

YARRA GLEN & DISTRICT TOWNSHIP GROUP

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VALE JAKE HINDHAUGH

For the second week in a row, we are sad to report the untimely death on 13th April of another Yarra Glen resident: Jake Hindhaugh. Jake died from the consequences of an acute asthma attack. Jake attended the local Yarra Glen primary School where he was a grade 6 student. He was passionate about his football and played his 50th game for Yarra Glen in the Under 12's. My limited numbers of contacts amongst the students at the school were deeply shocked and upset by his death as will be all parents and other members of the local community. To his grieving parents, Peter and Cheryl and his brother Corey, we offer our sympathy and support for the deep loss and suffering they will be feeling.

The funeral will be held on Thursday, 26th April at 11.00am at the Uniting Church in Yarra Glen at 11.00am.

NEXT MEETING OF YARRA GLEN & DISTRICT TOWNSHIP GROUP

As a mark of respect and sympathy for **Leanne Jonson's** recent loss (see last week's newsletter) the **Yarra Glen & District Township Group** postponed their April meeting for two weeks. It will now be held on Thursday, 26th April at 6.00pm at the committee room at the **Yarra Valley Racing Centre**. As always, stakeholders with the Yarra Glen District are invited to attend and raise any relevant issues with the Committee.

BACKCOPIES OF THE NEWSLETTER

This week, two separate emails were received requesting back issues of this newsletter which were duly provided. It is pleasing to the committee to know that these newsletters – which are designed to provide information to all interested parties in our area of influence – are considered essential reading by some. We continue to look for outlets to hold a limited number of printed copies for those stakeholders who do not have an email address, but at this time have only two: the Accountants Office at 12 Bell Street and the Bendigo Bank at 10 Bell Street.

Ed Bartosh, however, has been working on establishing a web presence for the group and as a result **all** back copies of the newsletter can be accessed at the township group link at www.yarraglen.com.

HOME DELIVER OR DRIVE THROUGH?

This brings up the interesting point: should we continue to forward this newsletter to our (now) extremely large list of stakeholders, or should we just advise them that it is now available on the web-site? No doubt there will be different reactions to that question. Many who would wish to limit the volume of information forwarded to their website would prefer just a short email to advise them that they can now look up the latest edition of the newsletter with a link attached. Others will continue to want to receive the newsletter electronically, whilst others will not want any direct correspondence but will look up any newsletter at their own time and pace if they so desire.

Some time in the near future, we will ask everyone to nominate their preference.

THIS WEEK'S PERMITS

This week we have not yet received notification of the permits issued, but will bring these to you in next week's edition.

NEW SHOPS IN YARRA GLEN

Although it has yet been confirmed, rumour has it that both new shops in the main street will be leased by a current business in the town. Stand by for more details. Meanwhile, progress has not yet begun on the new two storey office and residence to be built on one of the remaining vacant blocks in that strip of the main street.

Jeanette McRae advised us this week of a meeting attended by members of the **Yarra Glen & District Township Group, Yarra Glen Chamber of Commerce, the Wetlands Group, Yarra Glen Primary School** and other interested groups to firm up the Recreation Plan for Yarra Glen and District. More details will be provided on this in our next newsletter.

YARRA GLEN BYPASS

The push for the Yarra Glen Bypass is gaining momentum with the Chamber of Commerce proposing to write to our federal member, Fran Bailey to gain her support in the search for commonwealth funding to supplement the state funding already promised by the Bracks Government. More on this later

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