

YARRA GLEN & DISTRICT TOWNSHIP GROUP

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WELCOME BACK FRANK!

Frank Hoogenraad and his wife **Jacqui** have returned from their recent humanitarian trip to Africa with many details of the appalling conditions many of the millions of inhabitants of these countries live under. Frank and Jacqui are about to change their abode from Steels Creek to Pattersons Lakes and Frank will be reducing the time he spends in the hardware store

FAREWELL JOHN, ANNE & JAKE!

Most readers will be aware that the Lithgow family are moving on after spending many years managing the **Grand Hotel**. I believe they depart in mid-November for places unknown and we wish them well for the next stage of their life.

YARRA GLEN & DISTRICT TOWNSHIP GROUP MEETING

Don't forget that the **Yarra Glen & District Township Group** meets this Thursday (the last Thursday of the month) at **6.00pm** at **12 Bell Street, Yarra Glen**. The Group has set aside time for community presentations to enable any group or individual who wishes to raise any issue with them time to discuss their issue. The large attendance at last month's meeting indicated that there is a need to provide this opportunity and anyone wishing to take it should contact **Malcolm Calder** or just turn up at the meeting.

THIS WEEK'S PERMITS

After two quiet weeks, a two lot subdivision (Symonds Street), extension to dwelling (Mill Road) and two construction of dwellings (Catherine Court and Sacha Court) all in Yarra Glen were applied for. Other permits of interest outside the Township Group's boundaries were the development of a mausoleum at the Lilydale cemetery in Victoria Road, the development of backpackers accommodation in Monbulk and the construction of a farm building for use as a winery in Woori Yallock.

SUGARLOAF INTERCONNECTOR PIPELINE

Our former postmaster, **Phil Kehoe**, emailed the Township Group to express his outrage at the proposal to pump water from the Goulburn River to the Sugarloaf Reservoir and offered his support for any protest to be raised. On a similar note, the following email was received last week from Toolangi Resident, **Joanne Priestley**:

"The 'new' State Water Minister, Tim Holding, will be in Toolangi tomorrow, FRIDAY, launching a Tourism Strategy at the Forest Discovery Centre at 2:00pm. He claims there is not much interest in the pipeline anymore!

The Yea Group will be meeting at the CJ Dennis Hall at 1:45pm to then march/protest to the Discovery centre and let him know there are still plenty of people interested in the demise of the pipeline!!! There is also the possibility of news coverage.

This non-political group has been working hard implementing 'Telephone trees' and offering support for those directly affected. It would seem that the pipeline is still 'all systems go'!!

As I have just returned from hospital and can hardly speak, please ring Steve on 5962 9008 for more info.

Please pass this on, or ring, as many people as you can and hopefully, lots of you can attend the rally and support the Yea group in their protest - (this will also benefit the rest of us affected by the pipeline!)"

Unfortunately, this message was received too late for any action to be taken, but it shows that the issue is still alive and of concern to a great number of people.

FROST FANS

As the debate on the merits of frost fans also continues, I note that other methods are still being employed to prevent frost damaging the new growth. On my regular early morning walk this week I spotted a helicopter parked in one of the vineyards, ready to fly low over the crops and distribute the air to prevent frost forming. This was in addition to the round hay bales located throughout the vineyard and ready to be light if necessary.

PREVIOUS ISSUES

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

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