

In the Dja Dja Warrang Language Yandoit means

Brown Snake or

Sure Water

of *Yandoit, Yandoit Hills, Franklinford*



and *Clydesdale*

June 2022 Also available at www.Yandoit.net



What	When	Where
CLASSICAL MUSIC CONCERT-GUITAR & CELLO	Saturday June 25th, 7pm	Yandoit Cultural- Uniting Church
NEWSTEAD SPINNERS AND WEAVERS EXHIBITION	Weekends throughout June	Newstead Arts Hub

CLASSICAL MUSIC IN YANDOIT

Come and enjoy a fabulous evening of classical music with Darcy King on guitar and Ceridwen McGooley on cello, on Saturday June 25th, 7pm at Yandoit Cultural.



In addition to being the son of Alison King (Yandoit Hills), Darcy King, along with cellist Ceridwen McGooley, have both graduated with Honours from the Conservatorium of Music (Melbourne University). Darcy and Ceridwen are generously offering this performance, so that donations received at the door can contribute towards maintaining this beautiful cultural space in community hands. Entry by donation. For tickets contact Alison King on 0415 555 081. For further information on all upcoming concerts and events, go to *Yandoit Cultural's* facebook page: <https://m.facebook.com/yandoitcultural>.

LOOKING FOR WRITERS AND STORY TELLERS

One of this year's *Words in Winter* events at *Yandoit Cultural* will bring together our local story tellers and writers with writers from Elwood/St Kilda. In sharing stories around the theme 'winter solstice', connections and differences will be explored between people from two different locations. Poetry, stories, visual art are all possible. **Have you got a story to tell?** We are looking for local people who'd like to share a story as well as learn more about the art of story writing /telling. There will be a half day workshop in July, prior to the *Words in Winter* event, which is scheduled for Sunday August 28th. This is a collaboration between *Yandoit Cultural* and Elwood/St Kilda Neighbourhood House with Maryanne Lynch - writer, director, producer, editor dramaturg and researcher. Contact Nikki on 0432 232 073 if you're interested in being part of this project.

APOLOGIES-LOCAL'S OPEN MIC CANCELLATION

Unfortunately due to a high number of covid infections in and around Yandoit, the locals Open Mic event scheduled for May 14th was cancelled at the last minute. Those on the *Chronicle* email list were informed but apologies to any who may have turned up because they're not yet on our email list.

SPINNERS & WEAVERS EXHIBITION

From Fibre to Fabric and Beyond illustrates how natural fibre is transformed to create a range of fabric types for functional, expressive & decorative purposes. Enjoy demonstrations of fibre preparation and various fibre crafts including fibre preparation, spinning, dyeing, felting & weaving by members of Newstead Spinners. Your chance to view & participate in these activities; also to purchase beautiful hand-made items. Open on weekends from June 4 to 26 at Newstead Arts Hub. **Note:** Beth Higgins is a regular Newstead Spinners Group member. The Group holds workshops, has a borrowing library, & meets every second Tuesday at Newstead Community Centre from 10.30am to 3 pm. Contact Sally for more info on 0400 922 027.

MOBILE HOME HAIR CUTS

Don Morrison advises that Jacquie, from Campbells Creek, is available to cut your hair at home. She recently cut Don and Joan's hair. Contact Jacquie on 0439 993 424.

TRANSMISSION LINES

Since the early 1960s a 220,000 volt powerline has traversed Werona, Yandoit Hills & Clydesdale on its route between



Ballarat to Bendigo. In 2019 the market operator (AEMO) determined that Victoria needs a stronger power line to NSW (VNI-WEST) & affirmed that the (yet to be built) Ballarat North & Bendigo Substations are on the preferred route.

The Ballarat North substation placement and powerlines are being challenged by Hepburn and Moorabool resident groups (including Piss off Ausnet). The proposed route for the new line will most likely follow the existing powerline easement & this will be determined over the next few years. The line is scheduled for construction from 2029-32. The new towers will be massive, up to 80m tall & will carry 6 conductors (the existing towers are 35m tall with 3 conductors). More info on AEMO website:

<https://tinyurl.com/Yandoittowers>. Email Richard if you want to be kept up to date on developments:

Richard.johnston@jouleadvisory.com

MINING UPDATE & LOCK THE GATE SIGNS



New exploration licences continue to be sought across much of central Victoria. Debra has set up a website to inform locals concerned about mining. On the website you'll find information about the

mining companies in our local area. You can check out mining licences near you and you can find out how to lodge an objection. <https://nominatingandoitregion.com/> The Alliance for Responsible Mining Regulation has prepared and printed *lock the gate* signs. These are available for \$5 from Debra and can easily be attached to your gates/fences. Contact Debra via email: jordanandlee@icloud.com

BRIEF REPORT ON COMMUNITY PLANNING MEETING

The community meeting with ward councillors, at the end of May, was well attended. Councillors alerted us to their budget process & invited locals to make submissions. Community grants are available via both Hepburn and Mt Alexander shires. Hepburn Shire is seeking feedback on both the arts and culture strategy as well as the positive ageing strategy. Participate Hepburn's website - <https://participate.hepburn.vic.gov.au/> is a useful place to find out what's happening at the local government level and to contribute your ideas. The community meeting included reports on mining activity, proposed transmission line extensions, and *Yandoit Cultural's* upcoming events- see updates in this edition. Concerns about increased traffic and speed on our local roads was also raised.

Our **next 5 year community plan**, in the process of being developed this year, will help determine future priorities and projects. A number of suggestions have been received and further ideas from community members are welcomed, focussing on what we value and on what new initiatives will contribute towards the kind of place and community we want to live in. Chat with your neighbours and share your thoughts and then drop your suggestions into the box at the side of Yandoit

Hall, or email your ideas to YCFCPG@gmail.com, or phone Nikki on 0432 232 073. There'll be more time to hear your ideas at our next community meeting in August.

YANDOIT GARDENING AMIGOS

Yandoit's Gardening Amigos group continues with informal & casual visits to member's gardens & land. Each visit reveals a surprising diversity in landscape & growing conditions, often just a stone's throw from another - or by sometimes travelling up interesting and distant roadways. The explorations inevitably reveal the many unique and creative ways that members nurture and interact with their respective piece of paradise. It is a great way to learn about and compare the difference in soils, plants, environmental challenges and/or successes when undertaking gardening in Yandoit and surrounds. If you'd like to join, contact Liz on 0414 525 074.

RENEWABLE NEWSTEAD SOLAR FARM

Renewable Newstead is working to have a local solar farm built. Estimated milestone dates have been revised. Up until a few weeks ago, it looked like the farm would be completed by the end of this year but now building is likely to commence by the end of 2022 and finish in 2023. The delay relates to a changed regulation that came into effect at an awkward time as well as the ever-changing electricity network. The good news is that *Renewable Newstead* is still optimistic that the farm will go ahead. Local people are being asked to complete an expression of interest form to purchase electricity from the solar farm. So far 136 households have expressed interest. By filling out the form there is no obligation to actually go ahead but it does help *Renewable Newstead* understand the likely number of customers. In turn, an indication of possible customer numbers helps to meet government funding requirements. If you haven't already filled out an expression of interest go to <https://renewablenewstead.com.au/> and click on the button 'Show Me the Deal'. *Renewable Newstead* will acknowledge your expression of interest and keep you up to date with the latest developments.

CLARKES RD FRANKLINFORD PLANNING APPLICATION TO VCAT

The applicant for the Clarkes Rd Franklindford development - Planning Application 3089- has lodged a submission with VCAT after Hepburn Shire rejected the application on the basis of inadequate wastewater disposal, especially given proximity to the creek.

NEXT EDITION OF THE CHRONICLE

Next edition is scheduled for July/August. 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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