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This Yeronga Village business owner has a real eye for detail

Image Eyewear's Patsy Urbaniak compares a pair of glasses with a nice handbag or lipstick – they provide the finishing touch to a look or outfit.

In January 2021, Patsy reinvented the optical practice at Yeronga Village with new style, staff and products.

As Yeronga's only independently-owned optometry practice, she has spent the past three years using her vast experience to assist the optical needs of local residents.

*"I really want to emphasise our point of difference; it is our personalised service that sets us apart along with some very unique frames,"* says Patsy.

With more than 23 years in the optical industry, Patsy has honed her skills in finding the perfect frame for her customers.

*"We aim to enhance your eye care experience with our one-on-one styling consultations. Glasses are more than just correcting your vision; they also complement your personality and style. Just like a handbag or shoes, choosing the right pair of glasses can give you the finishing touch to your look or outfit."*

All frames are individually selected by Patsy - an impressive boast once you see the range on offer at Image Eyewear.

*"No matter what look you are after you will be sure to find the perfect frame, from handmade European designs right through to our budget-savvy options."*

Image Eyewear caters for all tastes and budgets with a discerning clientele in mind.

*"I want every person who leaves the practice to feel comfortable in recommending us to their family and friends."*

Image Eyewear likes to give back to the local community through school fetes and fund-raising events.

Patsy is a passionate supporter of Cancer Council's Biggest Morning Tea and hosts an annual event where customers come to together to "celebrate life for a good cause."

She also supports the Lions Recycle for Sight program – where people can bring in their old, unwanted glasses, which are then collected by Lions to be distributed to third-world countries.



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## COLOUR FRIDAY!

Some Yeronga Village shop owners are taking on the big retailers – preparing for Colour Friday as opposed to Black Friday.

Black Friday is the Friday after Thanksgiving in the United States and traditionally marks the start of the Christmas shopping season.

It's an event that has been adopted by retailers in Australia too.

Colour Friday was started in the UK in 2021 by small business ambassador Holly Tucker, who describes Black Friday as "a bunfight of festive gifting where people buy throwaway items that often end up in landfill".

Colour Friday is an alternative, where shoppers are encouraged to reconsider their Black Friday mass consumption and instead shop thoughtfully with small businesses.

It's a concept Botanical Grace owner Julie McAllister and Image Eyewear's Patsy Urbaniak embraced last year. About four businesses were involved.

Julie says Colour Friday is about getting people to think about where they spend their money and encourages support for the local community.

Botanical Grace and Image Eyewear will offer discounts and specials on Friday, November 24. It is hoped other businesses in the Village will follow suit.

"It's all about supporting each other and our neighbours," Julie says.

# The History of Yeronga

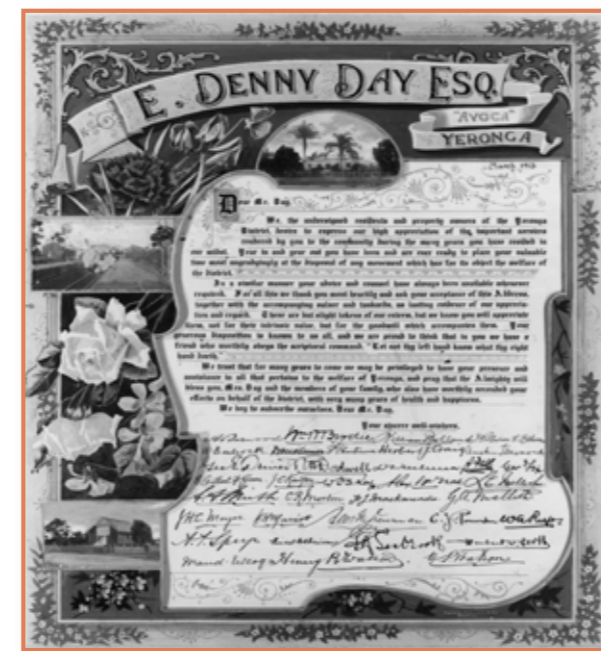
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## Edward Denny Day

The history of Yeronga has many people who made a difference and one such person was Edward Denny Day. Born in 1843 in Maitland, Edward's father was a police magistrate who carried out the investigation of the Myall Creek Station massacre where 28 unarmed Aboriginals were killed in cold blood by a group of 11 stockmen. Despite large public support for the killers, seven of the perpetrators were found guilty of murder and hanged. A 2016 book and a film on this horrific event is due to be released next year.<sup>1</sup>

Edward started with the Bank of New South Wales at the early age of 17, working in NSW, Victoria, New Zealand and finally Queensland. Here he switched and became part of the Royal Bank of Queensland as assistant manager when it opened in 1886, in a building designed by prominent Brisbane architect Richard Gailey, at 458-460 George St. Remarkably this building still stands and is currently occupied by a Subway and 7-Eleven. Edward went on to become the general manager of the bank in 1898.



In 1892, he became associated with the historic Yeronga home, Avoca, since the then owner, Frederick Stewart Brown, had gone into liquidation with a substantial mortgage to the Royal Bank of Queensland. Edward and his family moved into this prestigious home, presumably to assist both Brown and the bank during the tumultuous Queensland depression of the 1890s, when many banks across Australia collapsed or suspended operations. Since 'Avoca' was now home to the well-known general manager of the Royal Bank of Queensland, it was featured in an article in Queensland Country Life in May 1902, where it was said to be one of the leading residences in the area.

As general manager of the Royal Bank, Edward developed a large circle of banking and commercial friends. He served for some years as chairman of the then Queensland Banking Association as well as president of the Chamber of Commerce and president of the Brisbane Club. It is not surprising then that Edward became involved in much of what went on in Yeronga.

Probably the most important was recorded in the Brisbane Courier of Friday 20 June 1902 when it was able to announce the arrival of the 'Yeronga Water Supply' with Edward Denny Day having been awarded the contract from the Board of Waterworks.

Another good example is the meeting he called and chaired in the Yeronga Hall (situated where the RSL now stands) on 25th March 1912 at the Yeronga Hall. He put forward the idea of establishing a bowling site and so became the first president of the Yeronga Bowling Club as a result.

The standing in which he was held is well illustrated in the attached plaque he was presented with in 1913 from the Residents and Property Owners of Yeronga District. The plaque has a picture of 'Avoca' and an illuminated address expressing appreciation for the work done for the wider Yeronga community. Mr. E. Denny Day died on 22 June 1918 at the age of 75 years.

<sup>1</sup> See also Terry Smyth, *Denny Day: The life and times of Australia's greatest lawman, the forgotten hero of the Myall Creek Massacre*, Penguin Random House Australia, 2016.

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# Jane's Update



The Jacaranda's are out, the sun is shining, Brisbane is looking good, not only to the locals but to the investor.

The market is moving along very nicely, the buyers like the Jacaranda's are "blooming", and like the Jacaranda's the market has that "perfect window".


October through to mid-December can be the strongest market we experience for the year, not only for sales, but for choice. This is the time of the year that family homes start to hit the market and one of the best times to secure a home in an otherwise tightly held area.

The real estate market is currently strong both in the sales and the rental side. Unit and townhouse prices are going from strength to strength and with the tight rental market it is marking more sense to buy and rent out a room, then line up with the masses trying to secure a rental. Rentals are at one of their strongest ever times with properties renting quickly with

great applications. It's rare to see both the rental and the sales market on the same page, performing just as strongly as each other. Building costs are still high and all reports they will stay high, ensuring that the move in ready home with nothing left to do, or the new build homes are selling for a premium. To build a home you could be looking at 2 years and some of the build costs I have heard are pricing many out of this part of the market. I believe we will start to see some \$3m + sales in the new build sector of the local market.

I have listed a very special Yeronga Property - 102 Rome St South. Designed by renowned architect Don Winsen, this mid-century home was the Winsen residence for over sixty-seven years. Home to an architect, an artist and 4 creative children with a love of the outdoors. We would love to see you at one of the open homes.

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# Live, Love, Local



The local community has gone potty about a recent addition to the Station Road Arts Precinct

Debra Gardiner and daughter Holly Farmer opened their ceramics studio in Yeerongpilly with a vision of building a community of people who were interested in pottery.

But they've been blown away with just how popular and well supported the workshops and classes have been since DH Makers opened their doors in February.

Part of the thriving Station Road Creative Precinct at Yeerongpilly, Holly initially thought she could manage the studio and classes herself.

Mum Debra was living and teaching pottery in Rainbow Beach.

"When we opened I didn't think I would need any help," Holly says. "Now I'm interviewing for a third teacher."

Debra has just moved back to Brisbane to become more involved with the studio.

Holly is enjoying being surrounded by other like-minded businesses in the creative hub.

"When I found this space I didn't realise just how thriving the area is," she says.



"It's a really happening creative community and it's brilliant, especially on market days when everyone has their shed doors open."

DH Makers started with one-off classes but has built up to also offer wheel throwing, hand-building and 10-week term classes.

Holly says her Mum is a fantastic hand-builder, creating beautiful vases and sculptural pieces.

She says her work is more functional ware – jugs, vases and mugs. Her love of pottery came from Mum.

"I remember being about four and going to ceramic TAFE with her. In 2017 we got more into it, becoming hobby potters and selling at markets."

Holly sells some of her works in shops around Brisbane as well as an Adelaide store. She is currently working on an order from a Brisbane design firm for 125 latte cups.

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Yeronga's leading the way in alternative pet therapies

Yeronga Vet Surgery is one of only 10 clinics in Queensland using laser therapy to treat chronic pain in cats and dogs.

Non-invasive and drug free treatments such as laser therapy are still relatively new in Australia. The machine costs between \$30 to \$60,000, clinics need a licence and staff need special training.

Yeronga Vet Surgery practice manager Zoe Kosmina says the clinic has seen some very positive results since introducing laser and cannabinoid therapies.

"Laser therapy is used to manage chronic pain, inflammation, osteoarthritis and in post-surgery," Zoe says.

"We use laser after any surgical procedure, including desexing or dental extractions, as it really helps with healing and reduces inflammation. The animals tolerate it really well and we're seeing good results."

Cannabinoid therapy also serves as an alternative to synthetic or surgical treatments.

The benefits of this type of therapy for dogs and cats includes reducing stress and anxiety, treating pain and inflammation, reducing symptoms in neurological conditions and complementing oncological treatments.

Lasers can even reverse muscle atrophy and improve tendon and ligament strength and resilience.

The alternative therapies on offer at Yeronga Vet Surgery are among changes made since Dr Anita Bean sold the practice to Vet Partners in March last year.

Dr Bean still practises at the clinic, alongside head vet Dr Cheryl Macpherson and Dr Rachel Reid.


"A lot of people have been coming here for years to see Anita and it was a bit challenging at first with the change of staff and vets," Zoe says.

"Alternative therapies are definitely our main selling points, along with the fact we have a very established team."

"Anita has been here a long time and we pride ourselves on our team."

Yeronga Vet Surgery has a fully equipped dental suite, including dental radiography.

Other services include dermatology, ophthalmology and nutrition advice, puppy pre-school and a hydrobath (Saturdays only).

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Yeronga Park swimmers are making a big splash on the world stage

Yeronga Park Swimming Complex is the beating heart of the local community.

New parents bring their babies for lessons and kids learn to swim before eventually advancing to squads in the 25 and 50m pools. Friendships are formed – both in the pool and among the parent group.

Junior swimmers train alongside world beaters, and overseeing it all is head coach Kate Sparkes.

Kate is doing amazing things at Yeronga, and on the world stage with some of the club's elite swimmers.

Open water swimmer Chelsea Gubecka secured a qualifying spot for the Paris Olympic team (the nomination still needs to be ratified) by claiming silver in the women's 10km event at the World Aquatic Championships in Japan in July.

Then, in Manchester, in August, Yeronga Park swimmers Rowan Crothers and Katja Dedekind swam so well at the World Para Swimming Championships they were named male and female swimmers of the meet.

Kate was coach of the meet. Incredibly, this is the second year in a row the Yeronga trio has claimed the top gongs.

It doesn't stop there for Kate. Just last month she was named open swim coach of the year and multi-class coach of the year by SWIM coaches and teachers Australia.



Rowan has been swimming at Yeronga since 2012, and is unbeatable over 50m in the S10 class. For the third year in a row, he claimed the world para 50m title in Manchester. He backed up by also winning the

100m.

Katja is the newest member on the Yeronga team, moving from the Sunshine Coast after the Tokyo Olympics in 2021.

The South African-born swimmer credits Kate and the Yeronga team with reigniting her passion for swimming.

"Within a week of being here I was back in love with the sport," Katja says. "Kate reminds us that while we can swim fast, we're people first, and it's important to have something else outside swimming. When it's hard, she'll say go and find your love for it (swimming) again, and it helps."


The results have come for Katja too - within three months of being at Yeronga she had new PBs in her three main events – the 50m freestyle, 100m backstroke and 400m freestyle.

In Manchester, she retained the S13 50m freestyle title, claimed silver in the 100m freestyle and took bronze in the 100m backstroke. Kate is excited by her prospects.

"We've only had Katja a short time and we see so much more potential," Kate says. "We're still teaching her how we like to do things here."

For Rowan, winner of two gold medals at the Tokyo Olympics, inspiring the next generation and breaking the 50-second barrier for the 100m freestyle keep him focused.

"I want to swim 49 seconds – no swimmer with a disability has swum under 50 seconds in a long-course pool," he says. "That's my main performance goal, but it's also about the opportunity to inspire other kids with disabilities to take up sport. I want to encourage the next generation of kids to get involved, not necessarily to compete at an elite level, but to feel part of a community. Discovering swimming made me happy and I found joy. I want to help other kids find that joy."

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## MEET THE TEAM

### Nhi Huynh

#### WHAT IS YOUR CURRENT ROLE?

My main role is a property manager at LJ Hooker Annerley, but I also like to dabble in the social media side of things. I like creating short videos showcasing more of the personable side of our office.

#### YOU'VE WORKED IN PROPERTY MANAGEMENT ELSEWHERE, WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT WORKING WITH THE LJ HOOKER ANNERLEY TEAM?

The work environment at LJ Hooker Annerley is like a breath of fresh air. It's rare enough to find a great team to work with, but to be able to all hang out and have fun with the team outside of work is a different kind of rare. They're also a very funny bunch, so I will always end the day with a smile!

#### WHAT DO YOU ENJOY MOST ABOUT YOUR JOB?

I'm a big animal lover, so I would be lying if I didn't say the pets I get to meet during routine inspections. But building a rapport with owners and tenants is also something I love about my job.

#### WHAT ARE THE CHALLENGES?

When they say "no day is ever the same in real estate" they mean it. There are some scenarios I've never come across before, so to navigate through and ensure both owners and tenants are happy can be challenging at times.

#### WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN FIVE YEARS?


My personal goal is to purchase properties of my own. I still see myself in the real estate industry, in particular, the property management side as I really do enjoy it.

#### WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO DO IN YOUR SPARE TIME?

I like to spend my spare time outside in nature. I've recently found a love for hiking (although I've been very humbled with some of the hikes out there).

#### WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE MEAL?

My all-time favourite dish is called "Gotofu with sesame shoyu and cherry granola" at a Japanese Restaurant called Anekawa, on the Gold Coast. You cannot get this dish anywhere else in Queensland as it is a signature homemade dish from chef Koki.

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