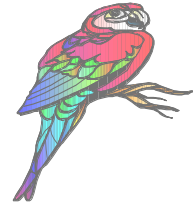


# Chronicle

Keeping the community in touch



*Yandoit, Franklinford and Clydesdale*

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## **CHRISTMAS CAROLS IN THE UNITING CHURCH AND THE ORIGINAL FATHER CHRISTMAS**

**When: Sunday December 21st 2014,**

**Where: Uniting Church Yandoit.**

**At: 7.30pm.**

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## **PLANNING AND PRIORITIES BBQ FOR 2015**

**When: Sunday January 18th 2015**

**Where: Yandoit Hall**

**At: 12.30pm**

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### **Christmas Carols at Yandoit Uniting Church**

You are warmly invited to attend Yandoit Uniting Church this Christmas! The Annual Christmas Carol service is on Sunday 21st December at 7.30pm.

Come along to sing your favourite carols, share in supper, meet with neighbours and friends and perhaps there will be even a special guest for the young at heart! Please bring a small plate of supper. There will also be a service at 7.30pm on Christmas Eve. Contact Yvonne – 5348 3699 with any queries.

1<sup>st</sup> evening. The kids had a great time playing on the tennis court and lighting the sparklers. New and old residents met their neighbours. The CFA and all the services had been alerted to avoid any false alarms.



Photo: Bill O'Donnell



Photo: Yvonne Deans

### **Bonfire & BBQ a roaring success**

About 50 men, women and kids came to the annual Bonfire and BBQ on a cold November

### **What's important for our community over the next year?**

**Planning and priorities BBQ for 2015  
Sunday January 18th 2015 @ Yandoit Hall  
(12.30pm for BBQ lunch followed by  
community meeting at 1.15pm)**

Come along, enjoy a BBQ shared table with neighbours and bring your ideas for our community. Planning group priorities identified for the next couple of years include:

- ✓ Neighbourhood building and community wellbeing e.g. emergency telephone trees,

- newcomer welcome kits;
- ✓ Local skills and knowledge register- *Where to go to get it;*
- ✓ *History in story*- valuing and sharing the knowledge of local memory keepers and documenting stories;
- ✓ Community picnics including Bullboar and cheese making days, drawing on our Swiss-Italian heritage;
- ✓ Community facilities e.g. community picnic table, barbeque, solar panels at the hall;
- ✓ Communication- keeping us informed and in touch e.g. the *Chronicle*, community email list and Yandoit website.

We've made a good start on a number of priorities but all require further time and commitment. Share your ideas as we review what has worked well, what could be improved and what else might be added to our community priorities over the next year or two.

## History in Story –The creek



Photo: Pam Wheelens

For our fourth *history in story* a good crowd of locals gathered for a guided walk along the creek, lead by Paul Righetti, stopping to appreciate rock formations, pools, water flows and creek vegetation. The walk finished at the site of the old cable swing bridge, one of a few creek crossing points last century. We then adjourned to Righetti's shearing shed, still smelling strongly of lanoline after this season's sheep shearing, to listen to memory keepers Beth Higgins, Eric Sartori, Greg Pridmore and Lawrence Righetti, with additions from Joy Sartori and Ric Higgins. Stories and images included:

- changing flora and fauna along the creek such as rare anchor plants, woolly tea tree, mountain galaxia fish and freshwater mussels;
- diving into deep waterholes showcased by an 1970's Higgin's video clip;
- building Newstead's water supply channel

from Sartori's weir in the 1930's;

- significant floods and droughts over the past century including 100 years of rainfall figures collected by Lawrence Righetti;
- and clear signs of Dja Dja Wurrung presence along the creeks signified by canoe trees and stone scatters.

## Early Fire in the Fire Season



*The Chronicle* is not in any way prejudging the issue but we all need to take home the message that burning off is banned. Know and consider thy neighbours. A simple burning off caused 100 acres to burn.

The fire season has started. It's been a hot dry spring and already the CFA have been called out to fight fires in Yandoit and Clydesdale. A well attended CFA meeting at the Yandoit hall in November provided information about preparing for the fire season.

This fire reinforces the need for up to date and reliable information to help make wise & timely choices; also the effectiveness of community telephone trees. The community meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> January, as headlined on front page, will include discussion on this issue.

***There is no room for anything funny here.***

### DO YOU HAVE ANY STORIES?

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