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What: COMMUNITY PLANNING and MEETING WITH WARD COUNCILLORS

When: Sunday May 28th, 11.00am

Where: Franklinford Hall, Mills Road.

What: CARBON FREE COMMUNITY CONVERSATION

When: Wednesday June 14th, 7.00pm

Where: Senior Citizen's Room, Daylesford Town Hall

What: OLD TIME DANCE

When: Friday 30th June, 8.00 pm

Where: Yandoit Hall

COMMUNITY PLANNING and MEETING with WARD COUNCILLORS

Join neighbours & friends and meet new locals on Sunday May 28th, 11am at the old **Franklinford school-come-hall** in Mills Street. All three Hepburn ward councillors will be present so the meeting provides an opportunity for two way exchange around local initiatives, new ideas as well as concerns to be addressed.

At the meeting we will:

- learn about Hepburn Shire's priorities for the **next four year plan**;
- discuss plans for a **water security** forum;
- let our ward councillors know **what's important** for our communities;
- develop a **calendar of events** for all three communities;
- put forward proposals for the future of the **community bonfire**, including systems for green waste and hard rubbish;
- explore the possibility of a **community fruit and vegetable garden**;
- identify **future energy options** that can contribute towards Hepburn Shire's 'carbon-free community conversations' ;
- suggest ideas for our next **community market and trade fair**;
- identify **repair and maintenance** issues for our communities including recreation toilets and water leakage near Yandoit hall;
- suggest inclusions for **local government event's policy** relevant to small rural communities in light of 'rave party' applications;

- discuss any other matters of concern or interest.

If you're unable to attend the meeting but have suggestions, contact Steve O'Connor, Bill O'Donnell or Nikki Marshall via email or mobile - see new contact details below.



A wet April

CARBON FREE COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS - SECURING OUR ENERGY FUTURE

Throughout June, Hepburn Shire Council is holding workshops to explore how our communities could lead the way to become carbon neutral including local renewable energy or energy efficiency solutions at a business, individual and community level.

Opportunities include the potential for our community to become renewable energy self-sufficient, reduce carbon emissions and energy costs, while also creating local job opportunities.

At the workshops we can explore what carbon

neutrality could look like for our townships (including any current projects) and the benefits, barriers and opportunities of new carbon neutral projects proposed. Hepburn Shire Council will also talk about some of their Towards Zero Emissions projects.

Register for the workshop by COB Wednesday 31 May 2017. Follow the link to Council's website at

<https://www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/carbon-free-community-conversation-workshops/>

Further enquiries to John van Rooden at ivanrooden@hepburn.vic.gov.au or on 03 5321 6125.

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS COMMUNITY PLANNING MEETING- FEBRUARY 2017

Cr John Cottrell invited proposals to Hepburn Shire's **next 4 year plan** via *our say* website platform.

Suggestions included a water security forum, wider advertising re planning initiatives that affect broader community not just neighbours; and the option of twice-yearly hard rubbish for the local area.

The **community bonfire** as a special event and gathering is important to locals. At the same time there's increasing concern about the size and unsightliness of the pile, dumping of hazardous wastes, potential spread of fire, and damage to sugar gums close by. Options for consideration include making use of Hepburn Shire's free green waste during November to reduce the pile; signage indicating clean green waste only; exploring the option of six monthly hard waste collection or organising trailers to the tip; purchasing or hiring a shredder to provide mulch for gardens. Offer your suggestions and comments via a post on yandoit.net or contact Nikki or Bill.

The **new name** for the community planning group is **Yandoit, Clydesdale Franklinford Planning Group** (YCF for short).

As a result of community objection and issues raised by fire brigade and other emergence services, the **Chi Wah Wah town rave party** in Yandoit bushland for February, and for a later date in April, has been cancelled.

Cr John Cottrell offered to prepare a brief monthly article including relevant council issues, to be publicised on the yandoit.net website as means of **communication between shire and community**.

Next Community Market/Trade Fair likely to be Spring 2017. Concern was expressed about lower numbers at the pre-Christmas event. Local fire brigade, pop-up café, music, BBQ and Santa's visit were all welcomed.

Hepburn Shire is setting up a **quick grants scheme** that allows communities to access funds in a short time frame.

Still looking for an accessible, weather and vermin proof **book exchange home**, possibly at the tennis court rooms.

Planning for **next history in story** event in spring

around indigenous history. Contact Nikki.

Seeking broader **representation** on the Planning Group from **Clydesdale** and **Franklinford**.

Setting up a **new system for emailing out the Chronicle** via our community website-yandoit.net

Thanks to our local fire brigade for getting us safely through this fire season.

Broadband and NBN- Different providers and satellite options are available.

More effective **grading of dirt roads-** a new approach is required with attention to camber and drains.

For more **detailed information** go to Planning Group minutes at yandoit.net.

ADD YOUR NAME TO THE COMMUNITY EMAIL LIST

The Chronicle is now being emailed out via our community website -yandoit.net. Contact Nikki or Bill or John via emails below with any comments, stories or questions. Remember to tell new neighbours about the email list so they can be kept informed with an electronic copy of *the Chronicle*.

NEXT EDITION OF CHRONICLE

The next edition of the Chronicle is expected to be in August, so let us know what's on.

NON SERIOUS SECTION.

The mystery of Syphons YFC locals would be well aware of syphons. In fact the hall and the school rely on the dam at the back of the tank near Mystic Drive for water for the ever threatening bushfire, and the tennis courts, and the recreational park for the toilets. Problem is that once the air gets into the system the syphon ceases to exist. Then there's the mysterious hole in the pipe. Pipes are underground so where is the hole and more to the point how did it get in there? Only solution is to dig it up and check it. Sound familiar? I have a syphon with pipe that's overground. Talk about holes? That's just the start of the potential problems. Every hot day the water releases bubbles. Bubbles that rise to the highest point of the pipe. Goodbye Syphon! On a similar note: there should be a map of all the dams and water sources in the area then a plan of how to use the water in the best way.

DO YOU HAVE ANY STORIES OR INFORMATION?

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