



What	When	Where
<b>Raziel Gutierrez Duo Concert</b>	<b>Friday February 17<sup>th</sup>, 6pm</b>	<b>Yandoit Cultural Uniting Church Road</b>
<b>Thieving Magpies Band</b>	<b>Sunday February 26<sup>th</sup>, 4pm</b>	<b>Yandoit Cultural Uniting Church Road</b>
<b>Responding to Country Exhibition Opening</b>	<b>Saturday, February 25, 10.30am</b>	<b>Newstead Arts Hub 8A Tivey St, Newstead</b>

**RAZIEL GUTIERREZ DUO CONCERT**



Yandoit Cultural is starting the year, on Friday February 17<sup>th</sup> at 6pm, with Raziel Gutierrez & Julian Harrison - a world-ethereal music fusion duo. Using vocals, aerophone & guitar the music is inspired by nature with a homogeneous blend of influences & spontaneous

improvisation. Both Raziel and Julian are professional musicians with many years' experience, refined expertise with their instruments and draw on various cultural and musical backgrounds. Entry by donation. For more information and bookings – Nikki - 0432 232 073

**POWERLINE UPDATE**

The 85m tall towers of the proposed VNI West powerline now seem unlikely to cut through Yandoit. The powerline was to connect a massive 17 HA substation north of Newlyn with Bendigo and then on to Kerang via a route that appeared to follow the existing 1960's 220 kV line, whose 35m towers bisect Yandoit and Clydesdale. On Dec 2 2022 AEMO announced after consultation, that they are investigating alternative options bypassing Bendigo and connecting Kerang via a substation at either Bulgana (Wotjobaluk Country) or Waubra/Lexton (Djaara Country). We are not out of the woods yet, but it now seems unlikely that our hamlets will be directly impacted by this project.

**NEW COMMITTEE FOR COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP**

A new committee for the *Yandoit Clydesdale and Franklinford Community Planning Group* has been formed. The committee represents all hamlets across our community. New committee members are: Erica Higgins (Chair) Jessica Bleachmore (Vice-Chair) Jim Roberts (Treasurer), Nikki Marshall (Secretary), Jill Williams, Kate Roberts, James Henderson, Matthew Spaccatore, Bruce McEwan and Lynda Willem. A big thanks to outgoing committee members Debra Waters, Janet Schloeffel and Diane Waters.

**FUNDS FOR UKRAINIAN REFUGEES UPDATE**

The generous funds raised by our community for Ukrainian Refugees, at *Yandoit Cultural's* benefit concert with Kavisha Mazzella last year, have arrived safely at the Poland/Ukraine border. We expect more news from Father Piotr, who is providing essential support and this will be published in the next edition of *the Chronicle*.

**PLANNING APPLICATION CONCERNS- PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT- SHEPHERDS FLAT**

A number of locals have lodged objections to the proposed development at 5777 Midland Highway, Shepherd's Flat, on the west side of Mt Franklin/Lalgambuk (PLN20341). Concerns relate to 200 acres of fertile farming land being subdivided into 4 blocks, each with a large new dwelling. The land is designated Farming Zone (FZ and FZ2) and has several overlays – Environmental Significance, Heritage, Bushfire Management and Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Sensitivity. The application will be decided at a full Hepburn Shire Council Meeting (no date confirmed yet) and objections can be lodged up until the Council meeting.

**COMMUNITY MARKET UPDATE**



The December Market at Clydesdale Hall and Grounds was another successful event even though the weather tended to the warmer side of comfortable. A huge thank you to the many & varied stallholders who made the event such a success. Thanks also to the Newstead's Men Shed & their

very popular sausage sizzle. Unfortunately the anticipated upcoming March market has been cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. Our aim is to rehire the Clydesdale venue at a later date as that is the preferred location. More details to follow once hiccups are ironed out.

## THIEVING MAGPIES BAND



Come and listen to an afternoon of world music drawn from Scandinavian, Balkan, Middle Eastern, Celtic traditions & more with local band – *The Thieving Magpies*- on Sunday February 26<sup>th</sup>, 4pm at Yandoit Cultural- the old

church in the bush. Experienced local musicians: Graeme Fletcher (double bass), Marni Sheehan (accordion and guitar), Jane Harding (Tenor Banjo, mandola and whistle) and Natasha Mullings (flute) are all vocalists as well. Members of the band have diverse musical backgrounds & influences, with a sense of musical adventure & desire to explore different musical traditions. The group play music from around the world that excites, woos, challenges & entertains.

Entry by Donation. For more information: Nikki Marshall - 0432 232 073 or email. [yfcfpg@gmail.com](mailto:yfcfpg@gmail.com)

## COUNCIL NEWS – HEPBURN & MT ALEXANDER

Hepburn Shire's **Positive Ageing Action Plan – No Barrier**, is currently in draft form. Council is seeking expressions of interest to join the *Positive Living and Ageing Network* (PLAAN) & to assist develop and implement actions contained within the plan. Contact Eddie Wyman for more info: mob. [0438406538](tel:0438406538) or [ewyman@hepburn.vic.gov.au](mailto:ewyman@hepburn.vic.gov.au)

Mt Alexander Shire are also **reforming Aged care services** & would like to hear from our community. Contact Rosalie Rogers: 5471 1700 or [r.rogers@mountalexander.vic.gov.au](mailto:r.rogers@mountalexander.vic.gov.au)

**Affordable Housing Consultation** - Like many areas of Victoria, it is getting harder for people to find a permanent and affordable home in Hepburn Shire that they can afford and meets their needs. There are more than 300 households in Hepburn Shire that are either homeless or are in housing stress – unable to afford their basic needs after paying for housing. Hepburn shire is seeking your feedback to help develop an Affordable Housing Strategy and Action Plan . Contact Damien Kennedy if you'd like to contribute- 53216422 or [dkennedy@hepburn.vic.gov.au](mailto:dkennedy@hepburn.vic.gov.au)

**Tiny Homes, caravans and tents on land:** Mt Alexander shire is seeking our feedback on a change to Local Law 13 - Camping on Private Property with a dwelling as part of efforts to increase affordable housing in the shire. Contact Ron Medler, 5471 1700/ [r.medler@mountalexander.vic.gov.au](mailto:r.medler@mountalexander.vic.gov.au)

## COMMUNITY RADIO- HEPBURN & CASTLEMAINE

Hepburn Community Radio is back up and running. We are fortunate to have two community radio stations in our area. A great way to find out what's going on in our neighborhoods

and to spread the word. Morning and breakfast shows, music, arts, current affairs opportunities. You can also start your own program. Hepburn Community Radio's philosophy (**88.0FM**) is "By the community, for the community". **Main FM (94.9 FM)** presenters are locals and programs are varied and diverse with over 65 shows across the program grid.

## FIRE SEASON

Fire Chief Noel Richards reminds us that we're still in the fire season. Even though it's a relatively gentle season thus far, no fires are to be lit. Those needing to slash grass should do so early in the morning, after rain, to reduce fire risk.

## RESPONDING TO COUNTRY EXHIBITION-NEWSTEAD ARTS HUB

Friends of Box Iron Bark Forest (FOBIF) present an exhibition of photos, showing special places within the forests. This marks 25 years of action by FOBIF to protect the value and beauty of our bushlands. Guest Speaker at the exhibition opening is Alison Pouliot, an environmental photographer and natural historian, with an extraordinary knowledge of fungi.

## RECREATION RESERVE TIDY UP

The Recreation committee are appreciative of recent maintenance of the Reserve by kind local resident, Gertie/Eric. Thank you Gertie for your generous time and labour with grass and tree cutting and general maintenance.

## TREE HOLLOWES

Large old dead trees with hollows are valuable and precious for hollow nesting fauna.

## CFA WOMENS' COFFEE MORNING POSTPONED

Our Committee would like everyone to know that we won't be holding our Coffee Morning fund-raiser this year. We know we all have to learn to live with Covid and its variants, however, after much discussion, we've decided not to go ahead with the function as we don't want to put the health of our members or the community at risk. We apologise for any disappointment- (Anne Richards).

## BUTTER & THE CHANGING STATE OF PRIMARY PRODUCTION

Did you know that 100m years ago Newstead's butter factory, receiving milk from dairy farmers in Yandoit, Clydesdale Franklinford and other nearby locations, produced 27 tons of butter per month? As well as feeding locals our butter was exported to UK and Europe. 100 years later, Australia now imports 50% of the butter we eat. (Thanks to Don Morrison)

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