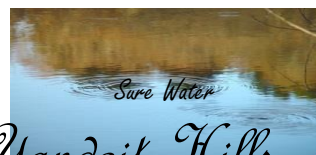


*In the Dja Dja Warrang Language Yandoit means*

*Brown Snake or*



*Yandoit Hills*

*of Yandoit, Franklinford, Clydesdale &*

May 2023 Also available at [www.Yandoit.net](http://www.Yandoit.net)

What	When	Where
<b>HYMN AND HER ENSEMBLE</b>	<b>Saturday May 20<sup>th</sup>, 4pm</b>	<b>Yandoit Cultural Uniting Church Road</b>
<b>NEWSTEAD CFA COMMUNITY MARKET</b>	<b>8am- 1pm, Saturday May 20th</b>	<b>Newstead Park, 34 Pyrenees Highway</b>
<b>SHEPHERDS FLAT LANDCARE COMMUNITY PLANTING DAY</b>	<b>Sunday May 28<sup>th</sup>, 10am</b>	<b>Mullers Lane Shepherd's Flat</b>
<b>INDIGENOUS FILM FESTIVAL – A FEW FILMS FROM DJARRA COUNTRY</b>	<b>Sunday June 4<sup>th</sup>, 5pm</b>	<b>Yandoit Cultural Uniting Church Road</b>
<b>NEWSTEAD ARTS HUB - SONG WRITING WORKSHOP</b>	<b>Saturday June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10am – 12noon</b>	<b>Newstead Arts Hub 8a Tivey St,</b>

**SHEPHERDS FLAT LANDCARE COMMUNITY PLANTING DAY**

Depending on the weather, Shepherds Flat Landcare Group are planning a community planting day along the creek at Mullers Lane, Shepherds Flat, Sunday May 28<sup>th</sup>, starting at 10am. Contact Jill Williams on 0437751824 for final details and to register.

**VALE JOAN MORRISON (NEE TRELOAR)**

Don and the extended Morrison family wish to thank the many folk in and around the Yandoit community for the lovely tributes in all forms given to us on the occasion of Joan's passing. We were able to celebrate her life at a private family funeral knowing that we were in the thoughts of you all.

**UPCOMING MUSIC AND FILM AT YANDOIT CULTURAL**



This coming Saturday May 20<sup>th</sup> at 4pm *Yandoit Cultural* will host the **Hymn and Her Ensemble**, the musical union of folk singer/songwriters Harmony Byrne & David Elias who now live in Yandoit. For this special debut show, they are

accompanied by cellist Gabriel Kenner, and vocalist Kim Atkinson of Aunty Blue. With comparisons made to the likes of Gillian Welch, Leonard Cohen & The Waifs. Hymn & Her's songs of soaring harmonies & poetic lyrics are sure to touch the heart & stir the soul.

On Sunday June 4<sup>th</sup> at 5pm *Yandoit Cultural* will be part of the Central Victorian Indigenous Film Festival. A compilation of short films will be screened showcasing the work of *Nalderun Aboriginal Education Corporation*, as well as the feature film *Lake of Scars*, all



set on Djarra country- a great opportunity to learn more about indigenous communities in our local area. Bookings : email [ycfcpg@gmail.com](mailto:ycfcpg@gmail.com) or call Nikki 0432 232 073

**YANDOIT GARDENING AMIGOS**



Yandoit's Gardening Amigos (YGA) group continues with the monthly, casual hourly visits to member's gardens and land. Each visit reveals a surprising diversity in growing conditions and landscapes often within a stone's throw

from one another. The garden visits reveal many unique and creative ways that members nurture their respective piece of paradise - and it is a great way to learn about and compare differences in soils, plants, environmental challenges and/or successes for all gardeners in Yandoit and surrounds. We have members from Yandoit, Hepburn and Campbells Creek. All welcome. If you would like to join the little local group, please contact Liz on 0414 525 074. Photo- Amanda's garden, Hepburn.

**REPORT ON COMMUNITY MEETING**

Here's a brief summary of some of the key issues discussed at the Community meeting held at the end of April- next meeting is scheduled for July/August.

**Agricultural Land & Rural Settlement Strategy**

Development of Hepburn's strategy aims to increase understanding of existing and future farming practices, changing trends, emerging technology and farming systems across the shire and establish a long-term plan to manage land use in our farming areas. The strategy will consider and identify ways to protect the environmental features, landscapes and cultural heritage places within and surrounding the Shire's farming areas. Local residents have raised issues over the years about protecting agricultural land from development so this is your opportunity to express those concerns. The survey closed on May 12<sup>th</sup> and requests to extend the deadline were made. There will be further opportunity to input

your views on the strategy however if you missed the survey, email your thoughts/concerns to [shire@hepburn.vic.gov.au](mailto:shire@hepburn.vic.gov.au)  
**Review of Electoral structure for Hepburn shire** is underway by Electoral Commission- Here's the link:

<https://www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/Council/News/Latest-news/Electoral-structure-review>

Three models are proposed and feedback has been received from community. The Model supported by Shire councillors is 7 wards and 7 councillors, one per ward. There would be some but not major impact for Yandoit Clydesdale and Franklindale. Holcolme ward would substantially remain the same. Birch ward would be divided and our area would fall into the ward associated with Hepburn Springs.

**The VNI West Transmission Lines** seem less likely to be located in or around Yandoit, Clydesdale, Werona. The decision hinges on whether there will be a substation at Mt Prospect/Newlyn. The Chronicle will keep you posted if this becomes a concern again.

**Development at 5777 Midland Highway** Debra Rauber and Ken Mansell raised concerns about the planning application to subdivide to viable farming land into 4 lots, each with a substantial dwelling, bringing about significant change. The land has heritage and Aboriginal heritage overlays. Community members can object up until a decision is made by council (most likely at their July meeting), but people are advised to do so as soon as possible. This year, Council has introduced a 'Briefing' Meeting on Planning Applications that occurs before the designated Council Meeting. This is to enable the Councillors to hear the views of objectors and developers before voting at the council meeting. You can contact Debra (0421 024 136) or Ken (5476 4492) for further information. To lodge an objection, email [shire@hepburn.vic.gov.au](mailto:shire@hepburn.vic.gov.au) with the Subject: PLN22/0341 - 5777 Midland Highway Shepherds Flat - Planning Submission Objection.

## CREEK RENAMED LARNI BARRAMAL YALUK

Geographic Names Victoria has gazetted the renaming of Jim



Crow Creek to Larni Barramal Yaluk in the [Victoria Government Gazette](#). Dja Dja Wurrung Group CEO Rodney Carter reiterated the importance of the name change. "This creek has an identity and has a spirit. We are at last

affording it the respect it deserves by giving back its name, to now say its name is speaking to Country in the most beautiful way," Hepburn Shire Mayor Brian Hood said: "The term Jim Crow has its origins in racial segregation and anti-black racism and is therefore unacceptable. Larni Barramal Yaluk, which means home or habitat of the Emu Creek, reconnects the landscape with Dja Dja Wurrung culture and language," Mount Alexander Shire Mayor Rosie Annea said: "Changing the name is important for many reasons – it recognises and honours the traditional owners of our region, is inclusive, and connects us to our Aboriginal heritage. It also reinstates Dja Dja Wurrung language into the landscape."

## NEWSTEAD MARKET



Newstead market is held at Newstead park, 34 Pyrenees highway- the old rotunda park. The market goes from 8 am until 1 pm on **Saturday 20th May**. It offers plants, books, local jams sauce and relish, crafts, trash and treasure and more. The CFA have a sausage sizzle. If anyone is interested in having a stall, the cost is \$10, no need to book, just turn up. Website:

<https://newsteadcfa.org/newstead-cfa-community-market>.

## VALE PETER SARGEANT

Our community farewells Peter Sargeant, farmer at the olive orchard of St Francis in Yandoit for 23 years. Many of us have appreciated his delicious olive oil. Thank you Peter.

## ON THE LOOK OUT FOR WATTLES

Our area is dominated by the many Eucalyptus species of the area, which seem to thrive on the clay topsoil and edges of creeks and everything in between. So it's extra special when you spot a native plant of a different genus. The area has 21 species of indigenous wattle to watch out for, varying from ground covers to tall trees.



Important food source over winter for many insects and native birds although not as dominant in the landscape as they once were as they are easily grazed when saplings. Such a delight to come across to profusion of flowers, it's certainly brightens up the day. (Snake Wattle- *Acacia aculeatissima* (above) and Golden Wattle- *Acacia pycnantha*,

both flowering in August. (Kell Wooster)

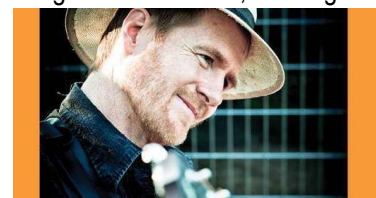
## UNEARTHING YANDOIT HISTORY- THE CHURCH IN THE BUSH- FILM LINK

For those who missed last month's premiere screening of Don Morrison being interviewed about the history of Yandoit Uniting Church, followed by an open mic of local music and story, here's the link to the film. It will be screened again in Castlemaine and in Yandoit including Q and A with Don. More in the next *Chronicle*.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ptMp2BCnGKc>

## NEWSTEAD ARTS HUB – Song writing workshop

Learn songwriting skills with Fred Smith on Saturday June 3<sup>rd</sup>. A rare chance to learn how to build songs that tell stories, drawing on the great Australian narrative song writing tradition that stretches from Lawson to Kev Carmody to Paul Kelly..



This song-writing workshop is for students in Year 9 upwards.

For more information and to register- <https://newsteadartshub.org/>

## KEEPING INFORMED OF SHIRE ACTIVITIES

Both Hepburn and Mt Alexander have regular newsletters to keep community members informed. Here's where you go to subscribe

<https://www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/Council/News/Hepburn-Life>

Mt Alexander In shire monthly newsletter:

<https://www.mountalexander.vic.gov.au/>

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