

The Chronicle- keeping our communities informed.

In the Dja Dja Warrang Language Yandoit means

Brown Snake or



Yandoit, Franklinton, Clydesdale &



Yandoit Hills

April 2024 Also available at www.Yandoit.net

Diary Dates- What	When	Where
YANDOIT PUBLIC PARK AND RECREATION RESERVE MEETING	Sunday April 14th, 6.00pm	Yandoit Hall
COMMUNITY MEETING WITH WARD COUNCILLORS	Sunday April 21st, 11am	Yandoit Hall
YANDOIT FAITH COMMUNITY	Wednesday April 24th, 5.00pm	Yandoit Uniting Church
AUTUMN OPEN MIC- STORY, SONG, POETRY AND LOCAL HISTORY	Saturday May 11th, 3-5pm	Yandoit Cultural, Uniting Church Rd
THE BEDRIDDEN BAND	Saturday May 25th, 7.30pm	Yandoit Cultural, Uniting Church Rd
CENTRAL VICTORIAN INDIGENOUS FILM FESTIVAL IN YANDOIT	Sunday June 2nd, 5pm	Yandoit Cultural, Uniting Church Rd

CFA MORNING TEA – THANKYOU

The Franklinton Fire Brigade Committee extends a huge thank you to all our wonderful community for so generously supporting our fun-filled coffee morning in March. The Yandoit hall was packed and everyone had a great time catching up with one another and finding a bargain. Your generosity helps us to



raise much needed funds for our fantastic brigade so they can purchase new equipment as needed and continue their great work in helping our community and also supporting neighbouring brigades when they need help. Grateful thanks and see you all next year!

RECREATION RESERVE MEETING

Yandoit Public Park and Recreation Reserve is holding a public meeting on Sunday April 14th, 2024 at 6pm at Yandoit hall. The purpose of the meeting is to nominate between 3 and 9 persons as the Committee of Management for a term of three years. The current committee’s term will expire on April 14th. All positions will be declared open and nominations will be accepted prior to, or on the night. For further enquiries contact Secretary, Bill O’Donnell on 0439 398 488. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

COMMUNITY PLANNING- MEETING WITH WARD COUNCILLORS & NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Come along to Yandoit Hall on Sunday April 21st at 11am for a chance to raise questions and concerns with our ward councillors (from both Hepburn and Mt Alexander shires), to learn about what’s happening across our communities, meet new Community Planning Group committee members, and share a cuppa with neighbours after the meeting. Yandoit

Hills’ Richard Johnston, will talk through off-grid options for us as individuals as well as collective community possibilities. There’ll also be discussion about developments affecting precious farmland in our area. And think about whether you’d like to join our Community Planning Group Committee- new members are welcomed, especially representatives from Clydesdale & Franklinton areas. For more info contact Erica or Nikki : ycfcpg@gmail.com or 0432 232 073.

YANDOIT CULTURAL: WEBSITE, OPEN MIC, DONATIONS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Yandoit Cultural’s new website is live and includes information about what’s on plus history of the church, images of events past, and systems for people to register interest in performing, hiring the venue etc. A generous donation from one of our locals has enabled our new website to be created and here’s a link:



<https://yandoitcultural.org/>
Fay White’s *Leunig in Music and Song* concert in March was a full house and, at Fay and musical friends’ generous request, proceeds have been donated to our local Aboriginal group- *Nalderun*, and the wish to support their bush-tucker nursery. The next event at Yandoit Cultural is the **Open Mic on Saturday**

May 11th. See below for more details. And on **Saturday May 25th at 7.30pm** we’ll hear *The Bedridden Band* with Yandoit’s Dave Lewis and two musical friends- playing original acoustic muppet-punk! And for musicians and performers out there, let us know if and when you’d like to make the most of the excellent acoustics and the community spirit in our beautiful old church in the bush.

CAN YOU HELP DELIVER THE CHRONICLE? *The Chronicle* is delivered to your letter box by a committed team

of locals: James Grant, Jill and Terry Williams, Alison King, Richard Johnston, Diane Waters, David Tuck, Dora and Nikki. Many thanks to this diligent team. If you are able to help deliver around your area let Nikki know so we can share the work. Also, thanks to John Ross for distribution via the *Chronicle* email list and let us know if you want to receive the *Chronicle* via email.

OUR LOCAL BIODIVERSITY- FRIEND OR FOE?

Have you seen the Drooping Cassinia- *Cassinia arcuata* or Chinaman's scrub- flowering now? It is a native to the central Victorian goldfields region. Often thought of as a weed, it is a pioneer plant, one of the first to show up and thrive in disturbed soil. The name Chinese Scrub was given as it was thought the Chinese miners brought it over with them. A main attribute of the species is its ability to provide a shrubby layer in the



open forests, protecting grasses & herbs growing underneath. Good at slowing soil erosion (as it is quick growing) and providing a missing part of the ecology in the area.

NEXT COMMUNITY MARKET SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER

Apologies to those who turned up to Yandoit hall on March 23rd expecting to find our community market, as noted in the February *Chronicle*. Unfortunately there were not enough stall holders available so the market was cancelled. Our next community market is scheduled for September- For more information contact Liz – 0414 525 074 & watch this space.

AUTUMN FAITH COMMUNITY IN YANDOIT

A faith community is being developed at Yandoit Uniting Church- in addition to, but separate from, *Yandoit Cultural*. Several gatherings have been held over the past few months to explore the kind of faith community we feel inspired to create. General directions include multi-faith, keeping the spirit alive, incorporating the seasons and including rituals meaningful to our community and the times we are living in. Our first gathering, on Wednesday April 24th at 5pm, will include song, story, silence and reflection around the theme of Autumn, and will be followed by soup, wine/tea/coffee. We see this as a beginning and welcome all who are interested or feel inspired to explore faith and spirit in our lives. Feel free to bring something that, for you, relates to Autumn. We are supported by Rev Sarah Tomilson, Uniting Church Minster, as well as the Sipwell Faith Community in Castlemaine.

ANOTHER OPEN MIC AT YANDOIT CULTURAL



Join us at *Yandoit Cultural* on **Saturday afternoon, May 11th from 3pm-5pm** for an afternoon of stories, song, music, poetry and history shared by locals. Anyone and everyone can have their 5-10 minutes. You'll listen to a variety of performances and discover the many talents within our neighbourhood. And afterwards enjoy a

cuppa with other locals and Open Mic contributors. Entry by donation. Contact Katy if you're interested- . 0430 530 868

FIRE SEASON UPDATE

As the season begins to change and we move into the cooler months there are possible hazards around the home that should be a high priority to check and be aware of.

Some things to consider are: • Check chimneys and flues are clean with no build-up or blockages; • Smoke alarms are tested and batteries are changed; • Electric blankets are free from defects and operating correctly; • Drying clothes too close to a heater/fireplace can be a hazard and should be kept at a safe distance; • Check and clean portable heaters. • Be aware of ventilation requirements for gas, diesel and kerosene heaters. More information via CFA website:

<https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/fires-in-the-home/home-fire-safety-checklist>

AUTUMN RAINFALL

According to the Bureau of Meteorology we've had the driest February and March on record. This dry spell was wonderfully broken in early April with rainfalls of between 57mls and 77mls around Yandoit Hills and Werona. Year to date rainfall has been below average in Yandoit Hills - 178mls mls.

THE NIGHT SKY AT CLYDESDALE HALL



Photo: Nick Richardson, Locarno Rd
**FRANKLINFORD NEWS-
HALL COMMITTEE**

A Committee of Management of 6 people for the Franklindford Community Centre was elected on February 15th: Chairman - Ian Glen; Sec/Treasurer - Jill Williams; Committee members - Greg Strawhorn, Dean Jones, John Russell and Peter Kent. Plans are being prepared for working bees in

the near future. Watch this space for more information.

CENTRAL VIC INDIGENOUS FILM FESTIVAL

Yandoit Cultural will again host a screening as part of this year's indigenous film festival. Our feature film is ['The Last Daughter'](#): After being raised by a white family, a young girl is taken away and returned to the Aboriginal family she didn't know. Decades later, she's on a journey to discover where she truly belongs. Prior to the feature film, local film makers, *People Pictures*, will screen a few shorts about the work of local Djarra people and the Nalderun Education Aboriginal Corporation. Join us at **5pm on Sunday 2 June** for this exceptional feature documentary and stay for a cuppa and debrief after the film.

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