



What: CLASSICAL MUSIC CONCERT IN YANDOIT
When: 10.30, 12.30 & 2.30 Thursday January 16th 2020
Where: Yandoit Uniting Church

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CLASSICAL MUSIC CONCERTS IN YANDOIT

Yandoit Uniting Church, in collaboration with Ballarat Fine Music & Organ Festival, will host 3 concerts on **Thursday January 16th, 2020.**



Internationally renowned classical musicians from Italy- Paolo Tagliamento on violin and Massimo Scattolin on guitar - will perform the same concert three times, at 10.30am, 12.30pm and 2.30pm. For more information: <https://www.ballaratorgans.com.au/> Booking are advised as concerts are likely to be well attended and the church has seating for around 100. Cost

is \$35/30 and \$5 for students.

Concerts will contribute towards keeping our beautiful church in community hands and towards maintenance costs, as well as much needed repairs for Yandoit Hall. As a community we have committed to

provide tea/coffee and cake/biscuits for the festival goes as a way of raising funds for our community. We will need a team of community volunteers to help on January 16th – ideally 15 people who can offer 2 hours for a morning, middle of the day or an afternoon shift. We also need people to



contribute or bake items. Contact Nikki (on 0432 232 073 or nikki.marshall@mmnet.com.au) or Don Morrison (54764245) if you're able to help.

All those who have already offered to help are asked to reconfirm with Nikki asap.

ARE YOU FIRE READY?

Fires all around Australia during December and January are a timely reminder of our vulnerability in the fire season and the importance of preparing a fire plan. Emergency telephone trees have been developed in neighbourhoods across the townships of Franklinford, Yandoit and Clydesdale. Speak to neighbours, make sure telephone trees are updated, that newcomers are added, and keep in touch with one another. The Vic Emergency app provides alerts on your mobile and the Vic Emergency website regularly updates info re fires across the state.



CONCERNS ABOUT HEPBURN SHIRE LOCAL LAWS

More than 120 people attended a special Hepburn Shire council meeting before Christmas to present their concerns to councilors about Local Laws #2. The new local laws prohibit salvaging materials from the local tip to repurpose, the selling of produce from your farm gate, and the picking of wild apples on public land. These are just some of the activities prohibited, or requiring a permit, in Council's proposed updated version. Permits may be required for community gatherings in local halls, such as our cfa morning tea, if the Shire adopts new definitions of 'event' and 'public place'. Permits are currently required for major events in public places such as festivals, but under the new definitions an event will now also include 'social gathering,' and a 'public place' is any park, road, licensed venue, community hall, school, church, market or sports ground. Many submissions have been lodged with the shire and Councillors are expected to make a decision by mid-February. If you want more information go to the website: hepburncommunity.org and if you have concerns about these local laws speak or write to your ward councilors.

COMMUNITY BONFIRE, GARDEN SOIL & FUTURE OF GREEN WASTE

The community bonfire was not lit in November last year due to fire safety concerns. However locals enjoyed gathering for

a BBQ dinner and meeting neighbours. The Community Planning Group has asked Hepburn shire to remove the pile of green waste to minimise fire danger. In the meantime there is good soil and mulch available in the green waste pile at Yandoit recreation reserve, so take some away for your gardens.

Residents are asked **not to place any further green waste** at the recreation reserve. The community planning group will discuss future options for green waste, so let us know your suggestions – see contact details below.

LOCAL YANDOIT DAIRY GOES SOLAR

Robert, Belinda and Nick Morrison, dairy farmers in Yandoit, have recently installed 60 solar panels, combined with a TESLA battery, to make their dairy more sustainable.



Descended from the original Morrison's, who arrived in Yandoit in the 1850's, six generations have continued to farm land between the creek and Yandoit's main street, producing milk and ensuring fertile land is used for food growing.

During sunny summer days the new panels and battery enable 90% self-sufficiency in power generation. Dairies are large consumers of electricity and this new system enables energy to be harnessed when the sun shines and used during milking times, benefitting the environment, reducing energy costs and increasing the farm's resilience. 'It's been a very positive experience' Robert Morrison tells me. There's a mobile phone app that Robert checks regularly. This allows him to monitor what's being generated at different times of the day, how much energy is being used and when, the capacity of the TESLA battery, and what energy is being fed into the grid.



CHRISTMAS CAROLS



Yandoit Uniting Church again swelled to full capacity the week before Christmas with the Castlemaine Peace Choir leading us in song, stories for the children, plenty of hearty carol singing and a visit from Santa while *Jingle Bells* was being sung. This was followed by a generous supper and gathering of community under the gum trees.

NEXT EDITION OF THE CHRONICLE

Our next edition is scheduled for March/April 2020. Let us know what's going on so we can include it in *the Chronicle*

NON SERIOUS SECTION

Hepburn Shire Councillors' new approach to controlling their ratepayers isn't strong enough. We need to control those members of the public that wear the wrong clothes. And what about hair styles that are outrageous. Not to speak of the indecent appearance of domestic animals. Then there's the table manners of dining in public and some of the ideas people have about conversations in public. Here's some laws we need: No red hats to be worn in public unless officially permitted: Offence. 35263; All eating is to be carried out from a stationary position. Offence 35264; All canines and felines paraded or appearing in public must have a full coverage of their private parts. Offence 35265; Every person in the Shire must wear a name tag on the right side of their body in a suitable container made of non-plastic materials in a font that is legible from 20 metres. Offence 35266; Persons over the age of 70 years must wear a second name tag on the left side of their body with the writing inverted so the person can read their own name. Offence 35267; No person shall admit an allegiance to the Collingwood Football Team Offence 35268. People should not have ANY FREEDOM to think for themselves.

DO YOU HAVE ANY STORIES OR INFORMATION?

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