

# The Chronicle servicing the three communities

In the Dja Dja Warrung Language Yandoit means

Brown Snake or

Sure Water

of Yandoit, Yandoit Hills, Franklinford



and Clydesdale

June/July 2021 Also available at [www.Yandoit.net](http://www.Yandoit.net)



## What: COMMUNITY MEETING-GOLD MINING CONCERNS

When: Sunday July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 2pm

Where: Yandoit Hall

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## What: TRADITIONAL ABORIGINAL CRAFT WORKSHOP

When: 10am to 12 midday, Friday July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Where: Yandoit Hall

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## What: YANDOIT RECREATION COMMITTEE ELECTION

When: Sunday July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2.30pm

Where: Yandoit Hall

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## What: YANDOIT HALL COMMITTEE ELECTION

When: 7.30pm, Wednesday July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021

Where: Yandoit Hall

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## GOLD MINING EXPLORATION CONCERNS



Local residents from Yandoit Hills, Franklinford, Yandoit, Clydesdale, Werona, Strangways and Sandon are concerned about plans by overseas mining companies to undertake deep-quartz-vein gold mining (down to 200 metres) across a number of sites within Hepburn and Mt Alexander shires, from Shepherds Flat through to Strangways - on private land, crown land and along the creek. Two companies are seeking exploration and mining permits: Nubian Resources, a Canadian company and Red Rock Australasia, 51% owned by a British company. In a recent press release Nubian announced "the commencement of diamond drilling at its Yandoit Gold Project within the Central Victorian Goldfields ...Drilling shall begin at the North Sardinia Prospect...At the site there are two Exploration Licences and one Mining Licence that cover a +5 km long north-south gold-mineralized corridor...Surface mapping and deep ground penetrating radar (DGPR) provide evidence of target structures (laminated quartz reefs)." Nubian plans "to continue with the current mine development, continue with geophysical surveys and carry out exploration drilling to test mineralization below and along strike from current mine development activities."

Red Rock Australasia have blanket exploration licence applications covering much of Shepherds flat through Franklinford, Yandoit, Clydesdale to Strangways and more- it's worth 'googling' the State Government website- "mining licenses near me".

The following websites provide further information:

<https://www.nubianr.com/yandoit>

<https://www.nubianr.com/news/6/8/2021/nubianbeginsdrillingatyandoit>

[https://www.rrrplc.com/wpcontent/uploads/2020/09/Licence\\_Report\\_EL007282-Dunnstown-Yandoit\\_Rev0.pdf](https://www.rrrplc.com/wpcontent/uploads/2020/09/Licence_Report_EL007282-Dunnstown-Yandoit_Rev0.pdf)

If you are concerned about significant mining incursion into this beautiful place we live in, come along to the **Community Planning Group meeting next Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, from 2-4 pm**. To ensure covid safety we may need to gather outside the Yandoit hall, with some braziers to keep us warm. If it's wet we will move the meeting to an alternative outdoor space with a roof. Notice of alternative venue will be placed at the hall. Or contact Nikki (0432 232 073) or John Combes (0409 750 073) for details.

## TRADITIONAL ABORIGINAL CRAFT WORKSHOP



This event, as part of Hepburn Shire's NAIDOC week activities, is a half day Traditional Craft and Artefact Making Experience run by Yarn Bark. An opportunity to immerse yourself in the process of bringing cultural artefacts to life. Participants will leave with their own items to embrace. This process is more than just physically crafting, but rather involves connecting deeply to yourself, with others and the land,

storytelling, deep listening and creative expression. To register-

<https://www.trybooking.com/BSMZT>

Contact: Donna Spiller – Arts, Culture and Reconciliation Officer  
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## YANDOIT PARK AND RECREATION RESERVE COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

There was a brief meet up outside the hall in May (due to covid restrictions) with a few new people willing to go onto the recreation reserve committee. The new committee is ready to be appointed.

Nominees are: Bill O'Donnell, Liz Butler, Josh Symonds, Manole and Sandra Plousie, Roz Willett, Louise Cruikshank, Carlene Sartori, Andrew Kimpton and Ross Sartori. Noel Richards and Erica Higgins may also put their hands up. The election will nominate chair person, secretary and treasurer and will officially nominate the committee. If you are interested in nominating come along to the meeting on **Sunday July 18<sup>th</sup> at 2.30pm** or contact Bill- email [billodonnell47@gmail.com](mailto:billodonnell47@gmail.com) or mobile 0439 398 488.

### **YANDOIT HALL COMMITTEE MEETING ELECTION**

The Yandoit Hall Committee will meet and elect committee members on **Wednesday July 21<sup>st</sup> at 7.30pm**. The purpose of the meeting is to nominate no less than three (3) or more than nine (9) persons as the Committee of Management for the Yandoit Mechanics Institute and Free library for a term of three years. The current committee's term will expire on July 21<sup>st</sup>. All positions will be declared open and nominations will be accepted prior to or on the night. Nominations from women, Aboriginal people, people with disabilities, young people and people from culturally diverse backgrounds are encouraged. Repair works to Yandoit Hall are almost completed and big thanks are due to Carlene Sartori for all her work liaising with contractors and ensuring repairs were undertaken to a high standard and within budget. Thanks also to Hepburn Shire for the grant provided. Contact Carlene (0411 175 467) or Don (0408 479 527) if you're willing to nominate for the committee and help Yandoit Hall be an effective resource for our community. Hepburn Shire Mayor, Lesley Hewitt, will chair the meeting.

### **WASTE AND RESOURCE RECOVERY SURVEY**



A group of Hepburn Shire residents has recently started their own war on waste! And they're looking for input from the community to collaborate and contribute. Help *Resourceful Hepburn* by taking 5 minutes to complete their short survey to help better understand Hepburn Shire community's views on waste and help guide the group's future operations. To

get involved or learn more, follow Resourceful Hepburn on [Facebook](#).

[Start survey here](#) – The survey closes on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

And here's a link to the preliminary results:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/results/SM-9PVSW9K99/>

### **SHIRE NEWS AND PROJECTS- Mt ALEXANDER & HEPBURN**

**Mt Alexander Shire** is preparing a quarterly newsletter. The winter edition includes information about Council's budget, community grants, reconciliation week, plus climate news and how to have your say. To subscribe to the newsletter email:

[communications@mountalexander.vic.gov.au](mailto:communications@mountalexander.vic.gov.au);

**Hepburn Shire** is producing a monthly e-newsletter which can be sent to your email inbox. The recent edition includes information about budget, planning scheme, deliberative democracy around ten-year community vision and four-year council plan, community grants and the Participate Hepburn website. To subscribe go to:

<https://mailchi.mp/hepburn/sign-up>.

**AND ALSO IN 1994** Looking at back copies of *the Chronicle* it seems mining has been an issue of concern on a number of earlier occasions. Here's an excerpt from *the Chronicle* in July 1994: "A

letter on behalf of some of the affected landowners has already been sent to the Council indicating that there are serious concerns held for the operation and that these would be later expanded in detail. The following risks were expressed: Risks to children from unsupervised machinery and unfenced premises; Road damage to already delicate roads; Noise control; Hours of operation; Presence of chemicals on site. A public meeting will be held at the Yandoit Hall In High street on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> August, 1994 at 7.30 where everyone will be given an opportunity to express their views."

### **VOLUNTEERING AT THE HEPBURN WILDLIFE SHELTER**

Last year we rescued this little chap on Boundary Gully Road and promptly delivered him into the safe hands of the team at the Hepburn Wildlife Shelter. This led me to a very rewarding experience as a volunteer at the shelter. Working around the animals is a joy and there is rarely a dull moment. Watch out for that wombat that unties your shoelaces! The Hepburn Wildlife Shelter is a 24-hour wildlife rescue and treatment centre run by founders Gayle Chappell and Jon Rowdon, from their home in



Hepburn Forest. The Shelter is calling for reliable and caring volunteers to help with general duties at the shelter. The duties are varied and range from preparing food for the animals and cleaning pens to washing and drying bedding. The

shelter relies on donations to keep it running; from blankets, towels and pillowcases to financial donations. Gayle and Jon are currently running a *Go Fund Me* campaign for the new Central Victoria Wildlife Hospital to be operated by the Hepburn Wildlife Shelter. For more information, contact Jon Rowdon via email at [info@hepburnwildlifeshelter.org](mailto:info@hepburnwildlifeshelter.org) or on 0428 540 000. (Thanks to Alison King for article and photo)

### **SIGNIFICANT TREE REGISTER**

The group led by Beth & Ric Higgins is surveying trees in the Yandoit/Clydesdale area which may qualify as applicants for the Hepburn Shire Significant Tree Register. We are gathering data such as species type, GPS, trunk girth and diameter, height and canopy spread and matching that to the selection criteria. 10 trees have been surveyed so far - River red gums, yellow box, yellow gum and red box.

### **DIARY DATES:**

**Words in Winter**- Stories along the creek- Open mic- story, music and poem at Yandoit Uniting Church – **Sunday August 21<sup>st</sup> at 2pm**. More information in the next edition of *the Chronicle*

**Non Serious Section:** The name of the king of Egypt who was known for his laissez faire attitude was Pharaoh Nuff.

### **NEXT EDITION OF THE CHRONICLE**

Our next edition is scheduled for August 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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