



What: COMMUNITY PLANNING MEETING

When: Sunday February 26th, 10.30am

Where: Yandoit Hall.

What: OLD TIME DANCE

When: Friday 31st March, 8.00 pm

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COMMUNITY PLANNING MEETING

What suggestions would you make to ensure our communities of Yandoit, Clydesdale and Franklinford continue to be places where we love to live?

The meeting will discuss:

- suggestions for Hepburn Shire's next four year plan plus budget bids;
- plans for water security forum;
- future of community bonfire, green waste and hard rubbish;
- feedback on community market and trade fair;
- plans for next *history in story* event;
- calendar of events for all three communities;
- name for the planning group;
- update on community objection to proposed Chi Wah Wah Town *rave party* event in Yandoit;
- a home for the book exchange;
- communication, website and *the Chronicle*;
- fire plan news;
- any other matters of concern or interest.

Hope to see you at Yandoit Hall on Sunday **February 26th at 10.30am**. If you're unable to attend the meeting but have suggestions, contact either Bill O'Donnell or Nikki Marshall via email or mobile - see contact details below.

REPORT ON CHRISTMAS TRADE FAIR AND COMMUNITY MARKET

To attract pre-Christmas shoppers, our third Community Trade Fair/Market, on a balmy early Summer day, offered hand crafts, home-made cakes, jams, preserves, body creams and soaps, along with potted plants. Competing priorities with other seasonal markets and pre-Christmas commitments resulted in some of our usual local artisans being unable to participate and a reduced number of visitors. The pop-up cafe, a new

innovation, with its attractive setting of tables under the trees, proved very popular. Yummy food, good coffee and the accompaniment of our talented local musicians, created a relaxed setting for locals to catch up and to meet with new visitors. Santa graced us with his presence delighting our young community members with the gift of a plant for their own home garden. Our loyal and local CFA members provided an information stand - a timely and valuable addition to the gathering. Pre-loved books and the traditional sausage sizzle were again popular. All round an enjoyable day. Watch this space for news of our Autumn Market.

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ADD YOUR NAME TO THE COMMUNITY EMAIL LIST

The Chronicle now has a new email address: chronicle.yfc@gmail.com Contact Nikki and Bill via this email address. Remember to tell any new neighbours about the email list so they can be kept informed with an electronic copy of *the Chronicle*.

OUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE NEXT FOUR YEARS

Our communities of Yandoit, Clydesdale and Franklindale cover three local government wards - two in Hepburn and one in Mt Alexander shire. Welcome back to Kate Redwood who secured a second term as one of the Birch ward councillors. Welcome also to new councillors: Fiona Robson (Birch ward), John Cottrell, who replaces Bill McClenaghan in Holcombe ward, and John Nieman as new Loddon river ward councillor representing residents of Yandoit Hills for Mt Alexander Shire. Thanks to Bill McClenaghan for his support of our community for many years.

Our local councillors are invited to planning group meetings - a chance to hear your suggestions and concerns. Hepburn Shire is calling for your suggestions towards their next four year plan. Closing date is March 6th. It would be good to draw up a list of suggestions at our planning meeting on February 26th.

UPDATE ON PLANNED RAVE PARTY IN YANDOIT

A group called Chi Wah Wah Town are applying to hold a 'rave party' event in Yandoit. Many community members put in objections in December and, given the high fire danger risk, the February date was cancelled. Mt Alexander Planning Department is waiting on amendments to the proposal for a possible April date and, following receipt of these amendments, the proposal will be re-advertised, with opportunities for further community response.

Liaison with Mt Alexander Planning Department and Events Coordinator is ongoing and concerned community members have sought a joint meeting with Mt Alexander and Hepburn Shires to discuss events policy, particularly in relation to large events being held in small rural communities. You may be interested in looking at the organiser's facebook page:

www.facebook.com/chiwowwahtown/posts/1468522583175666

Watch this space for further developments.

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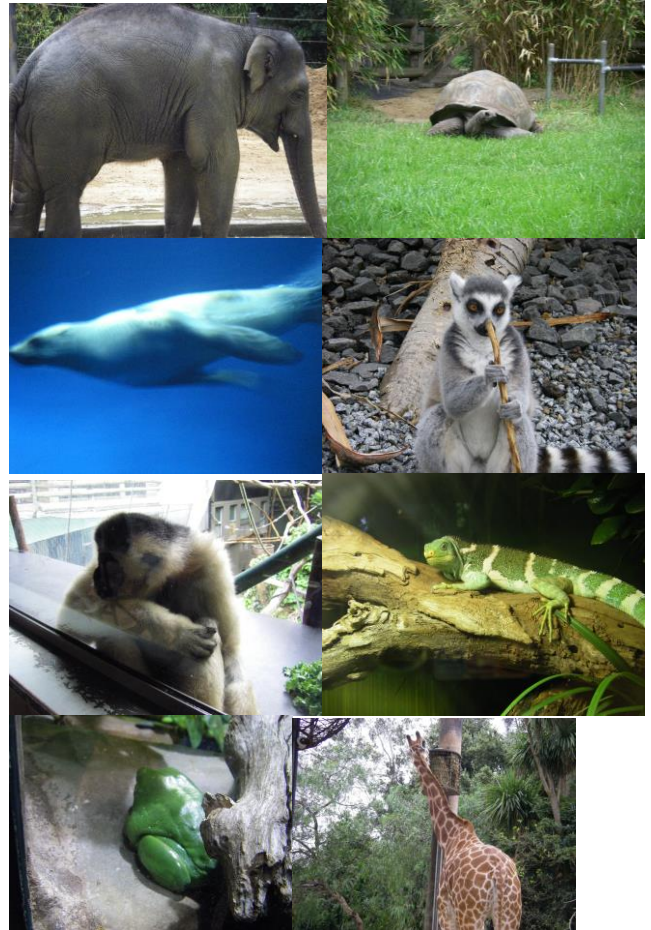
It's official: Carlene Sartori is the Secretary of the Yandoit Franklindale Cemetery Trust.

It's also official that the recent burglary on the Cemetery Shed yielded the robbers a jack hammer. An application for replacement has gone to the Cemetery Trust's Insurance Company.

NEXT EDITION OF CHRONICLE

The next edition of the *Chronicle* is expected to be towards the end of April, so there's an opportunity for 'you all' to send in a story or whatever as a contribution. Get yourself into print or let us know what's on.

NON SERIOUS SECTION.



In some countries the political leaders and parties are elected by the voter nominating the animal that has been chosen by the party to represent their ideals and policies.

The Chronicle has written to the Prime Minister and leaders of the various parties inviting them to nominate an animal, as this would increase the number of cartoonists employed in the country and also raise the humour index and fun quotient across the whole of Australia. *The Chronicle* invites you - dedicated readers- to make your choice and send them in. There may be a plebiscite, but I doubt it!

DO YOU HAVE ANY STORIES OR INFORMATION?

Contact **Bill**: email billodonnell47@gmail.com or mobile 0439398488

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or **John Ross** at Yandoit.net.

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