



What: REPAIR CAFES DAYLESFORD AND CASTLEMAINE

When: Sunday JUNE 16th and JUNE 23rd, 2019

Where: Venues and times below

What: WORDS IN WINTER- CELEBRATING LIFE IN STORY SONG AND POEM

When: 2.30-4.00pm, Sunday August 18th

Where: Yandoit Uniting Church

CHANGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR YANDOIT UNITING CHURCH

Regular services at our historical Yandoit Uniting church, built by local settlers in the 1870's out of locally made bricks, have recently discontinued. However lifelong parishioners, along with local residents, are keen to ensure that this beautiful church, nestled within bush land, remains as a space for our community to gather in, and that occasional services can still be held. The church remains part of the Castlemaine parish.

Several events are being organised within the church to help raise funds to cover basic care and maintenance of the building. These events include a series of concerts as part of **Ballarat Fine Music and Organ Festival** in January next year- more about this in our next edition. Several **Words in Winter** events will also be held at the Uniting Church in August this year. After many years of inspiring Christmas carols held on the last Sunday before Christmas it is envisaged that our Christmas community gathering and singing can continue well into the future. Members of the Castlemaine choir say that singing carols at Yandoit Uniting Church is one of their favourite gigs, followed by generous supper and conversation under the eucalypts with friends and neighbours.

Upcoming event in August: This year's **Words in Winter** will include, 'Celebrating Life in story, song and poem', to be held at Yandoit Uniting Church on the afternoon of August 18th. Come and share stories about life, via spoken word, song and poetry. You'll have around 5 to 10 minutes to tell a story, in your chosen format. It may be your own story, poem or song or it may be one created by someone else that has meaning for you. It's a great way to get to know one another. More information in next edition of *the Chronicle*.

MEETING WITH WARD COUNCILLORS

Our community planning group is liaising with ward councillors, both in Hepburn and Mt Alexander Shires. A meeting is scheduled for the second half of July. Once

confirmed, you'll be notified of date and time through the next *Chronicle*. In the meantime please advise Nikki or Bill of any items you would like to discuss with our ward councillors (email and phone numbers below).

CLYDESDALE HISTORY

Two stories and photos from Joan Sartori



Restoration Australia visited Clydesdale recently. The **Yourn cottages** were purchased some time ago by Kate Jukes. Kate has spent the last two years restoring these two old cottages, and she has done a wonderful job. The cottages were built in the mid 1850's by John Yourn. John came to Australia in 1854 from Cornwall. He and his brother landed in SA. They stayed there for 12 months and then travelled to Victoria. John purchased land in Clydesdale in 1855. He married Avis Hugo that same year and he and his brother built two very substantial homes in Clydesdale which still stand today. After four years farming and mining John was in financial trouble and sold some of his land. He then built two wattle and daub cottages which he called 'Hill View'. He and his wife Avis reared their brood of fourteen children in these cottages. Eventually their unmarried daughter Medlin became the owner of these cottages and lived there until she was 94years old. She was affectionately known as Aunt Med to everyone, and still is. Her sister my grandmother was born

there .I have clear childhood memories of Aunt Med and visiting the cottages. Stepping back into them 55 years later at the “reveal” was a wonderful and very emotional experience. Well done Kate, thank you for sharing. *Restoration Australia* have not given a definite time frame for the screening of the film yet, possibly the end of this year or early 2020.

‘Vine villa’ was the home of the Higgins family in Clydesdale. In the 1920’s the post office was at this residence. The building on the right hand side was possibly the blacksmith. In September last year two more panels were added to the rotunda at the Clydesdale Hall. More history is to be added very soon to the history of the hall, this time some of Clydesdale’s own history. The next edition of *The Chronicle* will advise when the panels will be unveiled.



YANDOIT HALL REPAIRS AND A MAINTENANCE UPDATE

Some repair and maintenance work has begun while other work is still awaiting funding approval. Painting of the external doors, barge boards and fascias, as well as the railing on the steps near the kitchen, has recently been completed. Next step is rebuilding the front steps and this will be partially funded by DEWLP.

Our Hepburn Shire ward Councillors have lodged a budget bid to fund further repairs and maintenance work including fixing the façade, waterproofing the brickwork on top of the façade and around the stone foundations, and repairing the hall floor.

REDUCING WASTE- PLASTIC RECYCLING AND REPAIR CAFÉS

So many food stuffs and household items are wrapped in plastic. We know the dangers to our environment of plastic clogging creeks and rivers and oceans, threatening the lives of aquatic creatures, as well as plastic littering our beautiful bushland. So reducing plastic packaging is a high priority. Did you know that some plastic items can be recycled, via the REDcycle Program- a recovery initiative for post-consumer soft plastic. RedCycle bins can be found outside Coles and Woolworths supermarkets. Only plastic that is soft and can be scrunched into a ball is suitable, eg bread bags, biscuit packet wrappers, pasta and rice bags, plastic bags, cereal



box liners. For more info: <https://www.redcycle.net.au/what-to-redcycle/>

Another waste reduction project is the **Repair Café** movement. Both

Daylesford and Castlemaine have Repair Cafes. Daylesford’s Café is held on the **third Sunday of each month from 1-4pm at Victoria Park Pavillion**. Castlemaine’s Repair Cafe is held on the **4th Sunday of the month from 10am to 1pm at Castlemaine Town Hall**. Upcoming June Repair Cafes are **Sunday 16th in Daylesford** and **Sunday 23rd in Castlemaine**. Fixers can repair household and garden items including whipper snippers, clothes, toasters, dvd players. Knives, scissors and tools can be sharpened and brought back into good working order. There’s also repair and maintenance of bicycles. Repair Cafés operate by donation and are affordable for all. Fixers and supporters generously donate their time and skills.

FRANKLINFORD CEMETERY NEWS

The geophysical survey has been completed at the cemetery, to identify unmarked graves. Results of the data and a summary of the full report will be available in the next edition of the *Chronicle*. Old pine trees in danger of falling will be removed in the near future.

NEXT EDITION OF THE CHRONICLE

Our next edition is expected in August 2019. Let us know what’s going on so we can include it in our community newsletter.

NON SERIOUS SECTION

Don’t ya luv it? Rain or reign? Using words with a second meaning? Some people would thank the Almighty for the recent rain. Other people are just grateful to see the green on the hills and throughout the forests again.



I’m siding for once with the monarchists: **LONG MAY SHE RAIN OVER US**. To continue with the absurd **ANNED PHILTHE DAMS**.

WE GIVE OUR TANKS. FOR WITHOUT THIS OUR ROOS AND NATIVE BEASTS WOULD DI.

DO YOU HAVE ANY STORIES OR INFORMATION?

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