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YANDOIT SCHOOL END OF YEAR CONCERT

Come along and support our local children and teachers as they sing and dance and share what they have learnt and created during the year, on Wednesday December 13th at 7.00pm. Santa might also pay a visit.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Join with neighbours, the Castlemaine choir lead by Jane Thompson and James Rigby, and Santa for a rousing evening of carols, Christmas stories and music followed by a generous supper under the gum trees. Carols are hosted by our local Uniting Church parish at the historic and beautiful Yandoit Uniting Church. Carols start at 7.30pm on Sunday December 17th. Get there early for a seat.

REPORT ON 150TH CELEBRATION OF CLYDESDALE HALL AND SCHOOL

On November 4th Clydesdale School/Community Hall celebrated its 150th anniversary. Committee president George Evans welcomed those in attendance, and invited Hepburn Shire Mayor Cr Sebastian Klein to declare the new rotunda open. Joan Sartori gave a brief history of the two schools, of Charles Morrison's efforts to establish them, the first one about 1866 on the Christmas Reef goldfields, and the present school building in Clydesdale which opened in 1874.



A permanent pictorial history display of the School/Community Hall was opened by past student Dorothy Kinross (nee Garsed) on behalf of the other four surviving students who were unable to attend. A wreath

honoring the memory of past students and community members was laid on the War Memorial by Helen Blain daughter of Betty Danby (nee Garsed).

Maurie Gervasoni brought back many happy memories of dances and parties with musical items on his piano accordion.



A framed copy of the certificate of appreciation which the Clydesdale residents presented to Mrs. Catherine Hird, head teacher at both Clydesdale Schools for 22 years, was presented to the Committee by her granddaughter Gwen Ramsey (nee Tonkin). Bill McClenaghan, former Hepburn Shire councilor, who contributed much time and energy towards obtaining funds for renovations and building the rotunda, planted a commemorative tree. The visitors enjoyed afternoon tea, the historical display covering the last 150 years of the history of the two

schools/community hall. Just 'catching up' and reminiscing was the order of the day. Our beautiful old building, so well preserved and still the hub of the community- the meeting place, just as it always has been.



(Report and photos:Joan Sartori)

GOLD SOUNDZ MUSIC FESTIVAL

Enjoy an afternoon and evening of local acoustic music at Guildford Hotel on Sunday 17th, organised by Yandoit musician- Dave Lewis.

PLANS FOR REPAIRS TO JONES-REECES ROAD & CREEK CROSSING

On Sunday November 12th locals gathered at Clydesdale Hall to provide feedback to Senior Projects Engineer from Hepburn Shire, Tim Powell, on plans to raise the flood way at Jones Reeces road creek crossing and to address safety standards on the existing foot bridge. The planned works will make the road approximately one metre higher, while remaining below the existing creek banks, but the road width will remain the same. Works have to be approved by the Catchment Management Authority and meet the CMA's design parameter codes.

Suggestions for road repairs include: that work commence after the fire season, ie March /April 2018, to ensure the road is accessible; and that there be clear communication between the Shire and the community re starting dates, entry and exit points and alternative roads. Size and diameter of culverts is important to ensure water flow is not blocked and to avoid potential flooding of nearby farm land. Phil Reece and Peter Rawlins nominated as community contacts to liaise with the shire and view preliminary plans.

The footbridge has historical significance to the community and there was consensus that the bridge is a Shire asset and should be retained as a working bridge. The original bridge was built in the 1870's but was re-built again after fire. To avoid being closed as a footbridge, hand rail and decking work is required to meet compliance standards. Clarification is also needed as to respective Shire and community responsibilities for repair and maintenance of the footbridge. One proposal is for the Shire pay for the repair and compliance work and then for the community commit to future ongoing maintenance. It was noted that blackberries are an access issue to the footbridge.

Joan Sartori will gather historical information on the bridge and will contact Heritage Victoria, as well as the Shire's heritage officer. Tim will liaise with community contacts around timing and preliminary designs so the community can be kept informed.

ANNUAL BONFIRE REPORT

This year's bonfire flared up around night fall and was enjoyed by a gathering of newcomers as well as long term locals. The big table and the BBQ were put to good use. The bonfire of green waste was larger than last year but small enough to avoid damage to nearby sugar gums as well as avoid days of smoking afterwards. Efforts to stop the dumping of toxic hard rubbish seem to have worked. Sparklers and marshmallows were handed around.

HEPBURN SHIRE'S BIODIVERSITY STRATEGY

The Shire is seeking community feedback on its biodiversity strategy. Submissions can be made to shire@hepburn.vic.gov.au or in writing to Manager Planning, Hepburn Shire Council, before Thursday 21st December 2017. There's a community consultation meeting on Thursday December 7th, 2pm to 4pm at the Senior Citizens room, rear of Daylesford Town Hall. Check out John Ross's submission on our yandoit.net website.

REPORT ON YANDOIT COMMUNITY BUSHFIRE SCENARIO MEETING

On Wednesday 29th November at Cricket Willow, CFA presenter Paul woke us up that it's here again- rain, hail or shine- we must be fire ready. Noel and Anne Richards fired up the barbie on a friendly fire note. Joy Sartori added local knowledge and Captain Noel Richards added support to the new chums on the block. As a group we were able to instil confidence that, if a black day comes, we will be ready to help our community survive. (Report: Ian Tinetti)



Photo: Trish Tinetti

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 (nikki.marshall@mmnet.com.au) to add your name.

NEXT EDITION OF CHRONICLE

The next edition of the Chronicle is expected to be February 2018. Let us know what's going on so we can include it.

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Some kids have all the fun! At the start of the bonfire night there were only 6 people present and it looked like it was going to be a fizzer. There were all these sparklers to be given out and no one to use them! Then 'the child' turned up. Grandma had brought some marshmallows and the bonfire had to be ignited. 'The child' volunteered: set the fire going (with adult supervision) cooked and distributed the marshmallows to the assembled adults and lit one sparkler after another to hand out to the oldies. A good night had by all !!! One kid had all the fun.

DO YOU HAVE ANY STORIES OR INFORMATION?

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