

YARRA GLEN & DISTRICT TOWNSHIP GROUP

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With the return of our fearless leader, **Malcolm Calder**, from the warm climes of northern Australia, the township group held their first meeting since the new committee was elected to office. All members were in attendance and fired with enthusiasm for the two hour meeting held at **Yarra Glen Racing Centre** last Thursday. Executive positions on the committee were decided and a number of new positions were created to ensure that communication and involvement with all stakeholders was enhanced. Greater emphasis is being placed on meeting with other community groups and – as a first step – Malcolm will address the **Yarra Glen Chamber of Commerce** at its next meeting.

The dates of future meetings of the Township Group have been set as the last Thursday in each month. The meetings will still be restricted to two hours duration, but will now be held at 6pm upstairs at 12 Bell Street (opposite the Grand Hotel) as it was felt that this may make them more accessible to anyone wishing to attend any of the meetings.

The use of modern technology to improve communication with all members is to be used, with important correspondence to be scanned and forwarded to all members prior to each meeting to further streamline the meetings. Another new innovation for the committee was the monthly presentation of reports by all office bearers.

Quarterly newsletters reporting on the activities of the group will be posted to all residents and our weekly report will continue to be emailed to those who have requested it, and made available to all others on our website: www.yarraglen.com/townshipgroup.

YARRA GLEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The attraction of the warm weather up North has lead to the President of the Chamber, **Marjorie Woollands** and her husband **Mike** heading off for a short break. Marjorie assures me however that she will be back in time to hear Malcolm address the next Chamber meeting in August (unlike Secretary **Frank Hoogenraad**, who will still be overseas).

THIS WEEK'S PERMITS

Once again it was a quiet week for permit applications throughout the Shire. The only one directly impacting on the Yarra Glen district was an extension to a dwelling in Ellis Road.

SUGARLOAF INTERCONNECTOR PIPELINE PROJECT

Part of the Victorian Governments Water Plan is the 70 kilometre Sugarloaf Interconnector Pipeline which is designed to pump water from the Goulburn River to the Sugarloaf Reservoir to be used in Melbourne's water supply system.

Melbourne Water has conducted community information sessions in Yea, Kinglake and Toolangi with one to be held in Eildon this Wednesday and one in Glenburn next Wednesday (8th August). Our area will be affected because the original route involving the Hume

Highway has now been replaced with a route from the Goulburn River at Yea, along the Melba Highway, Hunts Lane and Steels Creek Road because it is deemed to be shorter, cheaper and less harmful to the environment. The final “leg” from Steels Creek Road over Christmas Hills to Sugarloaf is subject to a number of considerations. **Victor Gilevitis** is the Project Manager and he can be contacted on **9235 2568**. More information is also available on the website: www.ourwater.vic.gov.au.

NEW (?) SHOPS OPEN IN TOWN

I failed to mention in earlier newsletter that the two new shops in town are now open for business. “*Innovations*” has moved from its location between the laundry and the Op Shop to one of them whilst the other is a wellness/beauty therapy business, “*Embrace*”. The town gained a new butcher in recent times, so call in and make him welcome.

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Another invitation to our next meeting on 30th August at 6pm at 12 Bell Street. Should you wish to address the committee on any topic, please contact any of our members and we will arrange for time to be allocated to you.

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