

YARRA GLEN & DISTRICT TOWNSHIP GROUP

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HEARTLAND

Mike Baimbridge, a member of the **Yarra Glen & District Township Group** and also actively involved with local youth has again provided us with an update of his church group's activities:

"Our local Baptist church, Heartland, has lots of good news stories at the moment. Below is just a snippet

Its youth group [Glen] has been growing well as it establishes itself as a safe fun group to belong to for children from grade 5 upwards. Meeting at the green shed fortnightly for fun and games (ball games, table tennis, X Box etc), friendship with some caring youth leaders, and a self esteem or positive lifestyle promoting talk, [Glen] now has around 20 young people attending each fortnight. Last Friday [Glen] had its first out of town excursion with a trip to the Rock climbing wall at Nunawading, a great challenge for some, easy for those with Spiderman like abilities. Sore arms and legs, as well as hoarse voices were the order of the day after a very noisy bus trip home, but everyone had a great time.

*Heartland's playgroup has turned **ONE!!!!** With over 20 families attending playgroup regularly over the year, and around 10 with their children there most weeks, Yarra Glen Playgroup has reason to celebrate this month and will be doing so with a Petting Farm, face painting, party food and.....FUN!! Yarra Glen Playgroup runs from 1p.m. till 3p.m. every Friday afternoon at the Pre-School building in Anzac Avenue. The 1st birthday celebrations will be on the 16th of Nov. New families most welcome!! "*

Heartland meets for a Gathering (light dinner, good community, kids program and a look at life from a Biblical perspective) every 1st and 3rd Sunday evening at the McCoombe Room at the Memorial Hall. Recently topics have included the community themes as diverse as loneliness, tax evasion, self esteem, the need for interconnectedness, and the great Aussie Dream, is it all it's cracked up to be? Please let us know if you would like to come along and check it out so we can cater for dinner. **Please call Mike Baimbridge on 0408143969 or go to www.heartland.asn.au for details on any of the above.**"

GULF STATION

Another correspondent this week was **Clemens Unger** with his copy of Barn Yarn, the **Gulf Station** newsletter. The newsletter provided details of the new Farm Experience Trail being established and a new staff member as well as a brief report on the recent severe storm that luckily caused no major damage except to a large marquee belonging to **Prestige Events**.

MANDALA WINES

Judging by the scaffolding, work has begun in earnest on the building of a wine tasting room and the extension of the restaurant in Melba Hwy Dixons Creek. The recent presence of a crane on the skyline underlines the changing nature of the valley.

WANTED: ONE MINUTE SECRETARY

No response was received to our plea for someone to devote 4 hours per month to our Township Group meetings. Surely there is someone out there who, for a monthly fee of \$80, would be willing to become involved in this worthwhile community activity?

If so, please respond to this email or contact our chairman, **Malcolm Calder** direct.

THIS WEEK'S PERMITS

It was pleasing to see that one of the two permits that impacted on our district this week was for our Medical Clinic at 949-951 Melba Hwy. The other one related to a winery and licensed premises and advertising sign in Hunt's Lane, Steels Creek.

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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