



What: NEXT COMMUNITY MEETING - GOLD MINING CONCERNS

When: Saturday September 18th, 2021, 2.30pm

Where: Outside Yandoit Hall

What: STORIES ALONG THE CREEKS- A WORDS IN WINTER EVENT

When: Saturday September 25th, 2.00pm

Where: Yandoit Uniting Church

What: AN ILLUSTRATED ARTIST'S TALK- A WORDS IN WINTER EVENT

When: Saturday October 2nd, 7.30pm

Where: Yandoit Uniting Church

What: MEETING TO INCORPORATE COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

When: Sunday October 3rd, 3pm

Where: Yandoit Uniting Church

STORIES ALONG THE CREEKS



As part of Daylesford's Word in Winter program (now Words in Spring due to covid lockdowns), **Yandoit Uniting Church** is hosting another community open-mic event: *Stories along the Creeks*. Locals from Shepherd's Flat, Franklinford, Yandoit, Clydesdale and Strangways are invited to share past and present stories of our lives in neighbourhoods along the creeks, through spoken word, song, poetry and music. Come along to listen and/or to share on **Saturday September 25th at 2pm**. Don Morrison will be our MC and stories/songs will be followed by afternoon tea. This will be a covid safe event so bring your mask and we will spread out to ensure social distancing. (Photo: Pam Wheelens)

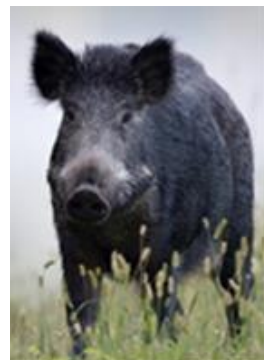
NEXT MINING CONCERNS MEETING

Next **Saturday, September 18th at 2.30pm** we will meet again outside at Yandoit hall. The focus of this third community meeting is to prepare questions we want to ask mining companies. There will also be sharing of further information gathered by working groups. Our August community meeting was attended by around 50 locals (plus

apologies from people unable to travel from Melbourne due to lockdown. Information from the various working groups was presented including:

- legal rights and obligations of mining companies including code of practice;
- environmental impact and endangered species nominated in the Biodiversity Atlas of Australia;
- protection via *Trust for Nature* and *Bush Heritage* covenants;
- requirement to comply with *Cultural Heritage Management Plans* on both public and private land;
- fire risk management at mining sites;
- exploration drilling at Yandoit;
- approaches to meet with us by mining companies;
- impact on waterways, especially arsenic;
- potential impact on livelihoods;
- increased quantity and speed of traffic, impact on roads and wildlife deaths;

Draft letters to the mining companies have been prepared. The YCF Planning Group website has a bulletin board which includes all the above and more information. Access is for community members only at the moment. Contact James to join the website/bulletin board: wellness@arisaig.com.au or phone Nikki – details below.



WHAT TO DO ABOUT FERAL PIGS?

Feral Pigs have arrived in Yandoit and surrounds. They are causing significant damage to the forest and private land, eg near corner of

Glamorgan and Yandoit Creek Roads. So far 2 pigs have been shot and a number poisoned. Another 20 have been caught on camera. Keep an eye out and report any sightings to Council or DELWP- David Blythe- mob. 0437 812 384.

YANDOIT UNITING CHURCH IN COMMUNITY HANDS

The congregation is no longer gathering for church services, and the church was de-commissioned earlier this year. After



many years of talking about the possibility of Yandoit Uniting Church remaining in community hands (rather than being sold off), an agreement has been struck with Castlemaine Uniting Church Parish Council for the Community Planning Group to lease the Church, for a 12 month period, with the option of extending the lease if both parties are agreeable. This is an exciting new chapter for this beautiful and historical church,

built in the 1870's by local people out of locally made bricks, maintained and cared for by parishioners, nestled in bushland and with wonderful acoustics. We expect the lease to be signed around mid-October. Already there are music concerts being planned, Words in Winter events, potential marriages, choir performances and more. We welcome your suggestions and your participation on the church management sub-committee. Contact Nikki or Don (details below) if you're interested. The Community Planning Group is required to become incorporated prior to signing the lease, and there's more about that process below. (Photo- Pam Wheelens)

INCORPORATION- COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

Notice of meeting: Sunday October 3rd, 2021, 3pm at Yandoit Uniting Church. The Yandoit, Clydesdale and Franklinford Community Planning Group is taking steps to become Incorporated. The group formed around 11-12 years ago to identify needs, aspirations and concerns for our communities along the creek. As a result of that process a community plan was developed, and in the next few months we will be renewing that plan as a community. .

Over the years the *Community Planning Group* has done a number of things such as: organising our local history in story sessions, arranging meetings with our ward councillors, publishing and distributing *the Chronicle*, organising community markets, helping bring internationally- renowned classical musicians to play in our town and, more recently, initiating meetings to discuss and share information about mining concerns. By incorporating, the Planning Group becomes a separate legal entity, protecting individual community members who contribute to the varied work of the group. Incorporation enables activities such as opening a bank account and taking up the lease on the Yandoit Uniting church (see article above). To incorporate, we need to have a meeting of people who identify as members of the

Community Planning Group- (the Group is open to everyone across our communities), gain at least 50% vote to go ahead at that meeting and elect officers bearers for the group.

SOME NONAGENARIAN BIRTHDAYS

A few of Yandoit's significant elders are turning 90 this year- Joan Morrison in September and Don Morrison in October. In August, Ric Higgins turned 95. Makes you wonder whether there's something about fresh country air and farming that contributes to longevity!

LIFE AS AN ARTIST IN 8 SHORT STORIES

Daylesford Artist, Petrus Spronk, will present an illustrated artist's talk to support Yandoit Uniting Church being in community hands, and as part Words in Winter. In *My Life as an Artist in 8 short stories*, Petrus will share inspiring stories that have influenced his thinking, art making, and as a result, his whole life. He sees these stories as signposts- when you come across them they change the course of your journey and consequently the way you see the world. Join us at Yandoit Uniting Church on **Saturday October 2nd at 7.30pm**. This is a covid safe event so BYO mask.

MR FIX-IT



Yandoit's Recreation Reserve Committee would like to thank a local quiet volunteer / Mr Fix-It. Daniel, who lives in Yandoit has, through his own initiative, quietly repaired the toilet's plumbing issue; has cleaned the gutters on all the structures; removed

fallen twigs, branches and debris from the area - and then safely burned the pile last week. Anything in need of repair he has seen to. Daniel has done an amazing job that benefits us all. Thank you Daniel for your contribution to the community. Daniel's work has inspired the committee to look at a permanent fixture to the toilet's water supply.

SHIRE NEWS

Hepburn Shire will soon be providing split and cut firewood for free to ratepayers and residents as part of the storm clean-up effort. While the wood is green and will need to season (dry out) for at least 12 months, there is plenty to be shared. More details on distribution coming soon- go to [follow us on Facebook](#) and keep an eye on [our firewood webpage](#).

Both Hepburn and Mt Alexander shire's have been developing their Community Vision and Council Plans. To provide feedback: <https://shape.mountalexander.vic.gov.au/> or to <https://participate.hepburn.vic.gov.au/hepburn-together>

NEXT EDITION OF THE CHRONICLE

Our next edition is scheduled for October/November 2021. We welcome local stories and your ideas. Contact Nikki: nikki.marshall@mmnet.com.au or mobile 0432 232 073 or Bill: email billodonnell47@gmail.com or mobile 0439398488, or John Ross at Yandoit.net. Don Morrison- mob. 0408 479 527.

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