

In the Dja Dja Warrang Language Yandoit means

Brown Snake or



Yandoit Hills

of Yandoit, Franklinton, Clydesdale &

February 2024 Also available at www.Yandoit.net

Diary Dates- What	When	Where
OPEN MIC- STORY, SONG, POETRY AND LOCAL HISTORY	Sunday February 11 th , 2pm	Yandoit Cultural, Uniting Church Rd
FRANKLINTON COMMUNITY CENTRE- COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT ELECTION	Thursday February 15 th , 7pm	Franklinton Hall
AN EVENING OF CLASSICAL GUITAR- MUSIC OF SPAIN & SOUTH AMERICA	Friday February 23 rd , 6pm	Yandoit Cultural, Uniting Church Rd
BOOK LAUNCH- HISTORY OF WERONA	Sunday March 3 rd , 2pm	Don & Floss Hepburn's residence, Strangways
CARTOONIST MICHAEL LEUNIG'S WORK PUT TO MUSIC AND SONG	Saturday March 9 th , 7.15pm for 7.30pm start	Yandoit Cultural, Uniting Church Rd
FIRE BRIGADE LADIES FUND- RAISING MORNING TEA	Wednesday March 13 th , 10am-12noon	Yandoit Hall
COMMUNITY MARKET	Saturday March 23 rd , 10am-2pm	Yandoit Hall and surrounds

AN EVENING OF CLASSICAL GUITAR WITH DARCY KING AND ROSS MORRIS

On Friday February 23 at 6pm Darcy King returns to Yandoit Cultural in collaboration with Ross Morris (UK), a partnership that formed during their studies at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland. With a programme of solo and duo music for guitar,



this concert is a celebration of the vibrant & expressive music of Spain and South America. Ross is described as playing with 'outstanding technique and subtle nuance', As a chamber

musician, Ross is a member of Quartet Malamatina, who have toured the UK and Canada, performed live for the BBC as well as commissioning and premiering two new works for the ensemble. Entry by donation (cash only). Tea, coffee and wine and nibbles will be provided during interval. Bookings are recommended: Alison King: 0415 555 081 Nikki Marshall: 0432 232 073 Email: ycfcpg@gmail.com

THE SEASON FOR BAILING HAY



Photo- Morrison Farm, Yandoit, by Petrus Spronk

OUR LOCAL BIODIVERSITY



Last year the mighty River Red Gums in Yandoit had some defoliation, most likely under attack from larvae of the 'gum leaf

skeletoniser' moth. While Eucalyptus can also suffer from other insects including the sap sucking Psyllids, which you may notice a tree with lots of lerps, or tiny white caps, luckily a sweet treat and major food source for many of the local small birds, including Pardalotes, Honeyeaters and Thornbills. The defoliation has cleared up now, which indicates the ecology is in balance, and shows the importance of having a biodiversity rich area. And the need to foster the habitat and survival of smaller bird species who also call Yandoit home. (Words- Kell Wooster, Photo -Jodie Heap @yandoit.birds)

COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP & COMMITTEE

The Yandoit Clydesdale & Franklinton Community Planning Group would like to thank Jim & Kate Roberts for their amazing contribution to our community and the proceedings of the committee including chairing and office bearing, and providing their time and guidance to the committee. We thank them both and wish them all the best following their departure from the committee due to health concerns.

This leaves us with a few Committee vacancies. We are keen to include people from diverse backgrounds, locations across our district and age groups, especially younger people and

families with young children. The Committee's main focus is the 3 community meetings each year and supporting Yandoit Cultural. Our Community Planning Group isn't all about keeping things the same, it's about our community- planning ways to develop great opportunities for those of us here now to enjoy, as well as the children and grandchildren of tomorrow. So even if you've never been on a committee before, come along to meet the crew, see what we cover & enjoy a cuppa and cake at the end of our meeting while having a yarn, before you make up your mind. You never know- you may be just what we need & vice versa! For more info: Erica or Nikki : ycfcpg@gmail.com or 0432 232 073.

HISTORY OF WERONA - A NEW BOOK

A new book, *A History of Werona* has been written by Ken James. It is 265 pages in length and made up of 11 chapters, 16 appendices, a list of references as well as a surname index. It is to be launched at Strangways at Don & Floss Hepburns residence on Sunday March 3 at 2.00 p.m. To determine the number of copies to be printed he is taking pre-orders. If you are interested in ordering a copy, contact Ken on 0457 600 668 or knjames47@gmail.com If you wish to attend the launch, contact Carmel Longmire for details on 0427 766 256 or longmire3@bigpond.com



FIRE SEASON AND FIRE SAFETY

Although this fire season has been met with regular rainfall we have to stay vigilant with our fire preparedness. February can be very hot and dry, meaning the fire season is far from over. As we are still in the Fire Danger Period there are a number of restrictions that must be adhered to. For the full list see the link below to the CFA website. Also note, on the same site you can find a list of restrictions for Total Fire Ban days which can be prevalent throughout February.

<https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/warnings-restrictions/fire-bans-ratings-and-restrictions/can-i-or-cant-i>

OPEN MIC AT YANDOIT CULTURAL



Join us at *Yandoit Cultural* for an afternoon of stories, song, music, poetry and history shared by locals. Anyone and everyone can have their 5-10 minutes. You'll enjoy a variety of

performances and you'll discover and experience the many talents within our neighbourhood. And stay for the best of country-hospitality afternoon tea at the end, where you'll meet

other locals and Open Mic contributors. Entry by donation. Bookings: ycfcpg@gmail.com or Nikki on 0432 232 073

LEUNIG IN MUSIC AND SONG



After a sell-out performance in Castlemaine in late January, Fay White and her choir are bringing this fabulous concert to Yandoit

Cultural on Saturday March 9th at 7.30pm. Castlemaine resident Fay White, composer and choir leader, was commissioned to write songs drawing on Leunig's poems and images that were short, could be learned by ear and easy to learn for novices and experienced singers. Leunig's images will be projected and the concert will include songs, stories and audience participation in song. Entry by donation. Bookings essential: ycfcpg@gmail.com or 0432 232 073.

NEXT COMMUNITY MARKET

Due to the success of our last market in Yandoit, we are scheduling our next one for Saturday March 23. 10-2pm. If you are interested in attending as a stallholder please contact Liz - 0414525074

MINING ISSUES

If you see or hear anything regarding mining issues in the area please email Debra: hello@nominingyandoitregion.com Then this information can be included in *No Mining Yandoit Region*, and we can ensure updates in the *Chronicle*.

FRANKLINFORD FIRE BRIGADE LADIES FUND RAISING MORNING TEA

Our Coffee Morning fund raiser for our Brigade is on again !! So come along for a fun-filled morning on Wednesday March 13th, from 10am to 12noon. Find a bargain on the Trading Table, buy some delicious homemade and home-grown produce. Catch up with friends and enjoy a cuppa and some yummy morning tea. Raffle and Door prize too.

Come and help us support our wonderful Fire Brigade and raise funds for much needed equipment so they can continue to do their great work in keeping our community safe.

Everyone is welcome. Contributions to the trading table and to morning tea are also welcomed. Enquiries to Anne Richards- 0427764237 or Rhonda Muller - 0497740619

FRANKLINFORD COMMUNITY CENTRE-COMMITTEE ELECTION

A meeting to elect a new Committee of Management for the Community Centre will be held on Thursday 15th Feb, 7pm at Franklinford Community Centre, followed by a light supper

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