

In the Dja Dja Wurrung Language Yandoit means

Brown Snake or

Sure Water

of Yandoit, Yandoit Hills, Franklinford



and Clydesdale

April/May 2022 Also available at www.Yandoit.net

What: MUSIC CONCERT -THE CALAMITY OF WAR- KEN BUDDHA TRIO

When: Saturday April 30th, 2022, 8pm

Where: Yandoit Cultural - Uniting Church

What: LOCALS MUSIC STORY & POETRY OPEN MIC

When: Saturday May 14th, 2.30-5.30pm

Where: Yandoit Cultural - Uniting Church

What: COMMUNITY PLANNING MEETING

When: Sunday May 29th, 2pm

Where: Yandoit Cultural- Uniting Church

YANDOIT CULTURAL- MUSIC CONCERT

Join us for another special event at the Yandoit Uniting Church.



the calamity of war
Ken Buddha Trio
the second in a series of collaborative concerts
Ken Buddha Trio
joined by violinist
Adam Menegazzo
perform works influenced by the art and life of
Vietnamese artist and poet
Le Van Tai
at
Yandoit Cultural
Uniting Church Rd, Yandoit
Saturday April 30, 8.00pm
Entry by donation to support Yandoit Cultural

sometimes when I work in the garden, or talk
to friends, I begin to feel the connection, the
relationship, how we are together with
nature and other human beings, it's like how
we feel about the moon.

This time the Ken Buddha Trio will be joined by violinist Adam Menegazzo, performing works influenced by the art & life of Vietnamese poet & artist, Le Van Tai. From early childhood Le Van Tai knew the calamity of living with war. Born in Quang Tri province in central Vietnam, by the age of eight he and

his family were living in a refugee camp set up by the French. His escape from this terror became a love affair with art, Aged 22, he entered the National Art School of Hue & his reputation grew as an important painter & poet throughout Vietnam. He spent 10 years in a jungle 're-education' camp & escape was his only choice if he wanted to practice his art. In 1981 he arrived in Australia by boat. For Yandoit Cultural upcoming events see our new facebook page: facebook.com/yandoitcultural

THANKS FOR GENEROUS DONATIONS

Many thanks for generous donations & creations towards the church project- Yandoit Cultural- including heaters, kettles, candle holders, urns, fridges, glasses, microwaves, lamps & more. With winter coming on extra heaters are useful, plus fairy lights, spot lights, pot plants for front & rear doors, a data projector and a rug for front raised area. Contact Nikki on 0432 232 073.

LOCALS MUSIC, STORY & POETRY- OPEN MIC

On Saturday afternoon May 14th, Yandoit Cultural will come alive with the sounds of music, story and poetry. This is an open mic event, a chance to be in our beautiful Uniting church, now in community hands, to meet other locals & appreciate the many talents here. Bring your stories, poems, instruments and listening ears. There'll be afternoon tea as well.

IN MEMORY OF JOAN MACKENZIE

Joan MacKenzie was a great Yandoitian! She arrived in 1985 with two children Mia & Woody who attended Yandoit Primary School.

Young Juno arrived a few years later, and the family lived in Limestone Rd as well as Steeles Rd. Her partner of 30 years, Russell Petherbridge says of Joan: 'She was no ordinary woman & it was no ordinary love affair'. Joan was a 'fierce & powerful woman, a great communicator and game to take on any cause that aroused her passion- injustice, inequality, racism. She undertook five years research on the Loddon Protectorate at Franklinford & this document is soon to be completed. 'Her heart was drawn to join the local Ganangara Balug tribe of the Dja Dja Wurrung nation, whose spirit still inhabits this land. But she never forgot her Scottish heritage'. Joan was proud of the forest she created from an empty paddock in Limestone Rd- planting 1,200 trees by hand. A celebration of Joan's life was recently held at Yandoit Hall with generous afternoon tea provided by our local CFA Women's committee.

MINING UPDATE & 'LOCK THE GATE SIGNS'

There's a new Notice of Application for an Exploration Licence EL07942 in Yandoit area, advertised in the most recent Weekly Times. Objections must be lodged by 11th May. Below are relevant links including the Objection Submission page:

<https://earthresources.vic.gov.au/licensing-approvals/have-your-say/notice-of-application-for-an-exploration-licence-el007942>

<https://earthresources.vic.gov.au/licensing-approvals/location-of-licences/licences-near-me#lat=-37.251640911966035&lng=144.0744626514683>

<https://rram.force.com/ObjectionSubmission>



Debra has ordered a number of Lock The Gate signs (in the printing process) which are available for \$6. To order, email Debra at jordanandlee@icloud.com

COMMUNITY PLANNING MEETING & YOUR IDEAS FOR NEXT 5 YEARS

Our next community planning meeting will be on Sunday May 29th at 2pm. You can hear updates on mining, Yandoit Cultural (& see

our beautiful Uniting church, where we'll be meeting). Come & contribute ideas towards our next 5 year community plan, find out about Hepburn Shire's positive ageing strategy & raise any issues for discussion or action. We're expecting some of our ward councillors to be present. The previous edition of the *Chronicle* included a separate sheet asking everyone to respond to 2 questions- What's precious about this place that we want to protect? And, What new things are needed to strengthen our community & sense of place? These questions are designed to start the ball rolling for our next 5 year community plan for Yandoit, Clydesdale & Franklinford. The Community Planning Group wants to hear your views. You can drop your responses into the box at the side of Yandoit Hall, or email your ideas to YCFCPG@gmail.com or phone Nikki on 0432 232 073. We'll be discussing all the ideas and more at our community meeting.

YANDOIT'S COMMUNITY MARKET

The March Market was a great success thanks to the wonderful mix of stallholders and a small but steady flow of market visitors. The market had a great community feel starting with the wonderful musical tones arising from the Handpan instrument played by a new local, Shannon; and followed a little later with the sounds of Yandoit's mainstay Swiss Italian music group. A huge thank you to all who



attended. The next community market will be held in November.

VALE - GEOFFREY JAMES CLARKE

Geoff moved to Yandoit from Castlemaine in the late 1940's with his parents & brother Alan. The family purchased a fairly large area of land suitable for merino sheep, which included German Gully (an early settlement of small farms with several businesses & shops). Geoff attended Daylesford Secondary School & on leaving enrolled in a shearing school in Echuca. Having acquired the necessary skills he embarked on a career that took him around northern Victoria, southern NSW, as well as the local area. Married to Dorothy in 1966 they settled in Newstead, Dot's home town. Meanwhile his parents built a home on the property at Franklinford. Geoff joined local organisations including the Fire Brigade - a member for 67 years & captain for 20 years; the Cemetery Trust, latterly as Chairman; Castlemaine Rifle Club & the Show Society. Always an independent thinker, he was intolerant of those who didn't share his right wing views. He was fiercely independent, sometimes to the frustration of those closest to him, yet of a genial nature, engaging in friendly conversation with total strangers. He certainly made a contribution to the community and will be sorely missed by those who knew him. (Don Morrison)

CLARKES RD FRANKLINFORD PLANNING APPLICATION REJECTED

Concerns about the proposed development - Planning Application 3089, Clarkes Rd Franklinford - were included in the *Chronicle's* March edition. A number of locals lodged objections with Hepburn Shire. Council has rejected the application on the basis of inadequate wastewater disposal, especially given proximity to the creek. The applicant may lodge an appeal with VCAT and has 60 days to do so.

LOCAL MAGPIE FAREWELLS GEOFF CLARKE- A TRUE STORY

Those who attended Geoff Clarke's burial at Franklinford Cemetery tell a remarkable story. As a sheep and shearing man, family & friends were invited to take a piece of wool to place inside the grave. Meanwhile a magpie was watching this ceremony from a nearby oak tree. The magpie flew from its branch, warbled, picked up a piece of wool from the box with its beak, walked along the edge of the grave, dropped the wool in & then flew back to the oak tree. (This story is verified by son Ian Clarke and funeral director.)

RAIN, RAIN AND MORE RAIN

According to Don Morrison's sources our local area has received somewhere between 45 and 50 mls of much needed rain during those few days and nights at the end of Easter.

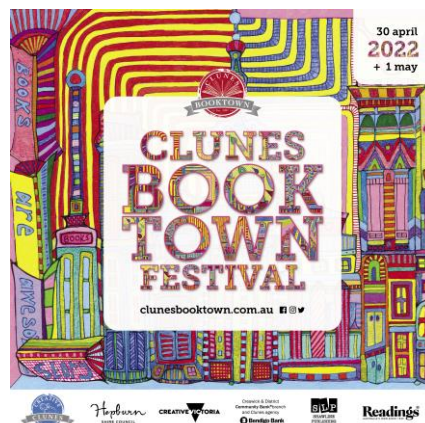
YANDOIT YOGA IN MAY

The learning in yoga is always layer upon layer. Each morning over Easter we enjoyed learning more about ourselves through these ancient practices. I am running yoga / meditation classes starting 6pm Sunday 1st May - a series of 4 classes that build & deepen as we discover & work with asana & the breath, allowing 20 minutes of the 90 minute class to explore meditation. The fire & candles will be lit & a pot of herbal tea brewed. This program is almost fully booked but there are a couple of spaces available. Message Jessica if you're interested 0411 260 717 - Namaste.

NAME CHANGE FOR CREEK

Hepburn Council unanimously approved a resolution to rename Jim Crow Creek to Larni Barramal Yaluk at a recent meeting. Council will recommend to *Geographic Names Victoria* that the Creek be renamed. [The current name of the creek is considered offensive and derogatory.](#) The name was proposed by local traditional owners, the Dja Dja Wurrung. "Larni Barramal" means "home or habitat of the Emu" and "Yaluk" means "creek". The new name recognises Aboriginal heritage and promotes reinstatement of the traditional owner's Djaara language into the landscape. Mount Alexander Shire also passed a similar resolution. Surveys & community consultation with residents along the creek resulted in 21 objections to the name change & 65 in support. From the wider community, there were 83 submissions in support and 8 objections.

CLUNES BOOKTOWN FESTIVAL



Next weekend- Saturday 30 April & Sunday 1 May- Clunes Booktown focuses on storytelling with an underlying theme of hope. There's lots of authors and lots of activities. Here's the link to the program: <https://www.clunesbooktown.com.au/>

NEXT EDITION OF THE CHRONICLE

Next edition is scheduled for June/July. Let us know what's going on so we can include in the *Chronicle*. Contact Nikki -0432 232 073/ nikki.marshall@mmnet.com.au, or Bill- 0439 398 488/ billodonnell47@gmail.com, or John at yandoit.net.

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