

YARRA GLEN & DISTRICT TOWNSHIP GROUP

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GOLD EXPLORATION PERMIT

Just a reminder that – if you wish to object to the planning exploration activity mentioned last week in this newsletter - you had better act fast! The deadline is Wednesday this week. Full details of how you do this are in last week's Lilydale Express.

LOSS OF LOCAL MEDICAL CLINIC

A huge amount of activity has been undertaken (lead in the main by **Marjorie Woollands**) in an attempt to solve this problem. A number of potential doctors have been sounded out, possible locations for the establishment of a new clinic investigated and funds have been sought from various organizations to fund the process. However, there are a number of hurdles to be overcome before any definite result can be achieved. One thing is for sure, no stone is being left unturned!

THIS WEEK'S PERMITS

Only three permit applications of note this week: One is to do with the change of use of the old Doctor's clinic to a café, one for a new gate on Melba Hwy, Dixons Creek and one for the establishment of a garden supplies business at 1 Armstrong Grove, Yarra Glen.

ACTIVITIES FOR THE YOUNG

Many complaints have been made about a lack of activity for the young people around Yarra Glen. **Mike Baimbridge**, a member of the **Yarra Glen & District Township Group** has provided us with the following information:

- Many in Yarra Glen may not be aware that we have a new church in the town. Heartland Yarra Glen is a Baptist Church that has been involved in Yarra Glen for over a year now, is a Lilydale Baptist Church and Baptist Union of Victoria joint initiative lead by Mike Baimbridge. While they have no building, they have been quietly involved in community life in a number of areas, utilizing shire buildings and serving the Yarra Glen Community.
- Yarra Glen Playgroup is a Heartland initiative, running a fun, structured playgroup on Friday afternoons from 1p.m. till 3 p.m. in the Yarra Glen Pre-School building in Anzac Avenue. This is a great time of community for parents and their pre school aged children (Generally 0 – 4 y.o.). All welcome, contact Wendy on 97302910 or 0418 503534
- [Glen] is Yarra Glens own youth group, and is open to young people from grade 5 upwards. [Glen] youth nights happen at the green shed (Garry Cooper Pavilion) in McKenzie Reserve from 6p.m. till 8 p.m. on alternate Friday nights. Contact Sally on 0425713030, Adam on 0418308819 or Mike Baimbridge on 97302910 or 0408143969

- Heartland is also running a holiday club for primary aged children for the second week of the up coming school holidays. Last years Son Games run in conjunction with the commonwealth games created a lot of interest and this year will be even bigger. Le Rats Café will run from Tuesday the 2nd through to Friday the 5th of October from 9.30 a.m. till 12.30 p.m at Yarra Glen Primary School.at a cost of \$5 per child or \$8 per family per day and includes all craft needs and morning tea. Call Mike for more details.
- For more info about Heartland Yarra Glen and it's programs and ministries, please call Mike on 0408143969 or go to www.heartland.asn.au

MORE NEWS ON MIKE

Mike Bainbridge has been appointed to the one day per week role of Chaplaincy Development Officer for the Yarra Valley. His role is to form a network between Yarra Valley chaplains in Primary School settings, and to resource them with local church and government contacts and other help agencies that would provide extra help for families of individuals in crisis, or just in need of support. He is based at Coldstream Primary School.

SUGARLOAF INTERCONNECTOR PIPELINE

This project continues to cause much comment and has resulted in a number of meetings continuing to be held along the proposed route. More information on the outcome of these meetings in next week's edition.

FROST FANS

Some more valuable information has been provided on the complex issue of frost fans being installed in the vineyards to protect the crops from frost. **Jim Viggers** – a member of the **Yarra Glen Township Group** – has provided a website of a manufacturer of frost fans which provide a large amount of technical data on the operation of the fans. Jim's son Paul works in the wine industry in New Zealand where the use of these farms is widespread. One fan is needed to cover each 6 hectares of vines, and they are turned on when the temperature drops to 1 degree to try and prevent frost forming. If the temperature drops to -3 degrees, the fans are turned off. The website for more information is: www.frostboss.co.nz.

PREVIOUS ISSUES

You are reminded that copies of the previous editions of this newsletter are available at:

<http://www.yarraglen.com/townshipgroup/news.php>

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