

Chronicle

Keeping the community in touch



Yandoit, Franklinford and Clydesdale



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**Official Opening of the refurbished toilets
 With a
 Celebratory**

BONFIRE & BAR-B-QUE

When: SATURDAY JULY 26th

Where: THE TENNIS COURTS

At: 4.30 pm.

Bring your own food and drink gas barbi provided.

TOILETS FINALLY REPAIRED.

The toilet block was built in the 1980's and has served the community well. Over the years the flushing system has worn out and the bowls are looking the worst for wear.

Depi, the department of Environment and Primary Industry, the official owner of the land, offered \$5,000 grants to local committees to assist in maintenance and repair works on public reserves.

The Yandoit Public Park and Recreation Reserve Committee applied and now the money is in the bank.

Darryl Mennen is our illustrious plumber.

There has been a lot of clearing going on over the past few months. The green pile is at its peak so to celebrate the repair of the toilets we are also having a 'bonfire in July'. Barbeques will be available.

Keep up the clearing - we'll have the usual end of year bonfire as well just prior to the fire season beginning.

A report from the third history in story event

Saturday May 10th saw community members gather at Yandoit Uniting Church for the third history in story event: the churches and settlement. Memory keepers from Franklinford, Yandoit and Clydesdale brought stories alive: stories of the churches, all built within a 30 year period between 1860 and 1890, and their local communities ; stories held in Sunday school records; stories of the Aboriginal mission at Franklinford; stories and images of construction and design of the churches, from canvas to timber to locally made brick; stories of churches spaced every two miles,

within walking distance; stories of church lanterns lost to the community and then re-found; and stories of churches decommissioned as populations waned, newly loved homes for local individuals.

Special thanks to Don and Joan Morrison and the Yandoit Uniting Church parishioners for welcoming the community into the last remaining operational church in our neighbourhood. Thanks also to other memory keepers: Monica Nolan, Lawrence and Marie Righetti, Carlene Sartori, Jenni Mather, Joan Sartori and Ron Williamson. Thanks to photographers and filmers Pam Wheelens, Charlie Dinami and Stephen O'Connor and to facilitators Gendrie Klein-Breteler and Nikki Marshall. At the end we gathered under the eucalypts for afternoon tea, amidst generous platters provided by community members. We also viewed memorabilia including old photographs and title deeds, meticulously kept Sunday School records, kerosene lanterns and thanks to Eric Sartori, the original pulpit bible from Franklinford Wesleyan Church.

The next *History in Story* event will be held in spring and will focus on the creeks. More information coming in our next edition of *the Chronicle*.



'Where To Go To Get It': Our community register of skills, knowledge, produce, creativity and tools

A community meeting at the end of May confirmed interest in developing 'Where To Go To Get It' as a priority over the next 12 to 18 months, in acknowledgement that everyone in our community has skills to share. However, rather than a Connecting Along the Creek Fair, to showcase our diverse community skills, it was decided instead to hold several community picnics for locals next year, one drawing on Swiss Italian tradition and local knowledge to make bullboar sausages and another to make cheese. Games of bocci and a shared table of food will be part of the picnicking. 'Where To Go To Get It' will facilitate access to and sharing of skills, knowledge, creativity, tools and produce available within our local area. Information will be accessible through our community website: Yandoit .net.

If you are interested in contributing to 'Where To Go To Get It', and sharing your skills with others in our community, a simple information sheet will be available to fill in. Information sheets will be distributed at well-attended upcoming community gatherings including the Bonfire in July and in October/November and also at the *History in Story* event in spring. Keying information directly into our community website is also an option.

LANDCARE (...and PLATYPUSSES PI)



Did You Know there are platypi in the creek. A recent photo is proof positive.

There are three Landcare groups operating across our communities: Guildford-Upper Loddon, Newstead and Shepherds Flat.

Shepherds Flat's land care group, established in 1999, focuses on rejuvenation of the Jim Crowe Creek. Work so far has centred on accessible creek frontages both south and north of Excelsior Bridge (the one that is about to be repaired). The group is currently working towards a grant application for works to be conducted north of this section around Schroeder's Crossing. Whether you are a broad acre farmer, run a small hobby farm let or just wish to be part of doing something practical for your local community then the Shepherds Flat Landcare Group would love to hear from you.

In addition there are a number of benefits to becoming a member

- access to a range of the group's equipment for a nominal fee such as backpack spray equipment, brush cutters and herbicides
- the possible reimbursement from funding grants for eradication of noxious weeds and vermin on private land and
- the opportunity to make new friendships and have lots of fun.

You are welcome to come along to one of our upcoming meetings and meet us.

Contact details are:

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Lorene Gottschalk (daylesfordcloggers@hotmail.com) or

Visit us at:

<http://northcentral.landcarevic.net.au/shepherds fla>

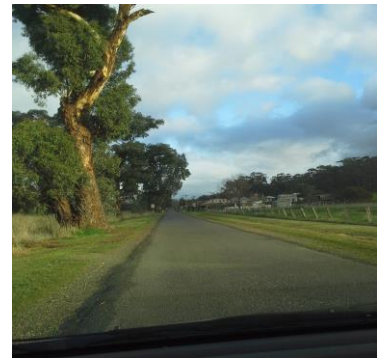
Guildford-Upper Loddon Landcare Group can be contacted via Maurie Dynon phone 54734457

Newstead Landcare group can be contacted via Patrick Kavanagh 5476 2755

WHO IS THE MYSTERY MOWER?

Doesn't it look great!

There's no barrier across Main Street, if you're wondering. I took the photo through the window of the car. I actually caught the mower in the act but was sworn to secrecy.



YANDOIT'S AGATHA CHRISTIE PERHAPS?

Pinched from the Midland Express Tues. June 24 2014

We've had Ellie in the Chronicle before. She will be speaking at the Castlemaine Library on and there will be a supper. Come along



Non Serious Section.

If you want a good laugh read some books by Ayn Rand. Her bottom line is that the world is divided into two classes: the hardworking productive elite and the indolent masses leeching off their labour by means of confiscating taxes and transfer programs.

From now on, you non paying subscribers, the Chronicle will only be available on the payment of \$350 directly into my account: suise04589375323.

No more volunteering. We can all sleep in.

DO YOU HAVE ANY STORIES?

Contact Bill or John Ross at Yandoit.net.

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