

YARRA GLEN & DISTRICT TOWNSHIP GROUP

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WHAT DAY IS IT AGAIN?

I warned you this could happen! We are two days late with this newsletter due to pressure of business and I apologize (but I did warn you). Next week may be even more interesting as I will be interstate from Sunday for a week. Unless those kind souls that support me with editorial content come to the party, next week's newsletter may be even skinnier than this week's.

DO YOU STILL WANT IT 'HOME DELIVERED'?

As mentioned last week, **unless we receive an email from you requesting that we continue forwarding the newsletter**, from next week we will just advise you with a link when it has been added to our website. This may suit those stakeholders who are already overloaded with emails or they may like to request no advice at all, and to look up the website whenever they are inspired. Your choice, but please let us know.

YARRA GLEN & DISTRICT TOWNSHIP MEETING

The Yarra Glen and District Township Group held their monthly meeting last Thursday at the Yarra Valley Racing Centre. It was a busy meeting with a number of action items which underlined the level of community activity being undertaken in the town at present: As well as discussions on the success of the towns two most recent activities **The Melba Festival** and **The Yarra Glen Art Show**, reports were tabled on present and proposed projects such as **The Streetscape, the Recreation Master Plan** and **the Development of the Tourist Railway Precinct**.

The next meeting will return to its normal time slot of the second Thursday in the month (10th May, 2007) and – as usual – a open invitation is extended to any of our stakeholders who wish to have their views heard on any of the above topics or any topic they believe to be relevant to the township group.

RESIGNATION FROM THE COMMITTEE

Leanne Jonson's recent loss of her husband (mentioned in the last two week's newsletters) has meant that the **Yarra Glen & District Township Group** has lost another of its founding members. Leanne resigned from her position on the committee in an email sent to all members last week and her resignation was reluctantly accepted at last week's meeting. She has volunteered her services to still be involved in supporting the committee in some of its community activities but felt that the traumatic change in her circumstances would prevent her from committing to regular involvement.

NEW DEVELOPMENT AT 20 BELL STREET

The plans for the new three storey (four if you count the underground carpark) mixed use commercial, retail and tourism development planned for 20 Bell Street were previewed by the YG&DTG committee last Thursday. The plans – which include two apartments, two offices and two shops - were prepared by a firm of architects in Collingwood.

CONGRATULATIONS BONNIE!

Although not a Yarra Glen local, Bonnie Anderson – the young winner of “Australia’s got Talent” – can claim a close association with Yarra Glen. Her mother Connie ran a business in Yarra Glen for a number of years and Bonnie attended the Yarra Glen Primary School.

Bonnie, who won \$250,000 for her singing, is donating some of her winnings to charity and still lives in the Yarra Valley and attends secondary school in Lilydale. Congratulations to a terrific young lady who obviously has plenty of talent.

THIS WEEK’S PERMITS

This week we had two permit applications in our district: Additions to cellar door, etc at 1548 Melba Hwy, Dixons Creek and the erection of a “granny flat” in Forest Street, Yarra Glen.

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