

Chronicle

Keeping the community in touch



Yandoit, Franklinford and Clydesdale

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ANNUAL BONFIRE AND BAR-B-QUE

When: SATURDAY 26TH OCTOBER 2013 or the next Saturday if there are serious rains

Where: YANDOIT RECREATION RESERVE

At: 6ish on. Bonfire lighting about 8pm

BYO FOOD AND DRINK

HEPBURN COUNCIL WARD MEETING.

When: MONDAY 18TH November 2013

Where: YANDOIT MECHANICS HALL

At: 6PM Light Supper Provided.

BONFIRE NIGHT.

It's on again the great meeting of the populace. Everyone has a great time and all the kids get to have sparklers (and some older young at heart !!)

WARD MEETING OF COUNCIL

Your opportunity to meet your local representatives and put your issues to them face to face.

YANDOIT HISTORY IN STORY 2ND EVENT

Keep Saturday November 23rd 2013 free, between 5.00 to 8.30pm, for a historical mystery tour of Yandoit Hills. Watch this space in the next *Chronicle*, coming soon, where more details will be provided.

Jim Crow Planning Group Community Meeting

At 5.30 pm on Friday 4th October 2013

The agenda for the meeting was:

1. Feed back on the Community Plan
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 2. Representation on the Committee
 3. Yandoit History in Story
 4. Annual Bonfire and bar-b-que
 5. Operating the group
 6. Presentation of community plan to Council
 7. Hall committee report.
1. Feed back on the Community Plan.
 - a. Because of new members: John Coombs, Monica Nolan, Kate Gerritson, Beth Higgins and Gerhard Emmerichs, a short history of the group was recounted:
 - i. 5 years ago a Council sponsored process was begun with a series of meetings which culminated in the creation of the Jim Crow Planning Group (name came later) and a list of

- ii. projects nominated by the community meeting. This Group was favoured by Council as the preferred "voice" of the communities of Yandoit Franklinford and Clydesdale.
- iii. The Planning Group has been successful in funding the following:
 - The Tennis Courts in Yandoit;
 - The community seat and table in the park near the courts;
 - Clydesdale Hall's projects (The Rotunda);
 - The notice board near the fire station;
 - Signage
 - The community space at the Creek near Batts Bridge;
- b. This year the community was invited to review the planning group and the community plan.
 - i. Not many people turned up.
 - ii. People present at the meeting reviewed the community plan and drew up the new plan which has been posted to all in Hepburn Shire. Yandoit Hills residents within Mt Alexander Shire will receive a hand delivered copy soon.
 - c. Does anyone want to add anything to the Plan?
 - d. The key projects of the plan which are relevant were:
 - i. Development of a community telephone tree. To date there are 70 households which are included on the list. Information includes address, phone, type of dwelling, email, firefighting resources and whether residents need assistance with exiting in times of emergency. The community telephone tree encourages introduction of neighbourhood groups

- ii. to the community, that is breaking up the community into the clusters of dwellings near each other and letting that group organise their own system. A welcome to the area kit was also suggested.
 - iii. Website development. Yandoit.net has been created by John Ross and is a valuable community resource. John would like it to be interactive and is willing to be the Net controller but is looking for everyone to contribute the content. Ideas on the website have been forthcoming: the home of the chronicle; a skills register for people to look up;
 - iv. Development of an oral history archive. The first Yandoit in story was a great success with over 80 people attending to hear the stories of the Main Street of Yandoit and the recollections of older residents. There are more sessions to come. The next session will be to around 80 people who have booked, because the session will be held in someone's home. The theme is Yandoit Hills stone houses and vineyards and will included presentations by elders/memory keepers as well as old slides.
2. The planning group decided to set up smaller groups, or sub-committees to work on various projects and to bring back reports to the next meeting on a Friday at 7.30pm in January 2014.
 - a. The Website subcommittee is John Ross, Stephen O'Connor, Nikki Marshall and Gendrie.
 - b. The emergency telephone tree subcommittee is Nikki, Bill, John, Gerhard.
 - c. The archive, oral history subcommittee is Nikki, Andrew, Gerhard, Monica, Kate.
 - d. The Presentation of community plan to Council subcommittee is Stephen, Bill, Monica, Nikki.
 3. Representation on Planning Group : Tonight's meeting has brought representation from Franklinford (Monica Nolan and Louise Laing has indicated interest for next meeting); also from Yandoit Hills with Gerhard. Efforts need to be made to encourage representation from Clydesdale.
 4. The Hall committee has put in for a community grant to part pay for solar panels for the Hall. The submission to obtain funds to repair the hall is being prepared by Andrew and Nikki.
 5. The Annual bonfire and BBQ were confirmed for 26th October 2013. Evening assembling around 6.00pm, fire lit about 8pm.
 6. Meeting time and organisation time: it was suggested that the planning group meet later on a Friday evening, around 7/7.30 to enable greater flexibility for workers and weekenders. Also that occasional meetings are held either on Saturday or Sunday. Also we need to nominate a hall booking person for meetings. Meeting finished at 7pm.

WWW.YANDOIT.NET

Have you visited the site yet? This site is going to be the

main focus of information about Yandoit Clydesdale and Franklinford. Here will be the home of *the Chronicle* and there are plans to have a local skills directory and current news and events on the site. Visit and comment. You can communicate with the site manager John Ross. You can contribute. Do you have any pictures or stories about our area? We could have an archive.

INNOVATION

This is the latest buzzword. The world needs you! We can't just keep on doing things the same old way. We have the world and ourselves to look after.

There's an innovation conference happening in Melbourne in November. But we don't need to go anywhere. We can do it here. Come to the meetings and the events. Join the committee. Put forward your ideas to Yandoit.net. Participation is fun and you get lots of cake!!

Non Serious Section.

Did you know that the 'non serious' section was an invention of the *Yandoit Chronicle*, parent of the present *The Chronicle*.

AGE OLD MYSTERY SOLVED

Have you ever lain awake at night wondering: 'Where do Father Christmas's come from?' *The Chronicle* through its intrepid reporter has discovered the secret.



My snapshot of the young fatherchristlets

At the North Pole there is a Father Christmas Baby Incubation Centre ©. Using a strawberry base the centre manager allows the strawberries to develop a hairy covering which later becomes the flowing hair and beard of the fully grown Father Christmas © we all know and love.

I was discovered and kicked out of the Centre before I could investigate the later stages of the FC development, though there was the sound of children's voices gleefully booming "Ho Ho Ho" coming from a classroom like building guarded by a group of fierce looking reindeers.

"What a load of Rubbish" I hear some of you sceptics remark.

I am deeply saddened. You probably don't believe in the Easter Bunny either!!

Or one of his crew Tony Rabbott.

DO YOU HAVE ANY STORIES?

Contact Bill or John Ross at Yandoit.net.

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