

# Information Bulletin 4



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Hello once again friends and neighbours. We'd like to take this opportunity to keep you up to date with developments concerning your local fuel outlet.

A planning application was placed with council and council has issued a notice of decision to issue a planning permit. One appeal to this decision was lodged with VCAT and is in the process of being dealt with. YCD Co is also attempting to address some of the concerns within the appeal.

Currently fuel sales are at about 70,000 litres/month up from our starting point of 40,000, while this is a fantastic result and shows how strongly the community supports this service, the High St site continues to lose money. This is because of the fundamental flaws of the site - ie small capacity, low margins and inconvenience. Our investigations have shown there is no quick-fix solution to these problems. For example an oft asked question concerning an unmanned site with EFT bowsers is not possible. Installation of the above would necessitate the High St site being upgraded to current EPA standards, Impossible on that site.

At this stage your continued support is vitally important to us. Keeping fuel in Yackandandah means continuing community support for the service. Currently our prices are just a cent or two above Wodonga. The difference on a fill is about the same value as a cup of coffee or a can of soft drink.

### *The Big Picture*

Buying your fuel in Yackandandah means you are supporting local people earn a wage at the service station. You are also supporting people who don't or can't travel to Wodonga for their fuel. These include Meals On Wheels, the Hospital, various Shire services, Emergency services and the older people in our community who tend to shop in Yackandandah.

That sounds like a lot of value from the price of a cup of coffee. Explain it to your friends.

Thanks again for your support as we work our way through the process of finding a long term solution to the fuel problem in Yackandandah.

**So ... the choice is yours ....**

**use it..or lose it!**