



What	When	Where
COMMUNITY MEETING	Saturday August 20th, 2pm	Clydesdale Hall Locarno Road
WORDS IN WINTER : STORIES & HISTORY ABOUT WINTER SOLSTICE	Sunday August 28th, 2pm - 4.30pm	Yandoit Cultural Uniting Church Road
DJANGO FRETTS GYPSY JAZZ QUARTET	Saturday August 27th, 7pm	Yandoit Cultural Uniting Church Road
SHEPHERDS FLAT LANDCARE GROUP	Sunday August 28th 11.30am – 1.30pm	Larni Barramal Yaluk, Carrolls Lane Reserve
COMMUNITY MARKET	Saturday October 2nd, 10am – 2pm	Clydesdale Hall and surrounds Locarno Rd

A BOOST FOR YANDOIT SCHOOL

Funds raised from sale of storm firewood, organised by John Coombs, were donated to Yandoit Primary School. \$800 went to decodable readers to boost literacy and about \$200 (in addition to money from other budgets) on glockenspiels for our music program. Head Teacher, Matthew Spaccatore, as well as students, parents and other teachers thank the community for this support.

TREE GUARDS AND TUBE STOCK FOR SALE

July 31st was National Tree Day. Brand new tree guards are for sale in Yandoit Hills. Corflute surround. UV stabilised (Aust Made), includes hardwood stake. Very strong, won't blow away or break down. PRICE: \$2.50 each. Around 200 + are available in small or large quantities. Contact Sandra on 0433-086-969. A range of tube stock trees are available from



Verna Baker at Basalt Rock Nursery (0401 159 506) and from Frances Cincotta at Newstead Natives (5476 2691). And here's a Chinese proverb: *The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is NOW.*

SHEPHERDS FLAT LANDCARE GROUP
Invitation to a community planting event on **Sunday Aug 28th, 11.30am to 1.30pm** followed by BBQ. Meet at the creek- Larni Barramal Yaluk, Carrolls Lane Reserve, Shepherds Flat. This is a Queen's Jubilee event, supported by Australian Govt. & Hon. Catherine King MP. Register with Jill Williams: 0437751824.

COMMUNITY MEETING

Come along to our next community meeting organised by Yandoit, Clydesdale & Franklinford Community Planning Group. **Saturday August 20th, 2pm @ Clydesdale Hall.** Hear more about mining concerns & potential new legislation, significant tree register, next 5 year plan, *Yandoit Cultural*, *Words in Winter*, Transmission lines, climate adaptability workshops. A chance to ask questions, raise concerns, share information and get to know your neighbours.

ANOTHER COMMUNITY MARKET IN OCTOBER

The next community market is planned for **Sunday October 2.** In the spirit of sharing the community love, this time it will be held at Clydesdale Community Hall. To register a stall contact Liz on 0414 525 074

WORDS IN WINTER FESTIVAL

This year's *Words in Winter* festival is during the weekend of August 26th to 28th, with events in Hepburn Springs, Daylesford as well as Yandoit. Here's a link to the program:

<https://wordsinwinter.com/programme-2022/>

YANDOIT CULTURAL UPCOMING EVENTS

There's lots happening in August and September at *Yandoit Cultural* – the old church in the bush.

1. As part of *Words in Winter*, (2pm Sunday August 28th) story tellers will muse on the common theme (of winter solstice) from

uncommon places, a joint venture between the *Roomers*, a writing group based in Elwood, *Lab Kelpie*, a new writing theatre company based in Daylesford, & locals with stories to share from Yandoit, Clydesdale & Franklinford. Still a few spaces so contact Nikki if you've got a story to share. Entry by donation.



2. Castlemaine's **Django Fretts Gypsy Jazz Quartet (Saturday 27th August @ 7pm)**. The Fretts have an extensive repertoire of tunes taken from the Django Reinhardt songbook, as well as a few American jazz favourites. A set from the Django Fretts will evoke the mood of 30's Paris with authentic gypsy jazz



melodies & acoustic improvisations. Entry by donation. 3. **Bosa Nova Brazil Rhythm**, Sunday 25/9 at 5pm
4. **Harp and voice**, Sunday 16/10, 4pm
5. **Irish choir**, Sunday 30/10, to be confirmed.

For more info: <https://www.facebook.com/yandoitcultural>

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Thanks to Trish Tinetti, Gary Noonan, Belinda Morrison and others for the latest contributions to *Yandoit Cultural*- including fridge, cushions for pews, lamps and kettle.

SOME COMMUNITY PLAN SUGGESTIONS

Locals have contributed around 40 suggestions towards the **next 5 year community plan** for Yandoit Clydesdale and Franklinford, in response to how we can protect what's precious to this place & how we can strengthen our community and environment. Here's a few examples: Renewable power for our area; a 'Welcome to living in this neighbourhood manual' including local species, fire management etc; Valuing & sharing our history; Controls around development; Appreciating our flora & fauna, peace, fresh air etcv; Building on our fertile farming land & water & our food growing culture; Safer local roads; Ageing in place; Community gatherings & rituals to strengthen our sense of belonging. Further ideas are welcomed & can be left in the box at the side of Yandoit Hall, or email YCFCPG@gmail.com, or phone Nikki on 0432 232 073. We envisage some neighbourhood kitchen table conversations as a next step in this process of gathering community views.

A FABULOUS GUITAR AND CELLO CONCERT

Those who attended the guitar and cello event at *Yandoit Cultural* in June were treated to a fabulous concert. It was a full house. Many thanks to Darcy King and Ceridwen McGooley for generously donating this concert to support *Yandoit Cultural*. Thanks also to Yandoit Hill's Alison King. (Photo: Ros Willett).



TRANSMISSION LINES AND COMMUNITY CONSULTATIONS

As outlined in the June Chronicle, upgrading the powerline that traverses Yandoit is part of the AEMO preferred option to increase the electrical connection between VIC and NSW by 2031. While the detailed route for the ungraded line has not been released, both the Victorian & Federal governments have expressed support accelerating the upgrade earlier than 2031. The upgraded line will likely consist of 85m tall towers on a 70m easement clear-felled of trees & buildings vs the current 35m towers on a 40 yard easement. On July 29th the AEMO released a report (Project Assessment Draft Report - PADR) on the economic viability of the upgrade. AEMO are now seeking 'consultation' on the economic viability *including comments on the analysis and ranking of their preferred option* (they had 5 broad options originally) but not consultation on detailed choice of route- this will come later in the process, probably early 2023. **We need to be preparing for this choice of route 'consultation' by registering significant trees landscapes & natural amenity in our area to ensure that the unique heritage & fauna of our area are taken into account when the powerline route is chosen in 2023. Go to www.tinyurl.com/yandoittowers for more & a copy of the PADR. We will discuss this planned project at our next community meeting on Saturday August 20th.**

NEWSTEAD MEN'S SHED

Newstead Men's Shed provides fellowship & health support to members & the wider men's rural community- a place where men can discuss health & allied matters in social surroundings, take an active part in the community, reduce social isolation while participating in projects that assist the wider community. It's a place where men can work together making timber & metal products for sale. The shed has a fully equipped workshop, Club Room for social occasions, a kitchen & pool table. Membership is \$50 pa. Main days are Monday, Tuesday, Friday & Sunday mornings. Drop in for a chat, contact via our Facebook Page or call Graeme Lees 0418 723 196 or James Grant 0413 895 591.

YANDOIT GARDENING AMIGOS

A huge thank you to Don Morrison who generously offered the group an opportunity to explore his and Joan's wonderful garden for our July foray. We were all in high admiration of the horticultural knowledge & insights shared by Don, & came away having learnt so much more about gardening in the challenging & varied soils of Yandoit & surrounds. A wonderful experience.



WHO ARE GOLDEN SECTION DEVELOPMENTS?

A number of locals received unsolicited letters from Golden Section Developments in June offering to buy parts of our property, 'to realise' the 'untapped potential'. The company is registered in Cyprus and it's unclear who they are and what they do, so beware.

MINING UPDATE

A few locals continue to contribute towards the Victorian group *Alliance for Responsible Mining Regulation (ARMR)*. The group is currently working towards legislation reform. To find out more, come to the next community meeting on Saturday August 20th. *Lock the Gate* signs are still available from Debra- email hello@nominatingyandoitregion.com *Engage Victoria* is seeking feedback on draft regulations designed to deliver a clearer approach to the rehabilitation of land where the biggest mines operate. Here's the link and feedback closes on August 17th. <https://engage.vic.gov.au/draft-declared-mine-regulations-ris>

FRANKLINFORD HALL AND REPAIRS

The pine trees have been removed in response to concerns that could easily fall over and injure someone. The floor is being fixed & repairs are expected to be completed by end of tis year. We hope to have our end of year community meeting at Franklinford Hall.

COUNCIL NEWS

The decision to recommend renaming Jim Crow Creek to **Larni Barramul Yaluk** has been referred by both Hepburn and Mt Alexander shires to *Geographic Names Victoria*. Results of the Community & Stakeholder Engagement Survey undertaken in 2021 show that out of the 217 responses received, 187 were in support (including tacit agreement according to the Naming Rules for Places in Victoria) & 30 were objections to the proposed renaming. The **Healthy Landscapes Practical Regenerative Agricultural Communities program**, which supports farmers & rural land managers with regenerative agricultural training & advice has been extended until 2024. The program aims to help rural landowners to improve sustainable land management practices & regenerative grazing techniques, improve soil & waterway health, enhance biodiversity, reduce exposure to climate risks & reduce emissions.

CLARKES RD FRANKLINFORD - VCAT HEARING

Franklinford residents, local farmers & concerned residents lodged objections earlier this year to Clarkes Rd development (PA3089) – this application will be dealt with at VCAT on December 12 & 13.

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NEXT EDITION OF THE CHRONICLE

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