



What: YANDOIT RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING

When: 2.30pm, Sunday May 30th, 2021

Where: Yandoit Hall

YANDOIT COMMUNITY MARKET- REPORT



Yandoit's pop-up market was held in March and was a wonderful opportunity for neighbours and the community to gather together. We would like to thank all participating stallholders – and, a huge thank you to the community for their wonderful support. It was a fun few hours and was a great chance to meet & mingle with old and new neighbours. The 'Cafe Portal' was a huge success - and we can't thank Richard and Alison enough for not only providing their barista expertise (and machine) but also their tireless labour meeting the huge demand for espresso and latte delights. We also thank Ros for her tireless work at the Cafe Portal window. There was a lot of interest in the possibility of another market - so watch this space for potential Spring version.

CALLING FOR NEW MEMBERS OF YANDOIT'S RECREATION COMMITTEE

An Election has been called for the Recreation Reserve committee on Sunday May 30th at 2.30pm. The current committee is: President, Stephen O'Connor, Secretary/Treasurer Bill O'Donnell, Ross Sartori, Andrew Kimpton, Nikki Marshall, Margaret Hazler, Noel Richards, Erica Higgins, Carlene Sartori.

Stephen has indicated he might resign, as has Nikki. The more the merrier on the committee. Bill is an irregular resident of Yandoit and maybe a fulltime resident would be better as secretary and treasurer. The tennis courts are being more regularly used by locals, especially during and since covid. The tank and the toilets need repair. The annual

bonfire and options for green waste are all relevant to the recreation committee.

Can you let Bill (0439398488, billodonnell47@gmail.com) know if you are interested in coming along or being on the committee. Committees enable all the facilities to be kept in proper condition and are a good way to get to know others. We're keen to see new young locals become involved.

SIGNIFICANT TREE REGISTER

At the January meeting with new ward councilors, locals expressed interest in developing a significant tree register for our area. Since then Beth Higgins, Jill Williams and Katie Minchinton have been scouting around our three hamlets identifying, photographing and locating, via g.p.s. technology, our significant trees. If you have some on your land, or know of others in the area, contact Beth on 5476 4336.

SHOWING OFF THE STONE WALLS

Have you noticed some of the beautiful stone walls around our neighbourhood? Some have been made using sand stone and others out of volcanic rock from the eruption at Mt Franklin- Lalgambook. Our thanks go to Erik for whipper-snipping around some of the walls, which makes it easier to see the remarkable workmanship and all of their features.

NEWSTEAD MEN'S SHED



Although the actual shed and workshop are in Newstead, our Men's Shed welcomes members from all over the region. Our small but passionate group of members come from places like Castlemaine, Newstead, Guildford, Smeaton and areas within the Chronicle's distribution . In fact two of the senior committee members of The Newstead Men's Shed, James (President) and

Graeme (Secretary) are residents in Yandoit and Clydesdale.

While the Shed's main focus is providing a friendly supportive group for our members with men's health and well-being uppermost in our creed, we get together as often as we can to have a cuppa, a chat and raise a smidgen of sawdust. Our premises are in Lyon Street, Newstead in the old Fire Station. Our work shed is behind the building. There is an open invitation for anyone to drop in for a chat about your project or drop off a repair job. Mondays and Tuesday we are generally open, but if the open sign is out stop and say Hi.

We have undertaken all sorts of projects for locals and community groups that have approached us for assistance plus we organise lots of fund raisers to keep our Shed alive and running. The Shed is full of blokes who love a laugh and the chance to yarn about all sorts of things. It is amazing how much of a cross section of experience and skill sets we have within the members. We reckon we can turn our hand to just about anything, though we like to keep things simple. Interested in joining our Shed? We'd love to talk to you. We're on Facebook and The Web and James and Graeme are happy to answer all your questions.

President – James Grant 0413 895 591

Secretary - Graeme Lees 0418 723 196

Email – newsteadmensshed@gmail.com

KEEPING YANDOIT'S UNITING CHURCH FOR OUR COMMUNITY



Regular church services stopped more than a year ago at Yandoit's Uniting Church due to the smallness and aging nature of the parish. However, for some time locals have expressed keenness to retain the church in community hands, as a space for community events including music concerts- the acoustics are as remarkable as the

building is beautiful. Discussions are underway with the Uniting Church parish in Castlemaine to explore the possibility of preserving this historical building for community use, - an alternative to putting the building up for sale. Did you know that Yandoit's Uniting Church, originally Methodist, was built around 150 years ago by local people using locally made and locally fired bricks. It has been well maintained and is in excellent condition. Over the past few years the church has hosted concerts and events as part of Ballarat's Fine Music festival, Daylesford's Words in Winter festival. The Christmas carol service, with Castlemaine's Peace Choir, has been an annual specialty. There are a number of groups including music schools from around our area who are interested in using the space in an ongoing way. If you are interested in supporting this community initiative contact Don (0408479527) or Nikki (0432 232 073).

YANDOIT GARDEN AMIGOS



YGA inaugural garden visit



YGA - Garden visit 2



YGA - Garden visit 3

YGA - and Plaistow's Biggest Morning Tea

The Yandoit Garden Amigos (YGA) gang now has 14 members. It is such a privilege to be able to visit and learn from our members' near and distant gardens and landscapes - and to marvel at the variety of unique garden styles & preferences. Our next meet-up will be a variation on a theme: On, 27th May at 10am the YGA gang will attend the **Plaistow's Biggest Morning Tea** at Plaistow Homestead - an 1840's heritage listed homestead with a large and expansive garden located in Joyce's creek. A perfect fit for YGA's ongoing exploration of amazing gardens and landscapes within and surrounding Yandoit.

Plaistow Homestead Address: 324 Rodborough Rd, Joyce's creek. **Dates:** Thurs 27th and Sat 29th, 10am

Cost: Gold coin entry (all donations go to the Cancer council) this gets you bottomless tea and coffee, and fresh scones. YGA's Beth Higgins will have her wonderful selection of plants for sale on both days.

Please feel free to join YGA. Contact Liz: 0414525074; Beth 5476 4336.

CARING FOR LAND IN YANDOIT

On Sunday 8 November 2020 Marnie and Dale hosted a BBQ with about 15 Yandoitains interested in Landcare attending. Maurie from Upper Loddon Landcare came along and shared his knowledge of willow removal programs and also offered discounted rates for hire of weed spraying equipment etc. There were diverse perspectives among the group around what was the best approach for weed control... but general consensus regarding the wealth of local knowledge we have collectively (with some real local gems like Beth Higgins) and the value of getting together to share it and help each other. Much interest was expressed in meeting regularly each year, perhaps once in each season to collect seeds, plant trees etc. We are thinking we put some dates in our calendars and to meet up at the hall before heading to different locations each time. Suggestions for locations welcome!

NEXT EDITION OF THE CHRONICLE

Our next edition is scheduled for July 2021. Let us know what's going on so we can include it in *the Chronicle*. We welcome local stories and your ideas.

DO YOU HAVE ANY STORIES OR INFORMATION?

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