



LIFE IN THE TIME OF LOCK DOWN

A COMMUNITY MOBILE PHONE *WHATT'S APP* - KEEPING PEOPLE CONNECTED

By Richard Johnson, Yandoit Hill

Whatsapp is a free app that works on most smartphones. It is as easy to use as SMS and it allows users to send and receive messages containing photos, videos and words, make calls and video calls (with up to 5 concurrent parties). Users can send *Whatsapp* messages to anyone with a mobile number in their phone's address book. It allows users to see when sent messages have been received and read. *Whatsapp* works using either the mobile phone network or Wifi – meaning those with dodgy mobile coverage can still use it over home Wifi.

But the best feature is *Whatsapp* groups. I am in a bunch of groups including:

- Family Scuttlebutt: a Johnston family group keeping the family in touch including my 91 year old mum to some of the newer Johnstons
- Dogs, chooks and more: a group with Alison's Sydney based sister and her husband giving daily updates on their puppies and our new chooks
- Yandoit Hills Neighbours: a bunch of people up here in the hills sharing anything from a pumpkin glut to wandering dogs and info on that fire in Sandon Rd.

Each group has an Admin who can add (or remove) group members. Members can leave at any time after being added. *Whatsapp* is available free via the *Whatsapp* website or Google play and Apple App store. *Whatsapp* groups are great for sharing community info.

I'm happy to assist if anyone needs *Whatsapp* help.

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REVIVING FRANKLINFORD SCHOOL HALL

The first stage of reviving the Franklinford School Hall has been completed. Many thanks to DELWP for managing the removal of the dangerous trees. Ian Glen and Steve O'Conner are overseeing the removal of the logs and mulch

when the weather is more congenial so as not to damage the grounds. From the Franklinford School Hall Committee

GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD- AT YANDOIT HALL

There's a sourdough baker in Yandoit Hills! Katy Bauer, a Yandoit local, runs *Two Fold Bakehouse* - a small home bakery in Daylesford. Each Thursday she bakes organic sourdough bread for her local community. Fresh out of the oven, orders are packed, and a bag with your name on it is dropped at the Yandoit Hall, ready for pick up around 5pm.



The bakery is about more than just bread, and is a part of many that are working to create a localised grain economy, using grains and flour from small regenerative farms and baking with local seasonal produce; bringing back some of the old ways of village baking.

If you feel like a Sunday morning outing, you'll also find Katy's bread at the Daylesford Railway Market each Sunday from 8am-12pm.

To find out more or order your Thursday bread, go to www.twofoldbakehouse.com/shop or call Katy on 0430530868.

@twofoldbakehouse

ZOOM YOGA WITH JESSICA

I am a yoga teacher and a few Yandoit locals had started to meet to do yoga together. With the Covid lock down and meeting up not being possible we took the step of having classes via Zoom. Doing yoga together in this time had many benefits. We did classes that focused on lung health using

postures to open the chest allowing the lungs to fully expand. This is typical of the benefits of practicing yoga.

There were, as it happened, many other surprises. I got to practice my online teaching skills. However the part I loved the most was meeting up each week and seeing the faces of my neighbours, knowing they are near and being reminded of the fact that I had dear friends near by.

By Jessica Bleechmore – mobile – 0411 260 717

COMMUNITY PLANNING IMPLEMENTATION FUND

Hepburn Shire have announced their Community Planning Implementation fund which can provide up to \$9,000 to contribute towards community planning priorities determined by residents of Yandoit, Clydesdale and Franklindale. Our existing community plan was developed in 2013 and funds can only be allocated to priorities within the existing plan. Applications close on 4th June 2020, so there's not a lot of time.

A community meeting was scheduled for March to discuss priorities for potential funding. However that meeting was cancelled due to Covid 19 lock-down.

Priorities identified in our 2013 plan include:

- Community telephone tree
- Improved telecommunications coverage
- Walking club and trail
- Improved communications within the district
- Oral history archive for the district
- Local community directory
- Website development
- Local places of interest directory/Information
- Trialling various recreation programs

Copies of the whole plan are available at

<https://www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/community-planning/>

Guidelines for [Community Planning](#) can be found on the Hepburn Shire website or through this [link](#).

Updating plans is done on a rotational basis across communities within the Shire. Given Yandoit, Clydesdale and Franklindale cross the boundary between Hepburn and Mt Alexander shires, we will need input from both shires. Resources and support to update our community plan are scheduled for 2022. However if it's important to update earlier then we need to communicate that to ward councillors.

We welcome your feedback on priorities to help prepare the funding application. Please post your responses and suggestions on the FaceBook Page:

<http://www.facebook.com/yandoitdotnet/>.

Or post on <http://yandoit.net/forum> (you need to login (<https://www.yandoit.net/login/>) or register (<http://yandoit.net/register/>) to post on yandoit.net.

Otherwise email or phone your suggestions to nikki.marshall@mmnet.com.au, mob. 0432 232 073.

It would be helpful to know your 1st, 2nd and 3rd preference for each of the 9 items. We need your feedback by May 29th to allow time to complete the funding application by 4th June.

FEEDBACK FROM ONE OF OUR CHRONICLE READERS

One of our Chronicle readers emailed Bill and Nikki to express disappointment that information about an announcement to re-name the Jim Crow Creek was included in the "non-serious section" of *The Chronicle*. He wrote: 'This seemed very inappropriate and rather insensitive to the concerns of the local indigenous community.'

Bill response: "I must admit that I put in the information about the origin of the term 'Jim Crow' in the non-serious section because there was space there and the information was important to the community as I was sure many people were not aware of the history of the term. I certainly meant no offence, and I certainly wanted the information out there in the community".

As the editors of *the Chronicle* Bill and Nikki welcome feedback and want everyone to know that we take your feedback seriously. We feel that the issue of creek name change and, at a broader level, acknowledgment of white settlement's impact on the Dja Dja Wurrung, is something that does require serious attention. The creek name change has been covered in previous editions of *the Chronicle* and it has also been discussed several times at community planning group meetings. It is a sensitive issue within our community and one that *the Chronicle* has a responsibility to cover in a way which doesn't inflame nor cause insult to Dja Dja Wurrung people. The planning group name was changed a couple of years ago, from 'Jim Crow' to Yandoit, Clydesdale and Franklindale Community Planning Group. We saw this as a first step.

NEXT EDITION OF THE CHRONICLE

Our next edition is scheduled for August 2020. Let us know what's going on so we can include it in *the Chronicle*. We welcome local stories and input to future editions.

NON SERIOUS SECTION



DO YOU HAVE ANY STORIES OR INFORMATION?

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This edition was edited/written by Nikki Marshall and Bill O'Donnell. Any comments in the Chronicle are made and written with the best of humorous and serious intentions and no offence is intended to any person, here thing, animal or group living or dead.