

YARRA GLEN & DISTRICT TOWNSHIP GROUP

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CONGRATULATIONS MELINDA!

Congratulations to Melinda Koth, a member of the **Yarra Glen & District Township Group**, who on Sunday, 20th May 2007 gave birth to her first child, Ben Phillip Koth. Ben was 12.5 ozs (3080 grams) and 47.5 cm. From all accounts, dad is “as proud as punch”

TOWNSHIP GROUP’S AGM

The first Annual General Meeting of the **Yarra Glen & District Township Group** will be held at the **Yarra Valley Racing Centre** on 24th June. More details in next week’s newsletter.

NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS WANTED!

As those of you who are regular readers of this newsletter will know, during the past year we lost three of our founding members for various reasons. There is a need for these three members to be replaced at the AGM and also for new blood to be recruited to build on the excellent start that the committee has made since its inception early last year. At the inaugural meeting of the group held last year, the number of vacancies equalled the number of applicants and therefore no election was necessary.

The committee was fortunate that those applicants represented a wide range of ages, interests, professions and ideologies but all shared a passion to be involved in assisting the various stakeholders in our community to help realize a common vision for the future of our district and to partake in various activities for the betterment of our community. They now need to be joined (or replaced) by others who are willing to make the effort to attend regular (generally monthly) meetings and join in discussions with councillors, shire representatives, politicians and other influential people to ensure the continued input of stakeholders is heard, understood and valued.

Are you such a person? Our meetings have been informal, enjoyable, challenging and democratic and the only criteria needed to become a member are an affinity with the district, a willingness to be involved and respect for the views and opinions of others. All members have been enriched by their involvement in the establishment year of the committee and believe that it offers the same opportunity of personal development will apply to any new members joining this year.

If you are such a person, the committee would love to hear from you. You can nominate yourself by contacting any of the current in writing (email, fax, letter, etc) so come on, have **your** say about **your** community.

PERMITS ISSUED THIS WEEK

The two permit applications of interest to our community this week were an application to run a garden supplies business in Armstrong Grove and an application to remove an existing dwelling and to replace it with a new one in Steels Creek Road, Steels Creek.

100TH BIRTHDAY PARTY

I was unable to make the party at the memorial hall on Saturday to celebrate **Emma Doreen Victoria Ayres'** 100th birthday on 24th May, but I do know that she had a free hairdo, a new dress and that the letter from the Queen had arrived, so I hope the remainder of the weekend was also enjoyable and memorable.

FIRE IN BELL STREET

There was some excitement in Bell Street last Thursday when a number of fire trucks attended a fire in the two storey office complex that houses the Laundromat. No damage could be seen from the outside but no doubt some repairs will be necessary inside.

THANK YOU, BARBARA

Barbara Robinson from **Rosier's Real Estate** has agreed to print out and make available to customers copies of this newsletter on a weekly basis. This is great news as regular readers of this newsletter will know we are keen to engage with as many stakeholders as possible and this extra distribution point will reach many new people who would not normally frequent either of our other two distribution points: **Bendigo Bank** and the Accountant's office.

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