

# YARRA GLEN & DISTRICT TOWNSHIP GROUP

## *Newsletter No 7*

### **YARRA GLEN AND DISTRICT ART SHOW**

In the last edition I promised more information on the Yarra Glen and District Art Show: This year it is again to be held at Balgownie Estate, Melba Hwy, Yarra Glen, Vic over Easter (6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> April). Last year proved to be the most successful ever run with 140 artworks selling for over \$25,000. Well over one third of the work on display was sold and early indications are that this year will again be an outstanding success.

The Yarra Glen & District Township Group are keen to support this local community event and decided at their last meeting to offer a donation to assist with the running of the event. A significant contribution was made by the organizers to the Good Friday Appeal last year and the Township Group was unanimous in their decision to support the event. The website to find out more details is: [www.virtual.net.au/~yarraglenartshow/](http://www.virtual.net.au/~yarraglenartshow/)

### **THE MELBA FESTIVAL**

Also in the last edition, I mentioned a number of the things that were happening with the Melba Festival. **Frank Hoogenraad** reminded me that there was much more happening. The following is a direct steal from the booklet on the festival that is available at various locations around town:

“Join us for a morning of street art and musicians. **Roving performers** will play live music creating an atmosphere combining art with history. **Local business owners** will dress in the costumes of “Yesteryear”, the **Melbourne Fire Services’ Museum** will display vintage fire engines – **classic cars** will be displayed along the main street – **cafes and food outlets** will have special breakfast promotions. Enjoy this special community celebration while breakfasting on delicious Yarra Valley produce. View the exhibition of **children’s art** – have fun with the **street buskers** – enjoy the many displays – participate in readings from **children’s fairy tales**. Contemporary artist **Joanne Mott** will dress up the town installing a dazzling display of reflective, floating mementos reminiscent of Melba. Come explore, discover the excitement of the free events – Yarra Glen Township and the McKenzie Reserve is the place to be on Saturday 24 March 2007 from 8.30am till 1.00pm.

### **OPEN GARDEN DAY**

The weather on the weekend has been pretty sunny (although we desperately need the rain!) and this should have been good news for the Open Garden Day covered in our newsletter last week. Hopefully we will be able to report more in next week’s newsletter.

### **SHOP STILL FOR LET IN YARRA GLEN**

It would appear that at least one of the new shops in Yarra Glen is still available for lease, judging by the sign in the window.

## **THIS WEEK'S PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Yarra Glen featured three times in the list of this weeks planning applications: The construction of a store (Ellis Road), an Outbuilding (Hubbard Road) and a Dwelling Addition (Symonds Street) were all located in Yarra Glen whereas in previous weeks all the activity appeared to be in the Steels Creek area.

## **WELCOME TO YARRA GLEN & DISTRICT!**

A warm welcome to **Charles and Melinda Smedley** and their family who have taken up residence in the property formerly owned by **Hans Henkell** in Melba Hwy, Dixons Creek. Charles will manage the property and **Barbara De Silva** will continue to operated the restaurant. The property will gradually be rebranded as **Mandalah** and feature wines from both the Dixons Creek and Yarra Junction vineyards.

## **CONCERN OVER TRUCKING BUSINESS**

**Amanda Williams** emailed the Yarra Glen & District Township Group during the week to express her concerns over the trucking business that had relocated from Yarra Glen to **John & Jean Lowe's** old property in Steels Creek. This matter was discussed at the last meeting of the Township Group and some aspects of it (Traffic and Safety) have been listed for discussion with our local councilor **Jeanette McRae** in the future.

## **BIG RACE DAY IN MARCH**

**Brett Shanbrook**, the Yarra Valley Racing Centre Manager has reminded me that the Yarra Glen Cup will be held on **Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> March**. This date coincides with the **Melba Festival** mentioned above and one of the feature races as the meeting will be the **Melba Plate**. The township of Yarra Glen is fortunate to have such a feature as the Racing Centre and it is hoped that this race day in particular will receive plenty of local support.

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