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What: 150th CELEBRATION OF CLYDESDALE HALL AND SCHOOL

When: 2.00pm, Saturday November 4th

Where: Clydesdale Hall

What: CUP EVE BBQ AND SWEEP

When: 6.00pm, Monday November 6th

Where: Clydesdale Hall

**What: COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP MEETING
including PLANNED REPAIRS TO JONES-REECES ROAD**

When: 10.30am, Sunday November 12th

Where: Clydesdale Hall

What: RECREATION RESERVE COMMITTEE MEETING

When: 7.30pm, Thursday November 9th

Where: Yandoit Hall

What: ANNUAL BONFIRE

When: 7.00pm onwards, Saturday November 18th

Where: Yandoit Recreation Reserve

**150TH CELEBRATION OF CLYDESDALE
HALL AND SCHOOL**

Over the cup long weekend there's lots of opportunities to get together with friends and neighbours. Meet with old and new neighbours on Saturday November 4th starting at 2.00pm. Historic photos of school students will be unfurled and the rotunda will be opened.

- signage around Yandoit recreation reserve;
- mulcher for green waste;
- calendar of events for three communities;
- annual community event/harvest market suggestions;
- any others issues community members may wish to raise.

**FEEDBACK ON REPAIRS TO JONES
REECES ROAD & CREEK CROSSING**

Hepburn Shire is planning works on the Jones & Reeces road creek crossing and footbridge. The project has many different facets including short term road closures. Senior Projects Engineer, Tim Powell, is seeking feedback from community members. Tim will attend our community planning group meeting @ 10.30am, Sunday November 12th at Clydesdale Hall, where this matter will be discussed. Come along, find out what's being considered and give Tim your feedback.



**AGENDA: COMMUNITY PLANNING
MEETING**

The meeting on Sunday November 12th, 10.30am at Clydesdale Hall will focus on:

- feedback on planned repairs to Jones-Reeces Road and creek crossing;

**HARVEST COMMUNITY MARKET AND
PICNIC TRADE FAIR: A CALL OUT**

It would be great to have an annual Franklinford, Yandoit, Clydesdale Community event – possible ideas include a market, plant and food sale, carnival, family picnic day, harvest fair, bush dance, school fete and any other ideas.

We need a group of people to think this through, so if you would like to see an annual event in our

community contact Liz Butler on 0414 525 074 or liz.butler08@bigpond.com & we'll organise a meeting.

MELBOURNE CUP-EVE SWEEP & BBQ

Clydesdale Hall Committee will host their annual cup sweep and BBQ, from 6.00pm on Monday November 6th. BYO food and drinks.

ANNUAL BONFIRE



It's time to gather around the bonfire again from 7.00pm on Saturday November 18th at Yandoit Recreation Reserve. Bring your own picnic dinner. Gas BBQ available. The bonfire will be lit around 8.30pm and sparklers will be provided.

According to a cfa source the fire season is unlikely to start before the end of November.

RECREATION RESERVE COMMITTEE MEETING

7.30pm, Thursday November 9th at Yandoit Hall. The Agenda includes: green waste and signage, and the possibility of a community garden within the recreation reserve.

AN OLD TIME DANCE STORY

Yandoit's Old Time Dance on 31st March had an unexpected visitor, Jim Stapleton from Echuca, who is 104 years of age. Lyle Fletcher from Ballarat, a regular to our dances, said, "Greg, come and meet my uncle Jim". Now Lyle is nearly old enough to be my father, and I thought how old must Jim be, so I asked him and he said, 104. As I expressed some disbelief, to prove it he then produced his current driving licence, with date of birth 1913. As Jim met other dancers during the night, he was introduced to Jean McDonald who, with great astonishment, recognised him as the "Jim" she used to work for at the Bendigo Dairy Board 40 years ago and hadn't seen since. Jean was tickled pink to meet up with Jim again after all those years and reminisce about old times.

Jim has an association with Yandoit, as his brother Jack married Isobel Sartori from Yandoit. During the depression Jack got Jim a job at a Yandoit gold mine and Jim remembers working at the 400ft level, up to his knees in water.

Jim and his wife Nell (who passed away last year at 99) first came to the Yandoit dance 75 years ago. He also remembers going to a dance at the Sandon hall about the same time.



Jim managed a couple of dances on the night and demonstrated his prowess on the mouth organ, entertaining us with a couple of tunes. Jim is still a member of the Echuca Rich River Golf Club (which he founded) and plays bowls 3 days per week. What a great privilege it was to meet Jim but unfortunately I missed asking his secret to a long life. The next Yandoit Old Time Dance will be Friday

29th December.

(Photo and article by Greg Pridmore)

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 December. Let us know what's going on so it can be included.

NON SERIOUS SECTION.

Last year there was a bit of a debate about tradition. Instead of igniting the large pile of green waste and additional material a separate smaller pyre was set up and ignited and fed through the night from the big pile.



A minor cry was heard about "destroying the tradition" ignoring the larger cries of those who had experienced ashes on their rooves and the risk of igniting the over-hanging trees. I find the "maintain

the tradition" argument interesting when you consider the fine traditions of the past such as burning witches at the steak (non-vegetarian option); barracking for your local home team in Victoria (embarrassing to some if you lived in Collingwood or Carlton); traditional customs including bodily mutilations or name your own tradition that you have abandoned. This year the bonfire will be lit, the people will assemble for a get together and all will have fun.

All the traditional aspects of the occasion will be met.

DO YOU HAVE ANY STORIES OR INFORMATION?

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