

YARRA GLEN & DISTRICT TOWNSHIP GROUP

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QUIET ACHIEVERS

I can't help but be impressed with the rebuild of the bridge over Dixons Creek on Melba Hwy (the first one past Bottings Lane heading north). Steel girders were installed recently on the underside of the bridge with only minor disruptions to traffic.

FURTHER ALONG...

About 500 metres further north however, the installation of a turning lane into **Immerse** could not be achieved without some traffic management, including the use of traffic lights. Hopefully both these activities will result in safer highway travel.

THE PIPELINE PROJECT

Media reports this week indicate that the North-South pipeline project from the Goulburn River to Sugarloaf has moved one step closer with the submission of the plan to the Federal Environment Minister, **Peter Garrett** for approval.

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Speaking of the project, the **Yarra Glen and District Township Group** has been active in encouraging debate on this controversial government proposal. We are extremely fortunate to have amongst the group **Jim Viggers**, who – because of his background as a Water Engineer and former shire president – has been able to provide us with an understanding of the historical and technical issues that surround this issue. Jim's paper on the subject has been widely circulated and used by two of the more visible opponents of the proposal, **Mike Dalmau** and **Jan Beer**. If you did not receive a copy and would like to, please contact any member of the township group.

GRAPE GRAZING

One of the District's main tourist activities is on as I write. Expanded this year to an eight day "festival", the involvement of entertainment at a number of smaller wineries is a feature and many locals attended a performance by comedian **Damien Cullinan** at **Graeme Miller's Winery** in Dixons Creek on the 9th February whilst it will be mainly tourists listening to **Wilbur Wilde** at **Acacia Ridge Winery** this weekend.

THIS WEEK'S PERMITS

Two new permits this week: a new dwelling in Yarraview Road and a 5 lot subdivision on the Healesville-Yarra Glen Road – a sign of things to come?

PREVIOUS ISSUES

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