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| FRANKLINFORD FIRE BRIGADE LADIES COMMITTEE AGM | Wednesday October 11th, 2pm | Yandoit Fire Station Meeting Room |
| DJANGO FRETTS GYPSY JAZZ RETURN TO YANDOIT CULTURAL | Saturday October 21st, 5pm | Yandoit Cultural, Uniting Church Rd, Yandoit |
| OUR SWISS ITALIAN FESTIVAL – HISTORY, MUSIC AND STORIES | Sunday October 29th, 1pm | Yandoit Cultural, Uniting Church Rd, Yandoit |
| FANCIFUL FLUTES CONCERT | Sunday November 5th, 2.30pm | Yandoit Cultural, Uniting Church Rd, Yandoit |
| COMMUNITY MEETING PLUS PLANNING GROUP AGM | Sunday November 12th, 2pm | Yandoit Hall |
| YANDOIT HALL CELEBRATIONS AND COMMUNITY MARKET | Saturday November 25, 10am-2pm Hall celebrations at 11am | Yandoit Hall |
| WHERE MUSIC, ART AND MEDITATION MEET | Sunday October 29th, 2.30pm | Atrium, Daylesford Convent |
| NEWSTEAD CFA COMMUNITY MARKET | Saturday November 18th | Rotunda park, Pyrenees Highway Newstead |

OUR SWISS ITALIAN FESTIVAL – LOCAL HISTORY, MUSIC AND STORIES



On Sunday October 29th at 1.00pm *Yandoit Cultural* – the old church in the bush- will host our contribution to the Swiss Italian Festa. This special event will bring together descendants from some of the original Swiss Italian settlers of Yandoit and surrounds,

to share memories, tell stories and play music they brought to Australia. There might even be a bus tour to some of the stone houses in the area. A number of the original families have remained in the neighbourhood for generations. Entry by donation For more information or to book: nikki.marshall@mmnet.com.au or mobile- 0432 232 073, or <https://www.facebook.com/yandoitcultural>

FRANKLINFORD FIRE BRIGADE LADIES COMMITTEE AGM

The Franklinford Fire Brigade Ladies Committee will be holding their AGM on Wednesday 11th October, 2pm at the Yandoit station meeting room. All most welcome. A cuppa and catch up will follow the meeting. Enquiries to Anne Richards on 0427 764 237 or Rhonda Muller on 0497 740 619.

COMMUNITY MEETING & PLANNING GROUP AGM

Come and share your ideas, as well as your concerns, at the next community meeting for the Yandoit Clydesdale and Franklinford Community Planning Group, on Sunday November 12th, 2pm at Yandoit Hall. Our ward councillors will be in attendance and we will hold a brief AGM. We welcome any new locals willing to join the committee. Issues for discussion will include an update on the VNI

west transmission lines (by local Richard Johnson), Yandoit Cultural and lease with uniting church, mining update, community plan plus more...

NEWSTEAD CFA COMMUNITY MARKET

The last Newstead market for this year will be on Saturday November 18th at Rotunda Park. Support some of our locals who have stalls. For more information or to set up a stall contact: Ron Archer 0427 506 84 or email: newsteadmarket@gmail.com

DJANGO FRETTS GYPSY JAZZ RETURN TO YANDOIT CULTURAL

On Saturday October 21st at 5.00pm Django Fretts will delight us at



Yandoit Cultural with their gypsy jazz toe-tapping music. Formed in 2015, the Fretts have an extensive repertoire of tunes taken from the Django Reinhardt songbook as well as a few American jazz favourites. They have played extensively around the goldfields region, honing their up-

tempo sound at markets, gigs, and festivals. A set from the Django Fretts will evoke the mood of 30's Paris with authentic gypsy jazz melodies and acoustic improvisations. Entry by donation. For more information or to book: nikki.marshall@mmnet.com.au or mobile- 0432 232 073, or <https://www.facebook.com/yandoitcultural>

ARE YOU FIRE READY?

With the fire danger period fast approaching we should now be focusing on hazard and fuel reduction around our properties. Be cautious if burning around trees as leaf litter can be very deep, the burn can get into tree roots and smoulder underground for weeks and resurface in an unburnt area, starting fires weeks later. Be aware of conditions when mowing and slashing dry grass as this has started many fires in the past. It's best to log any burn-off with

ESTA on [1800 668 511](tel:1800668511). Hepburn Shire will accept green waste for the month of November at their transfer stations for free. For further information you can refer to the CFA website <https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/>

A LOCAL HISTORY STORY



Joan Sartori shared this story at our *Words in Winter* open mic event in August. Here is an abbreviated version of a true story set in Strangways and surrounds: Madeline Hugo was just 5 years old when her mother died leaving 7 children motherless. After her mother's death, the little girl came to Strangways to live with her uncle and aunt. On Saturday at 10am, August 18th 1894 Madeline and her brother went into the bush to gather wood. She was

left minding her brother's coat while he took wood back to his uncle's home. When he returned the little girl had wandered off into the bush. A search was quickly mounted but, as the days passed with no success, they feared the worst, but hoped for the best. It was on August 26th Madeline was found in Browns Gully at Porcupine Ridge. She was very weak, emaciated and had blistered hands and feet and was gnawing her boot trying to appease her hunger. She had travelled 16 miles in 7 days and 6 nights in rough stony country covered in dense bush, through an area pitted with mine shafts, creeks and waterholes. She was taken back to Guildford by a Mounted policeman, and a doctor was sent for, His diagnosis was that, given time and care, she would make a full recovery. She was a source of "wonder" - the newspapers printed daily updates; Adolf Verrey, photographer from Castlemaine, took her photo, the photos selling for 1/-each. Madeline was to receive half the profit when she turned 21. She married, lived in Daylesford to the ripe old age of 83. She never ever got over her fear of going into the bush.

FANCIFUL FLUTES TO PLAY AT YANDOIT



On Saturday November 5th at 2pm you can listen to *Fanciful Flutes* which comprises some of Melbourne's most talented young flute players, founded in January 2023 by Eliza Shephard, ABC Young

Performer of 2022. The group will present *Feathers and Flight*, delving into the close connection between the flute and birds. Works performed will include arrangements of orchestral favourites such as Rossini's *The Thieving Magpie*, Saint-Saens *The Swan* and Volière from the *Carnival of the Animals* and Tchaikovsky's *Danse des Petits Cygnes*; as well as works originally written for flute ensembles including Bozza's *Jour d'Été à la Montagne* and Beethoven's *Birds*. Entry by donation. For more information or to book: nikki.marshall@mmnet.com.au or mobile- 0432 232 073, or <https://www.facebook.com/yandoitcultural>

YANDOIT HALL 140th ANNIVERSARY

CELEBRATIONS AND COMMUNITY MARKET

The 140th Anniversary celebration of Yandoit Hall will coincide with the pre-Christmas community market on Sat. 25th November, from 10-2pm at Yandoit Hall and Grounds. Celebrations will report on renovations to the hall and we expect representatives from Hepburn shire council, who contributed funds, to be in attendance.

As part of festivities and Community Market there'll be local musicians, a school fundraiser sausage sizzle along with stallholders and local producers. Book a stall and be part of the fun. Txt Liz: 0414 525 074

NO MINING YANDOIT REGION



Debra Waters has set up the website *No Mining Yandoit Region* (<https://nominatingyandoitregion.com/>). You can subscribe to her regular newsletter: The October newsletter advises that a new

mining Exploration Licence Application in the Campbelltown area has recently been lodged. The application is for Gold, Base Metals (copper / lead / zinc) and Silver and has been lodged by DDW Exploration Pty Ltd. **EL008342** covers an area of 5 Graticular Sections located 3km east of Campbelltown, 2km south-west of Eberys and 4km north-west of Werona. **EL008342** is located inside the much larger **EL006463** which is also held by DDW. Keep your ears to the ground and email any information to Debra so we can all be kept informed: jordanandlee@icloud.com Debra also has a few remaining lock the gate signs.

TRUE SPRING IS HERE

Welcome to True Spring, that time of the year when the bush begins to sound alive again. The Eastern Banjo frog, or 'Pobbleboks' start their calls, and produce foam eggs on dam edges. Up in the tree canopy the Kookaburra laughs out loud to mark its territory, while down in the shrubs the wrens and honeyeaters are boisterous in defending their nests and favourite nectar plants. Early morning's the bush is the most amazing chorus of bird songs, well worth waking early for, and one of the many reasons we love living here.

WHERE MUSIC, ART AND MEDITATION MEET



2.30PM ON SUNDAY OCTOBER 29
THE ATRIUM AT DAYLESFORD CONVENT

Mt Franklin locals, Sandipa and Sambodhi, will be performing, (along with friends Carmen and David) inspirational songs and improvisations at 2.30pm on Sunday 29th October at the Atrium, Daylesford Convent. Free admission. Donations to costs are welcomed. Bookings: <https://events.humanitix.com/where-music-art-and-meditation-meet>

JOIN THE YANDOIT MILKING CO-OP

Are you interested in learning to milk by hand and to care for cows and calves and pasture? With three cows there's a good supply of milk to drink, to make yogurt, cheese etc. We have a dedicated team of locals who share the milking and we welcome a few more co-op members. Contact Nikki (0432 232 073) or Michael (0417 545 955) if you are interested.

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