this project after finding out that we had been unsuccessful with the Landcare grant. Many thanks also to Kerrily Jeffery who put in her time for completing the funding application for us . The monies were used to spray, clear and complete stage 2 of the Bush Kinder project. We are all very interested to engage with our local community to celebrate culture and share learning experiences with the children. With the help of parents and our local community, the scope possible to add new learning dimensions to our bush kinder program could be endless! The Yackandandah Kindergarten would like to offer enormous thanks to YCDCo for their funding towards this project after finding out that we had been unsuccessful with the Landcare grant. Many thanks also to Kerrily Jeffery who put in her time for completing the funding application for us . The monies were used to spray, clear and complete stage 2 of the Bush Kinder project. We are all staff, children and parents - very appreciative of this!

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Recipe of the Season

LEMON CAKE

With a glut of lemons about at the moment, this is one of the best tried and tested recipes for a toothsome cake with a sophisticated touch to its finish.

Cake

125 gm butter
1-1/4 cups caster sugar
2 eggs
Rind of 2 lemons
1/4 cup of lemon juice
1-1/4 cups plain flour
1-1/2 tsp baking powder

Syrup

1/4 cup sugar
Rind of 1 lemon
3 tbsp lemon juice

Heat your oven to 150C. Cream the butter, lemon rind and sugar until light and fluffy. Add the eggs one at a time, beating well before each addition. Sift together flour and baking powder. Add the lemon juice and sifted flour to the main mixture and mix lightly together. Turn into a 20cm cake tin that has been greased and the bottom lined with greaseproof paper.

Bake in the oven for about 45 minutes or until the cake is firm to touch and a skewer inserted into the middle comes out clean. Meanwhile, combine the sugar, rind and juice in a small saucepan. When the cake is cooked, remove from the oven, allow to sit for one minute then turn to a rack. Pour on the syrup a little at a time, being sure to take the syrup right up to the edges.

The syrup will sink into the cake. You could decorate with finely grated lemon rind if desired.

This recipe came from a friend in Western Australia and is one my favourites. Do you have a favourite recipe you are willing to share? Please send it along to yackity_yak@yackandandah.com, preferably with a photograph of the finished dish.

NORTH EAST WATER’S NEW SOLAR FARM TO POWER WODONGA’S SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT

Following on from NEW’s powering of Yack’s sewage treatment plant with solar energy, the corporation is now looking at the construction of a three megawatt solar farm as part of their commitment to reducing their carbon footprint.

The multi-million dollar project will be built on corporation land between the Old Barnawartha Road and the Hume Freeway at West Wodonga.

Some 10,000 panels will be installed at the site and will utilise a single axis tracking system to increase solar general capacity. The farm will produce enough solar energy to power the nearby sewage treatment plant during daylight hours. Wodonga’s sewage treatment plant consumes up to 25% of NEW’s total energy requirements so the solar plant will considerably reduce their expenses and carbon emissions. Any excess energy produced will be put into the grid to offset power usage at other facilities and treatment plants in the North East.

Managing Director, Craig Heiner said that NEW currently sources around 20% of their electricity from wind generated power from Ararat. When the solar project in Wodonga is activated, then some 50% of NEW’s power will be coming from renewable energy. This is all part of NEW’s plan to reduce carbon emissions by 42% within six years, and to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050.

Construction of the solar farm will start late in 2019 and is expected to take eighteen months to complete.

Congratulations to North East Water.
We always knew that they were streets ahead of a great many businesses when they put in so much time and effort to work with Totally Renewable Yack.
Their commitment to the environment and the long-term health of this country is deeply gratifying. Frankly, wouldn’t mind seeing them running the country... Ed.

BARGAIN!
FOR SALE OR TRADE

Original Rocky Valley Dam cottage. Perfect for B&B. Fair condition. $15,000.

Please contact 0428 271 355 for further information

Two of our brilliant local vets, Frances Higgins and Helen Robertson, have kindly offered to field a Vet’s Column in Yackity Yak. This could take form of a question and answer forum, or a typical scenario depending on the season – such as lambing or calving questions. Let us have your thoughts on what you would like to have. Both Frances and Helen have extensive experience with all types of animals.

Email: yackity_yak@yackandandah.com
The first round of the ladies Championship was played on 14th August with Angela Bishop winner and Liz Serpell runner up, 9 hole winner was Anne Corr who also claimed the putting prize on the day.

There are three more rounds to go before the A, B & C grades Champions are determined.

The Yackandah Tennis Club AGM was held on Monday 5th August. Congratulations to the following elected office bearers for 2019-20:

Amanda Walker (President), Geoff Simmons (Secretary), Anna Hession (Treasurer), Ian Greenwood (Vice President/ Sponsorship Coordinator), Matt Bayne (Sponsorship Coordinator), Rebecca Stamp, Murray Fraser and Paul Frankel (Committee Members).

At the AGM, the committee agreed to adopt the Yackandah Tennis Club, Strategic Plan 2019-24 (with some agreed minor amendments). The plan will guide our key objectives and actions over the coming 5 years.

The Kiewa & Talgarno District Tennis Association competition is set to serve off in mid-October running through to early-March. To register:

Seniors - section 1 (and possibly section 2), intermediate to advanced level, male and female, doubles format, played Saturday afternoons/ Friday nights in January/ February. Contact Ian Greenwood on 0404 841 038.

Juniors – sections 3 and 4, boys and girls, doubles and singles format, played Saturday mornings. Contact Rebecca Stamp on 0437 253 334.

Rosters will be put in place, so there is no need to commit to playing every week.

Thursday night social competition will serve off again in October. Adults of all abilities are encouraged to play.

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

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

sportspark.yackandah.com

email: sportspark@yackandah.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!

LOOKING FOR A VENUE??
WINTER IN YACKANDANDAH COULDN’T BE BETTER!
Get all your winter heating supplies here at YCDCo
Axes, Fire lighters, Chimney cleaners & of course,
Yackandandah Men’s Shed kindling

Alpine Diesel will be served at the pumps during the winter

YfuelYfarm can supply you with chickens for your backyard or farm. Great eggs & insect control!
Order your point of lay pullets at YfuelYfarm for delivery once a month.

Liam is one of the casual staff at YCDCo/Yfuel and told Yackity Yak that he has enjoyed working after school and at weekends, and finds customers particularly rewarding to help when shopping at the Servo.
He is currently in year eleven at Beechworth Secondary College with his twin sister Lily. Brother Dawson, is a few years behind at Yack Primary School.
Liam has enjoyed the challenge of working at Yfuel. He has chosen this job so that he can give something back to his community. He likes to give exceptional service, and intends to work here on a casual basis until he is ready for Uni.
Liam’s interests range from ski-ing, tennis, hiking and sports generally. He is also an ex-Yack Youth Theatre participant.

Liam has lived in Yack for some 12 years having been born in Deniliquin, which he still visits regularly to see family. Make sure you ask for Liam when next at the Servo!