

# YARRA GLEN & DISTRICT TOWNSHIP GROUP

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### **EVEN MORE RAIN!**

Even more rain this week means that some run off into the creeks, rivers and dams is beginning to happen. I wonder if we will ever get back to the days of full dams and fast flowing creeks and rivers?

### **NOTICE SOMETHING NEW?**

**Jeni Emmins** (the Electorate Officer for **Ben Hardman**) emailed us this week with a suggestion that we put a date on each of our newsletters. This had been suggested some time ago (I think on a previous publication I was involved in) by some of our readers, but had been rejected because of the renowned tardiness and unreliability of the editor who was unable to guarantee the production of the newsletter on time if at all! However, with the support of the township group, all editions have gone out on a regular basis and so we have committed to making them weekly. They will be dated on Monday but may arrive 24 hours either side of this date.

### **CONTENT PLEASE**

One of the other reasons for rejection of the date idea previously was that those editions came in a printed version as well and we often waited until we had two full pages of content. This YG&DTG newsletter is not printed out and distributed in hard copy due to a lack of resources. However, every business or visitor friendly reader who receives it could help overcome this, and assist us to reach the estimated 30% of our stakeholders who do not have access to emails, by printing out 5 copies and making them available to others. This would represent a minor cost and effort by each distributor, but would result in us gaining access to many more of the people whom we wish to engage with. Please let us know if you can help.

### **JEANETTE McRAE**

Our local councilor **Jeanette McRae** is certainly making herself available for members of the public to discuss matters with her. She is in Yarra Glen on the 4th Monday of each month at the Living and Learning Centre in Anzac Avenue between 1.00pm and 2.30pm.

The dates of the next four meetings are 23rd April, 28th May, 25th June and 23rd July.

### **OOPS!**

I forgot to include in last weeks newsletter details of the permit applications for the week. This has proved to be a popular addition to the newsletter and although there was only one permit application for the 3775 district last week, it was an important one: a permit for new commercial/residential construction at 20 Bell Street (between the two new shops and the antique shop). This week there was also only one permit: Use and development for the construction of second dwelling in Symonds Street.

## LEIGHTON HOLDINGS DEVELOPMENT

My comments last week regarding the “Hilton” development resulted in an email from locals **Ken and Betty Mottram**, asking for details of who was behind the development now. As I suggested, the Hilton no longer has any involvement in it and their former partners in the project, **Leighton Holdings Ltd**, are the permit holders.

The company working on the site is Grove Turf, the same ones doing the RACV and Croydon Golf Course.

In future I will refer to the project as the Leighton Holdings development.

## MELBA FESTIVAL

Ken and Betty also congratulated the Melba Festival organizers on the street entertainment in the closed off section of Bell Street last Saturday, expressing their sympathy to the street performers and others who got soaked by the much needed rain that fell during the morning. Luckily the Sunday turned out to be an extremely pleasant day weather-wise and made the many activities of the festival (including those at McKenzie’s reserve) so much more enjoyable.

## ART SHOW REMINDER

**The Yarra Glen Art Show** is on over Easter at Balgownie Estate, Melba Hwy, Yarra Glen, Vic and it promises to be the most successful so far. After we were given a very small taste with the exhibition at **Yarra Track** of the artwork done in the **Monkami** workshop, many are now looking forward to the art show showcasing the talents of many of the artists of the Yarra Valley and beyond.

Why don’t you visit the website [www.virtual.net.au/~yarraglenartshow/](http://www.virtual.net.au/~yarraglenartshow/) or contact **Christine Mullen** by email: [artshow@fullandplenty.com](mailto:artshow@fullandplenty.com)?

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