

# YARRA GLEN & DISTRICT TOWNSHIP GROUP

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## **WE'RE BACK!**

After a longer than anticipated break due to holidays, interstate trips, a festive season and work and family commitments, the **Yarra Glen & District Township Group** newsletter is back for calendar year 2008 with edition 41. There have been no New Year resolutions or changes in the editor's psyche to suggest that he will be any more reliable in 2008 than in previous years, so treat each edition like gold: it may be a collector's item!

## **MINUTE SECRETARY**

**Lindy Montell**, the new the position of minute secretary of the **Yarra Glen & District Township Group**, settled into her position well, taking the minutes at the group's first meeting for 2008. The group met last Thursday (31<sup>st</sup> January 2008) and the members (sans Noel Nicholson and Melinda Koth) were joined by 3 guests to discuss the planned Doctor's surgery. **June Bennett** (representing the landlord, the Uniting Church of Victoria and Tasmania), **Marjorie Woolland** and **Dorothy Barbour** bought the group up to date with the proposed medical centre to be located at Cameron House and which may now include a number of other medical related services.

## **NEW MEMBERS WELCOME**

The **Yarra Glen & District Township Group** meets on the last Thursday of each month upstairs at 12 Bell Street, Yarra Glen and members of the general public (like the three mentioned above) are always welcome to join in the discussions. The group is fortunate to have a diverse group of members that can represent the views of youth, commerce, small business, tourism, the arts, agriculture and church groups but would still like to expand their membership of include members of sporting groups, town residents and new arrivals.

The township group encourages open, democratic discussion on all issues that affect our district and respects the views of each individual so if you would like a say please join the group (even if you are not in one of these categories) and you will be made most welcome.

## **THE PIPELINE**

A well attended (and well organized) public information meeting was held last Wednesday in the YG Memorial Hall. Around 300 concerned citizens heard from a water and catchment expert, a member of the "Alliance Team" (those responsible for the planning and construction), **Graeme Miller** (a concerned local landholder and Vigner) and a Ballarat landholder who has experienced a similar pipeline recently.

## **LOCAL HEREOS**

Congratulations to the five locals who efforts on behalf of our community were recognized at the shire Australia Day '08 Award Ceremony. **Iris Caddy, Kevin Heeley, Christine Mullen, Joe Pacquola** and **Marjorie Woollands** are names and faces well known to most locals and the contributions they have made to our community has been duly acknowledged.

## **VALE RON CADDY**

Iris' husband Ron was there to see her presented with her "Certificate Of Recognition" award and no doubt was extremely proud of her achievement. Ron was also a respected member of the community whose community spirit shone through. Ron fell ill at a family dinner after the award presentation and died later that evening. We extend to Iris and her family and all Ron's many friends our condolences.

## **THIS WEEK'S PERMITS**

For the second week running, there were no permits which impacted directly on our 3775 postcode area. During the time that we were not reporting the usual new buildings and dwellings and tree removals were applied for. One application of interest was the rezoning of any rural land left in the Bell Street-Armstrong Grove-Healesville/Yarra Glen Road "block" to either residential or industrial zoning.

## **PREVIOUS ISSUES**

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

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