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When: Sunday February 6th, 2.30pm

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COMMUNITY PLANNING MEETING AND OUR NEXT 5 YEAR PLAN

The Yandoit Clydesdale & Franklinford Community Planning Group meeting with ward councillors was well attended in November.

Nominations & voting for executive members of the newly incorporated group was finalised. Chairperson is Debra Waters, Secretary is Alison King, Deputy Chair is Diane Waters, & Treasurer is Janet Schloeffel. At a recent executive meeting Nikki Marshall was appointed to the role of Community Liaison. Plans are afoot to establish a Projects Group with representatives from the various activities including the Church project, Mining concerns, Community market, Tree register, Gardening Group, *The Chronicle*, History and story, our community plan etc.

Here's a few agenda items for our **next meeting on Sunday February 6th, 2.30pm at Clydesdale hall:**

- Starting our next 5 year community plan;
- Mining concerns working group update;
- Yandoit Uniting Church- lease, calendar of events;
- Community Firewood report;
- Projects Group nominations;

By becoming incorporated the Community Planning Group is now a registered legal entity. The Group is required to have at least 5 members and put all profits back into the association's activities. Membership is open to all residents & is free to join. Incorporation was initially intended to secure a lease on the beautiful Yandoit Uniting Church. The church was recently decommissioned & instead of being sold off to a private buyer, the Community Planning Group has enabled this significant building to remain as another wonderful facility for our community. The Planning Group is seeking an ABN which will enable our community to apply for grants which support new and innovative projects. The Planning Group would like to thank Richard Johnson for managing the incorporation process & 'paperwork'. Also, to thank the community for its continued support during this transition to an Incorporated Association. If you have any concerns or questions, or if you would like to register as a member, email the Planning Group at YCFCPG@gmail.com. Or phone Debra (0492 003 749) or Nikki (0432 232 073) and we'll add you to the membership list.

FRANKLINFORD FIRE BRIGADE LADIES COMMITTEE

Our Committee wishes to advise our lovely community that we are unable to hold our Coffee Morning Fundraiser again this year due

to the uncertainty of the covid virus, changing Govt. regulations at this time and most importantly our aim to keep everyone safe. You are all too important. Hopefully, next year, we can all get together again. Take good care of yourselves, Anne Richards

YANDOIT'S POP UP COMMUNITY MARKET



THANK YOU ONE AND ALL...



MARKET TREASURES...



STALLHOLDERS/LOCAL PRODUCERS...



BARISTA EXTRAORDINAIRE... & CAFE

The December market was a huge success - it was wonderful to reconnect with friends, locals, and market visitors in these challenging times. A warm thank you to the Yandoit Musicians who contributed very special 'notes' to the feel of the market. Also a huge thank you to the hardworking 'Barista' Extraordinaire' - Ros; thanks

also to Bill and Nikki - overseers of the cakes and kitchen. A total of \$210 was raised through the 'Cafe Portal'. Funds raised will go towards purchase of the Water tanker for our local CFA Brigade.

POSITIVE AGEING SURVEY

Hepburn shire is seeking our views on positive ageing. Here's the website link: <https://participate.hepburn.vic.gov.au/positive-ageing>.

YANDOIT PARK & RECREATION RESERVE COMMITTEE TRIENNIAL MEETING

It's time to elect a new committee and office bearers. A number of locals contacted Bill last year to express interest. So now's the time- come along to the meeting on Wednesday February 2nd, 8pm

at Yandoit Hall. Contact Bill to re-register your interest – 0439 398 488. Tea and coffee will be provided.

YANDOIT UNITING CHURCH UPDATE

On February 1st this year Yandoit Uniting church will be managed by our Community Planning Group, initially for 6 months and, if all goes well, into the future. The church will be available for community events, concerts, weddings, story and poetry sessions and more. Contact Nikki (0432 232 073) or Don (0408 479 527) with your suggestions & we'll develop a calendar of activities. Last year finished off with a joyful evening of carol singing led by the Castlemaine Peace Choir & supported by Minister Sarah Tomilson & the Castlemaine Uniting Church parish, followed by delicious supper & conversation under the eucalypts. Thanks to Alexander at Yandoit School for reading the nativity story.

FREE COMMUNITY FIREWOOD

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Free Firewood from Storm recovery is still available for Hepburn shire residents and ratepayers at Transfer stations in Daylesford, Creswick and Trentham. Bookings are available for pick up

at Trentham on 31 January and 7th February- contact Ryan Turner- 0477970828 rturner@hepburn.vic.gov.au

John Combes is also organising deliveries to support our CFA, our Community Planning Group and the Yandoit school. Contact John on 0409 750 073.

ODE TO CARLENE'S YAMAHA

T'was Carlene S from Yandoit town who caught the biker craze.

She turned away the cars & utes that served her many days, and dressed herself in bikkies gear, resplendent to be seen, & hurried into town and bought a shining new machine.

And as she took it through the door with air of lordly pride, the grinning salesman said "excuse me Luv, can you ride?"

"Look 'ere, young man", said our Carlene, "from Daylesford to the sea,,from Castlemaine to Bordertown, there's none can ride like me!

I'm good all round at everything, as everybody knows, Although I'm not the one to brag, I hate the girl who blows. But biking is my special gift, my chiefest sole delight. Just ask a red fin can it swim, feral cat can it fight?

There's nothing chromed or painted bright or built of bits of steel,

There's nothing skids or spins or rolls on axle, tyre or wheel, But what I'll ride while pressures hold and rims and spokes stay tight,

I'll ride this 'ere two wheeled machine right straight away at sight.

Twas our Carlene from Yandoit town who rode her bike straight home.

A brand new Yamaha it was that she was proud to own. She set it up with touring gear, the great outdoors to see. A swag, a tuckerbag or two and a Billy for her tea.

She joined with other bikers to roam the countryside and over hills and plains alike, her Yammy she did ride. The miles rolled by and the towns flashed past as she rode her bike afar. And whispering in the breeze, "nothing beats a Yamaha".

Unlike our hero Mulga Bill of Dead man's Creek renown, Our Carlene rides carefully in city, bush or town. Her competence around the farm and in the shearing shed Is widely known in Yandoit town, the place where she was bred.

And so it comes as no surprise that forsaking trusty car, Our Carlene's quite at home on her brand new Yamaha.

(With thanks to Banjo Patterson and Ross Corben - Beth Higgin's brother)

FIRE SEASON

Be aware that it's fire season and there's a total fire ban. Make sure you have a fire plan in place and have downloaded the Vic Emergency App. Watch out for grass fires- there have been several near Franklinford over the past few weeks, started by machinery.

WALKING TOGETHER TOWARDS RECONCILIATION



Solway Nutting is a friend of the Nalderun Aboriginal Community based in Castlemaine. He researches and prepares articles around reconciliation.

We don't have enough space in *the Chronicle* to include the full articles however you can contact Solway & he will email articles to your address: solwaynutting@gmail.com

Nalderun is a service which supports the Aboriginal Community, led by Aboriginal people. The name is a Dja Dja Wurrung word meaning "all together". For more info: www.nalderun.net.au

GOLD MINING CONCERNS Representatives from our mining concerns group have met up with other concerned groups around Victoria under the auspice of *Friends of the Earth*. There's new evidence of an endangered bat in this area. Come along to the Community Planning Group meeting on February 6th for more of an update, and there'll be further details in the next edition of *the Chronicle*. In the meantime here's a link to the mining submission objection web page: <https://rram.force.com/ObjectionSubmission>. To lodge an objection you will need the Tenement Application Number (Mining/exploration licence number) This can be found here - <https://earthresources.vic.gov.au/licensing-approvals/location-of-licences/licences-near-me>

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