

YARRA GLEN & DISTRICT TOWNSHIP GROUP

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The October meeting of **Yarra Glen & District Township Group** was held last Thursday at 6pm at 12 Bell Street, Yarra Glen. Many issues were discussed and robust discussions on the medical centre, the pipeline, the bypass, the streetscape, the supermarket complex, the rail line, the proposed rail trail and frost fans resulted in a number of motions being passed to write to various organizations requesting support, more information or more involvement.

YARRA GLEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AGM

The **Yarra Glen Chamber of Commerce** held its AGM on **Wednesday, 24th October** at 6.00pm at **Yarra Valley Racing Centre**. Seventeen members and our local councilor **Jeanette McRae** were in attendance to see the baton passed on to a new executive for the 2008: **Chris Lamacraft** won the only ballot for the night and was elected President. **Bob Curtis** was elected vice-president; **Barbara De Silva** took on the Secretary's role whilst **Frank Hoogenraad** and **Greta Edwards** accepted positions on the executive. Only one position remains to be filled; that of Treasurer and the Chamber would be pleased to hear from anyone willing to fill this not-too-difficult role.

Outgoing President **Marjorie Woollands** paid a special tribute to **John Lithgow** for his many years of service to the Chamber and the township in general and outlined the achievements of the Chamber over the previous 12 months.

WANTED: ONE MINUTE SECRETARY

The robust debate mentioned above that happens at the **Yarra Glen & District Township Group** meetings where everyone is encouraged to take part means that it is difficult for anyone to devote their time to the important role of taking the minutes of the meeting. For this reason, the committee has decided to seek a minute secretary to ensure this task will be carried out efficiently.

The successful candidate would be paid a monthly honorarium of \$80 and would be expected to attend the meeting and prepare a draft set of minutes for the chairman's approval and distribution.

Anyone interested in this extremely worthwhile position is encouraged to contact **Malcolm Calder** with their relevant details.

NEW SUPERMARKET COMPLEX

It was officially announced on Friday by the developer, **Chris O'Conner** that medium supermarket chain **Ritchie's** was the successful applicant to rent the new supermarket, due for completion next spring. Ritchie's is a member of the IGA group and operates 54 stores around Australia having recently opened a new store in Griffith, NSW. It's Diamond Creek store is the fastest growing store in their chain and they distinguish themselves from the major supermarket chains by stocking local produce and donating 1% of their turnover to

local community groups. Unsuccessful tenderers included Woolworths (Safeway) and the present supermarket owners, **Geoff & Margaret McBride**.

The official launch was held outside **Yarra Glen Café and Store** where **Bill Moulynox** presented his landscape for the wetlands, a major part of the project.

THIS WEEK'S PERMITS

Another lull in the number of planning permits this week with only one applicable to our district: the extension of an existing dwelling in Greenwood Lane, Steels Creek.

I FOUND IT!

Readers of last week's newsletter will be aware that I could not find Simpson's Lane on my map: a drive along the Yarra Glen-Healesville road resulted in me locating it – as expected – near the Train Trax winery.

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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