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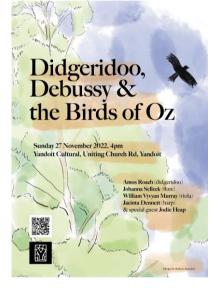
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What	When	Where
DIDGERIDOO, DEBUSSI AND BIRDS OF OZ - CONCERT	Sunday November 27 <sup>th</sup> , 4pm	Yandoit Cultural Uniting Church Road
END OF YEAR COMMUNITY MARKET	Sunday December 4 <sup>th</sup> ,10am- 2pm	Clydesdale Hall Locarno Road
CHRISTMAS CAROLS	Sunday December 11 <sup>th</sup> , 7pm	Yandoit Cultural Uniting Church Road
YANDOIT PRIMARY SCHOOL END OF YEAR CONCERT	Friday December 9 <sup>th</sup> , 5pm	Yandoit Hall

CONCERT: DIDGERIDOO, DEBUSSI AND BIRDS OF OZ



Join us this coming Sunday, November 27th, 4pm, at Yandoit Cultural for a fabulous concert combining didgeridoo, harp, viola and flute along with images of local birds. Claude Debussy's wonderland dreamscapes Syrinx (1913) and the Sonate for flute, viola, and harp (1915), blended with contemporary Australian ensemble and solo compositions themed around our

connections to nature and to each other. The compelling experience is inspired by experiencing the joy of nature's music and connects music and audiences with our timeless and ongoing connection to Country.

A highlight of the performance will be a Yandoitian Birdbath, an audio-visual celebration of the local Yandoit birdlife featuring photography by local Jodie Heap.

**Bookings**: email <u>vcfcpg@gmail.com</u> or phone/text Nikki 0432 232 073. **Entry by donation**- Please support musicians who have been hard hit by covid and lockdowns.

### UPCOMING COMMUN ITY MARKET

Following on from the successful October market at Clydesdale hall, where the sun shone and the rain paused, get ready for our pre-Christmas market at **Clydesdale Hall and Grounds**, on **Sunday**, **December 4th**, **10am- 2pm**.weather dependent!

Why not plan a Morning Tea catch-up with friends? Come along, grab a sausage, or bacon and egg roll, from the Newstead's Men Shed Sausage Sizzle and a coffee and cake from the Indoor Pop Up Cafe. There is a wonderful range of local produce and offerings: olive oil; garlic; jams; trees; plants; and garden items; books, treasures, artisan ironwork, cakes; CWA knitted rugs and more. \*(If you are interested in having a stall please contact Liz 0414 525 074).

# STOP AUSNET TOWERS NEEDS YOU and VNIWEST/AEMO MEETING UPDATE

Please join the thousands of members of the Moorabool and District Power Alliance (MDPA) by subscribing your email address at <u>www.stopausnettowers.com.au/get-involved/</u>. Joining MDPA costs nothing. MDPA are the umbrella community group challenging the Western Renewables Link (WRL) a project that includes a proposed \$470m substation on 17 Ha of prime agricultural land in Newlyn near the Swiss Mountain. This proposed substation is to be the launching pad for the proposed 85m tall VNI West powerline project which will cut through our area.

Within the next 2 weeks MDPA are launching a federal court action aimed at forcing Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) to take the WRL project back to the drawing board. The VNI West powerline project will need to be reconsidered if the MDPA court challenge is successful.



The VNI West powerline was the subject of two Hepburn

Shire organised community meetings at Yandoit Mechanics Institute on October 12. Three senior staff members from AEMO (Australian Energy Market Operator) outlined AEMO's logic for the need for VNI West and the process for deciding on the 85m tall powerline's viability and its route. At these very well attended community meetings AEMO stressed VNI West is expected to be completed within 9 years (the next day a ministerial media release reduced this to 6 years) and has been declared a project of national significance by state and federal ministers. AEMO said that no decision has been made on the specific route for the powerline at this stage (specifically whether it follows the existing Ballarat to Bendigo powerline route through Yandoit and Clydesdale). AEMO also mentioned that the existing 35m tall line traversing our area may be pulled down after the new line is completed. AEMO also asked that we send them any comments or concerns via the project email address at VNIWestRITT@aemo.com.au. Thanks to Hepburn shire for organising these meetings and to the 3 AEMO people for making the effort to come to our little community! Contact Richard Johnston if you'd like more info: 0422 150 010.

Please consider joining MDPA and adding to the thousands of MDPA existing members. Every member helps MDPA show the Federal Court the breadth and depth of their community support in getting local voices involved in the location of powerline infrastructure traversing our communities. Success in MDPA's Federal court challenge will reduce the probability of VNI West cutting through and destroying our beautiful area.

## RAIN, RAIN AND MORE RAIN

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Richard Johnson advises that on November 20<sup>th</sup> we passed one metre of rain year to date- that's 40 inches in the old system.

As a result of the floods in October, when lots of roads in our local area were closed off for a day or two, the milk truck which usually collects from Morrison's dairy was unable to get access so a whole heap of milk had to be tipped down the hill – such a tragedy for our hard working farmers.

# CHRISTMAS CAROLS WITH CASTLEMAINE CHOIR

Come along for a night of carol singing with the Castlemaine

choir, led by Jane Thompson and James Rigby. As well as singing there''ll Christmas stories, a visit from Santa and supper under the eucalypts. **Sunday December 11th, 7pm** at Yandoit Cultural- Uniting Church Rd.



#### COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP - CALLING FOR NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS and ANNUAL REPORT

Yandoit, Clydesdale and Franklinford Community Planning Group Incorporated held its first AGM on Sunday 20th November at Yandoit Hall. 2022 has been a productive year where the planning group made several key decisions which required time-consuming commitment from all committee and subcommittee members. A big thank you to all members for their huge contribution during the past year. A copy of the president's and treasurer's reports presented at the AGM can be requested by emailing <u>vcfcpg@gmail.com</u>. Local Committee members are sought for the year ahead including President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. If you, or someone you know, are interested in being on the committee, email your expression of interest through to <u>vcfcpg@gmail.com</u> You can also call Debra Waters (0492 003 749) or Nikki Marshall (0432 232 073).

### KAVISHA MAZZELLA CONCERT RAISES FUNDS FOR UKRAINIAN REFUGEES

It was a full house *at Yandoit Cultural* on November 13<sup>th</sup> thanks to singer, songwriter and story teller Kavisha Mazzella, accompanied on base-guitar and violin by Nick



Lyon. Ukrainian born Michael Olijnyk introduced the concert with background information about the Ukraine and Russia. And from our generous community we raised \$2150. This money will go directly to a church on the Polish border where 90% of refugees are finding sanctuary. No administration costs will be deducted and monies will

contribute towards shelter, food and medicine especially as the winter draws in.

### **MINING UPDATE**

EL007942 is still showing as Status: Application on Earth Resources and is yet to be approved. The Alliance for Responsible Mining Regulation (ARMR) has presented the final version of their 10 Point Plan which can be found on website: <u>www.nominingyandoitregion.com</u>.

There are still a handful of *Lock The Gate* signs available for purchase. The signs are \$5 each and can be ordered by emailing <u>hello@nominingyandoitregion.com</u>

# YANDOIT SCHOOL END OF YEAR CONCERT

Join parents, teachers & other community members as our local primary school children show us what they have been learning and doing this year, including performing a few songs and playing musical instruments. Santa will also make an appearance. **Friday December 9th**, **5pm at Yandoit Hall**.

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