



What: VERNA BAKERS FRIENDSHIP GARDEN DAY

When: Sunday September 17th, 1.30 til 4.30pm

Where: 695 Basalt Rd, Basalt

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What: OLD TIME DANCE

When: Friday September 29th, 8.00 pm

Where: Yandoit Hall

A COMMUNITY GARDEN WITHIN YANDOIT RECREATION RESERVE??

At our previous Yandoit, Clydesdale and Franklinford Community Planning Group meeting there was enthusiasm for a community garden located within the Yandoit Recreation Reserve. This land is owned by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) and managed by Yandoit's Recreation Reserve Committee. There are some complexities which need to be discussed including the essential question of water availability, fencing etc. The school children will be invited to be involved.

A meeting of the recreation committee will be announced shortly (Cripes not another Chronicle!)

HAVE YOU LOST A CAMERA LEAD?

A camera lead was found at the Yandoit hall after the Christmas community market and the school concert. Contact Nikki or Carlene.

COMMUNITY MARKET SURVEY

The Community Market Organising Committee is seeking feedback from community members on past markets to ascertain the viability and support for future markets. There's just a few questions so please email or phone Liz Butler with your feedback on liz.butler08@bigpond.com or 0414 525 074.

1. If you had a stall at a previous Community Market would you participate as a stallholder again?
2. If the Community Market continues, would you prefer it to be held twice a year, annually or every two years?
3. Do you have any feedback on any previous community markets you have attended?

COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP MEETING WITH WARD COUNCILLORS

At the end of May community members gathered at Franklinford Hall to meet with our three Hepburn ward

councillors, Kate Redwood, Fiona Robson and John Cottrell. Here's a summary of what was talked about.

Hepburn Shire's next 4 year plan

Money has been allocated for culverts and drainage as



requested to ward councillors by community members. Here's a photo of drainage channels along High St and Yandoit Creek road. This will need constant maintenance and it's suggested that culverts be mapped via GPS and priority be given to culvert issues.

Improving biodiversity is identified as a priority and includes

addressing roadside weeds. Council plans to develop a strategy plan and bring together land care and other relevant community groups in an advisory capacity to put flesh onto bones.

There are two community grants rounds per annum



and the Shire has introduced a *quick grants* program, up to \$2,000 which will be processed within a month.

Water security
This issue is on the public

agenda. First step would be to map who controls which aspects of water in this local area/region. Issues of concern include the impact of water usage on the source and on others, the impact of water trading, water tanks, and the preciousness of water especially as we face unknowns of climate change and a hotter planet. Water is in the hands of corporations and community input is required.

Carbon free community conversations

Hepburn Shire's carbon-free community conversations were held in June. Suggestions included solar panels on public facilities, as per Yandoit hall, as well as on new properties; also looking at battery storage. Options for managing transport needs in isolated hamlets included car-pooling and 'car next door' program. Apparently the City of Yarra is doing innovative things with transport.

Future of community bonfire, green waste and hard rubbish

A special hard rubbish collection for our three hamlets is not possible, according to ward councillors, as it would have to be available across the entire shire and that's inconsistent with Hepburn Shire's waste strategy- to reduce landfill and focus on what can be re-used and recycled. A sign will be installed at the Yandoit recreation reserve, emphasising clean green waste only and including information about where to take other waste. The planning group is exploring the option of a mulching machine, on loan through the Shire, to reduce the pile of green waste prior to the bonfire and to create mulch for local gardens.

Calendar of events for our three communities

Terry and Jill (not Jack) offered to prepare a calendar of Franklinford events, to be added to those happening in Yandoit. We need information from Clydesdale residents about regular events so we can inform through the *Chronicle* and the community website **Franklinford hall**

The dead pine trees alongside Franklinford hall were recognised as a safety issue and ward councillors committed to following this matter up.



VERNA BAKER'S FRIENDSHIP GARDEN DAY

Verna's garden is surrounded with over 40,000 daffodils. There's also stone and slate paths, native trees and shrubs and many other plants. Bring a friend and enjoy the afternoon on Sunday 17th. Wear comfortable flat shoes. Tea and coffee supplied and a small plate of food to share would be appreciated. For more info contact Verna on 5476 4201

ADD YOUR NAME TO THE COMMUNITY EMAIL LIST

Remember to tell any new neighbours about the email list so they can be kept informed with an electronic copy of the *Chronicle*. Email Nikki and she'll add your name: nikki.marshall@mmnet.com.au

NEXT EDITION OF CHRONICLE

The next edition of the *Chronicle* is expected to be November. Let us know what's going on so it can be included.

NON SERIOUS SECTION.



Our very own rainbow on Limestone Road and you can see where the pot of gold is.

DO YOU HAVE ANY STORIES OR INFORMATION?

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

or **Nikki** directly to the *Chronicle* desk: email chronicle.yfc@gmail.com or mobile 0432 232 073 or **John Ross** at Yandoit.net.

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