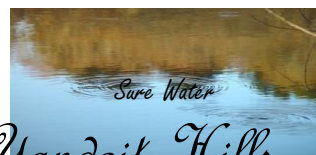


The Chronicle- keeping our communities informed.

In the Dja Dja Warrang Language Yandoit means

Brown Snake or



Yandoit Hills

Yandoit, Franklinton, Clydesdale &

December 2024 Also available at www.Yandoit.net

Diary Dates- What	When	Where
COMMUNITY MARKET	Sunday December 8 th , 10am - 2pm	Clydesdale hall and grounds
YANDOIT SACRED	Saturday December 14 th , 2pm	Yandoit Uniting Church
CHRISTMAS CAROLS WITH CASTLEMAINE CHOIR	Friday December 20 th , 7pm	Yandoit Uniting Church
GUILDORD UPPER LODDON LANDCARE GROUP AGM	February 2025 Date advised in next Chronicle	Venue advised in next Chronicle

COMMUNITY MARKET

SUN: 8 Dec | 10-2pm

MARKET

CLYDESDALE HALL & GROUNDS
249 Locarno Rd

Men's Shed offerings & Sausage Sizzle
Local produce: Olive Oil • Wines • Jams
Plants • Trees • Garden items • Books
Artisan baker • Ironwork • Treasures
Musicians • Xmas Gifts...so much more...

Come along and support the community and local producers... just in time for Xmas!

Pop-up Cafe • Sausage Sizzle

Stallholders welcome
To register a stall pls contact Liz on 0414 525 074

MARKET POP-UP CAFÉ: No Mining Yandoit Region is proud to host the pop-up cafe at the upcoming Clydesdale Market on Sunday 8th December. All proceeds raised will go to ARMR (Alliance for Responsible Mining Regulation). ARMR is a team of extremely dedicated and knowledgeable volunteers who are focused on creating much needed reform around the mining industry. ARMR members contribute their personal time to ARMR to effect change for better outcomes for communities and environment impacted by mining. For more information on ARMR, you can visit their website at: <https://armrvic.com>. Our team of wonderful barista's are looking forward to seeing you all on the day. See you at the market !

CHRISTMAS CAROLS & CASTLEMAINE CHOIR

Join us at Yandoit's old Uniting Church in the bush and sing your heart out with an evening of Christmas carols led by Jane Thompson and James Rigby and the Castlemaine choir. Castlemaine Uniting Church Minister, Sarah Tomilson, will share a little of the Christmas story and Santa is likely to pay a visit too. Families and children especially welcome.

PREPARING FOR FIRE DANGER PERIOD:

As we're now in the Fire Danger Period there are some essential jobs to do around the house and property. Some considerations would be: Move your winter woodpile away from the house or sheds; Prune tree branches so they are not overhanging the roof or touching walls; Clear your gutters; Reduce ground level fuel loads from around trees and shrubs by clearing undergrowth; Keep grass shorter than 10cm.; Remove leaves and twigs from around your property; Test anything that is part of your fire plan such as sprinklers, pumps and generators; Check that your home and contents insurance is current and includes a level of cover in line with current building standards and regulations; Make sure your household has a Bushfire Survival Plan, review and test it in case it needs to be updated. More information and recourses can be found on the CFA website -<https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au>

COUNCIL ELECTIONS:

Elections for both Mt Alexander and Hepburn Shires have been completed. Matthew Driscoll continues as our Loddon River ward councillor in Mt Alexander shire, covering Yandoit Hills, Sandon and Werona., (as well as Newstead). With the dismantling of wards across Hepburn shire we now have 7 councillors representing all parts of the shire, a potential challenge for our small hamlets. Four existing councillors have renominated: Don Henderson (Mayor), Lesley Hewitt (Deputy Mayor), Tim Drylie and Brian Hood. New councillors are Tony Clark, Pat Hockey and Shirley Cornish . Early in the new year we will hold a community meeting at which all our councillors will be invited so they can become more familiar with the strengths and challenges of our communities.

SWISS ITALIAN FESTA STONE HOUSES TOUR-

A GREAT SUCCESS: On a beautiful sunny day in October, Yandoit Cultural and the The Swiss Italian Festa hosted an historical tour of the stone houses of Yandoit and



Yandoit Hills. Over 90 people clambered onto buses and into private vehicles for a 3hour tour. We

were warmly invited to the Righetti home, Dunc's Cottage, The Richard's family home, Tist's Cottage, lovingly restored by Jessica Bleechmore, Vince Gervasoni's cottage and finally Bergamo. We learned about 19th century farming practices, olive growing, wine and cheese making and, of course, our famous Bull- Boar sausages. Many thanks to all the families who generously contributed to this beautiful event and a special thanks to John Combes for his contribution in organising the tour and for his sharing his extensive knowledge of the history of the houses .Further thanks to our drivers for making this event happen.

COMMUNITY MEETING AND COMMUNITY PLAN:

Following our community meeting in September, work is underway with local community members preparing drafts for our 2025 community plan. Themes/topics for the plan include: Overview of our localities; Communication; Caring for country, protecting biodiversity and climate adaptation (including significant tree register); Energy; Transport; Arts and culture; Reconciliation with First Nations people; Recreation; Emergencies including Fire safety; Community connection; Welcome to newcomers; Yandoit school; Local history; Relationship with local governments; Protecting our natural and built assets; Aging in place; Food and farming; and Localising. Drafts will be shared for comment and input at our next community meeting scheduled for early February 2025. More information in the next edition of the *Chronicle*.

YANDOIT CULTURAL- LEASE EXTENSION:

We recently received the good news that the lease for Yandoit's Uniting church has been extended for a further three years, actively supported by Castlemaine's Uniting Church council. This will enable the continuation of *Yandoit Cultural* as well as the evolving faith community of *Yandoit Sacred*. We will gather in the latter part of January to plan for *Yandoit Cultural* events etc. We welcome new people. Contact Alison (0415 555 081) or Nikki (0432 232 073) if you are interested or have suggestions.

GUILDFORD AND UPPER LODDON LANDCARE:

The land care group is holding its Annual General Meeting in February 2025 (date to be confirmed). In the meantime the group is calling for interested people to nominate for the committee and a resurgence of the group. The landcare group covers Yandoit and Yandoit Hills, Clydesdale, Strangways, Franklindale, Guildford, Yapeen, Fryerstown, Glenluce and surrounds . Contact secretary, Dayyd Kelly for more information: womboone@gcom.net or 0411 836 396 or Stephen Glenn on 0427 047 616.

YANDOIT SACRED

We'd love to see you, if you can, at the last *Yandoit Sacred* gathering for the year, at Yandoit Uniting Church: Saturday December 14th 2-4pm with afternoon tea to follow. In a festive spirit, you may like to bring a favourite treat from your family tradition or heritage - not necessarily related to Christmas as we don't all celebrate it. But perhaps a treat that symbolises what family means for you. This time we'll be reconnecting and reflecting, spending a bit of time with the themes of family, belonging, peace in relation to the year that has been, with support from Rev Sarah Tomilson, Uniting Church Minister, Castlemaine. There will also be an intentional time to reflect, comment, mediate and decide upon the Yandoit Sacred image we wish to adopt.

OUR LOCAL BIODIVERSITY: Did you know we have native mistletoe growing here? It is a parasitic plant of



Eucalyptus species, not usually causing harm unless host trees are under stress already. There are a few different types of mistletoe growing around these parts all distinguished by different leaves and flowers. In order to spread seed the Mistletoe relies on one bird, the Mistletoe bird to eat the berries and then deposits the seed on host branches. An interesting symbiotic relationship indeed!

A SECOND DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING SESSION

(Dr) Jon Outridge of Yandoit Hills is offering a second defibrillator training session on Saturday December 14th at 10 am at Yandoit Hall. Contact Jon if you are interested in attending (mob. 0438 429 284).

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