



What	When	Where
TWILIGHT STAR GAZING	Friday March 31st, from 5pm	Yandoit Primary School, 74 High st.
OPEN MIC AND FILM SCREENING	Sunday April 2nd, 2.30-4.30pm	Yandoit Cultural Uniting Church Road
CLASSICAL AND FLAMENCO GUITAR WITH LUKE BARSON	Sunday April 16th, 4pm	Yandoit Cultural Uniting Church Road
NEWSTEAD ENVIRONMENT AT TIME OF FIRST CONTACT	Tuesday April 18th, 7.30pm	Newstead Community Centre
COMMUNITY MEETING WITH WARD COUNCILLORS	Sunday April 30th, 2PM	Yandoit Hall
RETURN CONCERT WITH DARCY KING AND CERIDWYN McGOOEY	Saturday May 6th, 6pm	Yandoit Cultural Uniting Church Road
HYMN AND HER ENSEMBLE	Saturday May 20th, 4pm	Yandoit Cultural Uniting Church Road

OPEN MIC AND FILM SCREENING

Sunday April 2nd from 2-30 to 4.30pm at *Yandoit Cultural* is a special afternoon where locals hear and share stories, music and poems. There'll also be the premiere screening of: *Unearthing Yandoit History – the Church in the Bush* – featuring Don Morrison's stories & historical information about this beautiful old church, currently in community hands. Stay around after for afternoon tea with neighbours and friends.

MILKING COOP SEEKS ADDITIONAL MEMBERS

Are you interested in joining a local milking coop based at Yandoit farm? Two jersey cows have recently calved so there's a plentiful supply of rich creamy milk, fabulous for yogurt and cheese making and much more. Contact Nikki on 0432 232 073 if you're interested.

HAVE YOU LOST SOME SHEEP?

At a small property near Franklinford about 8 sheep appeared last month. The sheep seem happy and have not moved on. The property owners aren't sure whether the sheep are tagged. Email Anna Johnston if you've lost sheep: annajclip@gmail.com

UPCOMING MUSIC AT YANDOIT CULTURAL

Yandoit Cultural is thrilled to have three wonderful performances



coming up in April and May. Luke Barson will perform on Sunday April 16 at 4pm. Luke is a classical guitarist who draws on a diverse range of musical traditions including classical, Latin American, West African, contemporary,

traditional folk, jazz, and improvised music. Luke is currently studying at the Melbourne Conservatorium of Music.

Ceridwen McCooley (cellist and composer) and Darcy King



(guitarist) are returning to Yandoit Cultural, on Saturday May 6th at 6pm. Both Ceridwen and Darcy are graduates of Melbourne's Conservatorium of Music and soon leave Australia to pursue postgraduate studies.

They will present a new varied repertoire of contemporary classical music from around the globe as well as a series of Ceridwen's own compositions for solo cello and electronics from her upcoming album.

New Yandoit residents Harmony Byrne and David Elias, in collaboration Serene Byrne & Gabriel Kenner – Hymn and Her Ensemble- will present an acoustic performance consisting of vocals, acoustic guitar, flute and cello on Saturday May 20th at 4pm .Together they offer honest folk, bluesy songs of contemplation and country campfire vibes.



Join us in supporting these fabulous young musicians.

Bookings are essential and entry is by donation. Contact Alison King on 0415 555 081 to secure your seat!

FUNDRAISING- LOCAL FIRE BRIGADE TRUCK

Franklinford Fire brigade are seeking support from our community to raise funds to upgrade the tanker owned by Franklinford Brigade. Having a reliable second vehicle is essential to the Brigade's ability to quickly respond and help protect lives and property. \$66,000 needs to be raised to contribute towards the new

tanker. Contact Secretary/Treasurer, John Burford, to make your donation: mob. 0400 606 561 or email limestonetrack@bigpond.com

NEWSTEAD ENVIRONMENT AT FIRST CONTACT

Prof. Barry Golding will give a presentation on the environment around Newstead at the time of European contact, on Tuesday April 18th, 7.30pm, at Newstead Community Centre. Organised by Newstead Landcare Group, this is relevant to our communities of Yandoit Clydesdale and Franklinford. Barry has combed through historical records to put together a vivid and moving picture of how the land around Newstead and environs may have looked prior to contact, including extraordinarily rich and diverse vegetation communities and marvellous wildlife on this land and in the rivers. All are welcome. Gold coin donations are appreciated.

YANDOIT PRIMARY SCHOOL
Twilight Stargazing Fair
Stargazing at Dusk with
Astronomer 'Bigsky John'
FUNDRAISER
Fri 31st March • from 5pm**
School Entry & Activities by donation
★ Sausage Sizzle ★ Produce Stall & handmades ★
★ WORKSHOP: Make your own lantern ★
★ LANTERN PARADE ★ Music
Yandoit Primary School • 74 High Street

COMMUNITY MEETING WITH WARD COUNCILLORS

The Yandoit, Clydesdale and Franklinford Community Planning Group is organising another community meeting on Sunday April 30th, 2pm at Yandoit Hall- a chance to raise issues, concerns, ideas as well as to connect with and inform our ward councillors. The purpose of the Community Planning group is: *to actively contribute to the strength of our local community and sense of belonging by holding local discussions, performances, celebrations, forums and events. In doing so we recognise community values, our natural and built environment and our region's history. To achieve its purpose the Community Planning Group adopts the following objectives: to encourage the participation of all of our community members; to actively listen to diverse views and opinions; and to draw upon the skills and knowledge of our community members.*

Items for discussion include: transmission lines; community plan; mining; development on Mt Franklin and Lady Franklin including 4 lot sub-division planning application at 5777 Midland Highway Shepherds Flat; Yandoit Cultural; local response to injured wildlife; and support for Yandoit School. Come along and share your suggestions and concerns.

FESTIVAL SEASON

There's lots of music, theatre, film, performance, writer's talks, open studios and more over the next couple of weeks with Castlemaine Festival, CresFest's folk and roots festival, and Clunes booktown. Here are links to festival programs

<https://castlemainefestival.com.au/>

<https://www.castlemainefringe.org.au/>

<https://www.clunesbooktown.com.au/>

<https://www.cresfest.com.au/>

LOCAL BIODIVERSITY

During late Spring-Summer the local bush put on a grand display of colour, with swathes of Yellow Sticky Everlasting Daisies, lashings of Chocolate Lilies, dotted with pockets of Blue Pincushions and amongst them White Rice Flowers. If you were lucky enough to be able to go for an explore, the bush gave an offering of plants that may not have been seen for a while due to the favourable spring rains, including a variety of local terrestrial orchid species. It was also a good year for some weedy species, especially notable St



John's Wort, which was rampant across the region. Declared a noxious weed and a difficult one to eradicate. Important to try to manage small outbreaks before it takes hold. For more information on controlling St John's Wort- https://www.newa.com.au/user_data/page/files/1552959961_st_johns_wort_ntlrwmp_2018.pdf

Other weed species such as cape weed thrive in areas of bare ground. An important land management technique is to ensure the soil has cover, and competition to slow down weeds being able to establish. This can be achieved through good: stock management in paddocks, pest rabbit control, mowing regimes and managing existing ground cover. I have observed rabbits to be the biggest contributor to creating bare ground here, firstly through eating any ground covering around, then through scratching up of the soil itself. Now is a good time to start thinking about planting indigenous plants, as the weather cools but the soils are still warm-great for establishing plant roots. Just need watering in and protecting against those pesky rabbits.(Kell Wooster).

NEWSTEAD ARTS - SCULPTURE EXHIBITION

It's a Small World Sculpture Prize: Exhibition from 18 March – 9 April. The exhibition is worth a visit and includes creations by local Yandoit sculptors.

RAZIEL GUTIERREZ DUO PERFORMS IN CLYDESDALE

If you missed Raziel and Julian's world ethereal music performance at Yandoit Cultural last month, you can hear them on Saturday April 1st, 5pm, at 138 McPhersons Lane, Clydesdale. Enquiries: mobile- 0493 367 974

COUNCIL NEWS – HEPBURN & MT ALEXANDER

Hepburn Shire invites your feedback to further guide their Arts and Culture Strategy. Complete the [online survey now](#) which closes Friday 31 March. Mt Alexander Shire is also seeking community feedback on: How should we talk to and hear from you? Local Law 13 - Camping on private property with an existing dwelling. Also how have the pools been this season?

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