

YARRA GLEN & DISTRICT TOWNSHIP GROUP

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YARRA GLEN & DISTRICT TOWNSHIP MEETING

Don't forget that the monthly meeting of **Yarra Glen & District Township Group** will be held this Thursday at 6pm at 12 Bell Street, Yarra Glen. As always there are many issues to be discussed including the Supermarket, the bypass, the pipeline, the health centre, etc, etc. All stakeholders are invited to attend. It was proposed that **VicRoads** representatives would be in attendance to update our knowledge on the proposed bypass, but – as they have little to report at this stage – this has been deferred to a later meeting.

YARRA GLEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AGM

The **Yarra Glen Chamber of Commerce** will hold its AGM this **Wednesday, 24th October** at 6.00pm at **Yarra Valley Racing Centre**. The Chamber is looking for new members and a new executive to take it forward in 2008, so you should make every effort to attend this meeting and to make yourself available to assist in some way. Finger food will be provided and you should inform the Secretary, **Frank Hoogenraad** of your intention to attend the meeting.

CONGRATULATIONS STEVE WEBBER (AND DE BORTOLI'S)!

De Bortoli's Yarra Valley winemaker, Steve Webber, was awarded "2007 Winemaker of the Year" by Gourmet Traveller Wine last week. After being nominated on two previous occasions, Steve was this year selected from amongst some of Australia's most renowned winemakers.

In receiving his award, Steve said that winning the award was "humbling" and commented "Really exciting wines are not about perfection, in fact the imperfections are what I love about a lot of wine".

MELBA FESTIVAL

Also gleaned from the latest eNewsletter from Yarra Valley & The Dandenongs Marketing was the fact that they will manage the Melba Festival in 2008. To be held from the 14th to the 16th of March 2008, the festival will be celebrating its third year and Regional Marketing is looking forward to another successful event.

Building on all the hard work that was done by Marjorie Woollands and her crew, the Melba Festival will be coordinated by Regional Marketing's **Nell Kell**. Further information is available of the website: www.melbafestival.com.au.

The program is currently being finalised. However some of the artists already signed up include, pianist James Brown and a guitar recital at **Domaine Chandon** by Slava & Leonard Grigoryan. Artists will be playing in many of the great venues in the Yarra Valley.

HAPPY 70TH BIRTHDAY JIM VIGGERS!

Township Group member Jim Viggers celebrated his 70th birthday this week. Jim, who joined the Group this year, has been a valuable member and has been able to put his experience as a former councillor, shire president and Melbourne Water engineer to good use in assisting the Township Group. The Group is still keen to hear from even more community spirited stakeholders who are willing to devote part of their time to being an active member of the group. Should you be interested, please contact our chairman, **Malcolm Calder**

THIS WEEK'S PERMITS

After our quiet week of no permits last week, this week has 6 varied permits covering Yarra Glen, Dixons Creek and Steels Creek:

In Yarra Glen, we have evidence of the changing nature of the town with one planning application for the use and development of existing buildings for a winery (cellar door sales), café, licensed premises and function centre at the Train Trak Vineyard. Interestingly this also includes the removal of one tree with access via Simpsons Lane. (I don't know where Simpsons Lane is either – I'm pretty sure it's not Simpson Road or Old Simpson Road, Christmas Hills, but it's not in my street directory). The other two permits are for a liquor license in the old Doctor's surgery and the change of use at 37A Bell Street to a fitness centre.

At Dixons Creek the construction of two garages and a shed in Lorimers Lane and a shed/farmhouse in Old Toolangi Road have been applied for, whilst at Steels Creek permission for one dwelling, shed and the removal of three trees has been requested.

PIPELINE PROJECT

The news from **Brockspur** (via **Amanda Williams**) is that a number of local and interstate workers have been staying at various accommodation locations whilst conducting a survey on the impact on fauna of the proposed pipeline. Amanda also pointed out that drought has probably been good for at least two businesses in town: The lack of water has probably resulted in greater use of the laundrette and the car wash!

PREVIOUS ISSUES

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

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

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