

**The Chronicle**- keeping our communities informed.

*In the Dja Dja Warrang Language Yandoit means*

*Brown Snake or*



*Yandoit, Franklford, Clydesdale &*



*Yandoit Hills*

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Diary Dates- What	When	Where
<b>COMMUNITY MEETING WITH NEW COUNCILLORS</b>	<b>Sunday February 9<sup>th</sup> at 3pm</b>	<b>Yandoit Hall</b>
<b>FIRE BRIGADE LADIES COMMITTEE- COFFEE MORNING FUNDRAISER</b>	<b>Wednesday 12th March 2025 10am to 12pm.</b>	<b>Yandoit Hall</b>
<b>YANDOIT SACRED</b>	<b>Saturday February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2.30pm</b>	<b>Yandoit Uniting Church</b>
<b>YANDOIT CULTURAL OPEN MIC</b>	<b>Saturday February 15<sup>th</sup>, at 4pm</b>	<b>Uniting Church Rd, Yandoit</b>
<b>GUILDORD UPPER LODDON LANDCARE- REVIVAL MEETING</b>	<b>Tuesday February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025</b>	<b>Guildford Hall</b>
<b>NEWSTEAD CFA MARKET</b>	<b>Saturday March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025</b>	<b>Rotunda Park Newstead</b>

### COMMUNITY MEETING WITH SHIRE COUCILLORS

Our next community meeting is scheduled for **Sunday afternoon February 9th at 3pm at Yandoit Hall**. The meeting will focus on three main issues. First, getting to know **our new councillors** following the recent local government elections at the end of last year, and our councillors getting to know us. Second, briefings on **our draft community plan**: Around 15 themes or sections have been identified by different community members and are being drafted up eg communication, recreation, ageing in place, energy, arts and culture, farming and food growing, Yandoit school, community markets, welcome to newcomers etc. Each person/people preparing sections will provide a brief summary and receive feedback from community members. By sharing these draft community plan sections, our councillors can hear what's important for us living in the hamlets of Yandoit, Clydesdale, Franklford and Yandoit Hills and surrounds. And third, there's always the opportunity to raise any **local issues of concern** ( eg speeding along narrow roads, injuries to local wild life), and to share local information and upcoming events etc

### YANDOIT CULTURAL OPEN MIC

Come along to Yandoit Cultural, the old church in the bush, on Saturday February 15<sup>th</sup> at 4.00pm for an entertaining afternoon where locals share and listen to others as we tell stories, poems, sing songs, play musical pieces, tell local history and more. Everyone can have their 5-10 minutes, creating a rich mosaic and giving a taste of local talent, knowledge and creativity. Entry by donation. Can you contribute to **Yandoit Cultural's organising group** or do you have suggestions for events that could be held? During the past 3 years Yandoit Cultural has hosted musical concerts, choirs, spoken word, open mics, films, local history, festivals, Christmas carols, conversations

and speakers. Our next 3 year lease extension provides an opportunity to expand, plan, and test out new ventures. Yandoit Cultural focuses on local, acoustic, quality, country hospitality and making culture accessible to all. We welcome everyone's suggestions as we develop 2025's calendar of events. Contact Nikki (0432 232 073) or Alison (0415 555 081) with your Open Mic offers (or just turn up on the day) and with suggestions for Yandoit Cultural events.

### FRANKLINFORD FIRE BRIGADE LADIES COMMITTEE- COFFEE MORNING FUNDRAISER



Come along and enjoy a fun filled morning with us on Wednesday March 12<sup>th</sup>, 10am to midday at Yandoit Hall. 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. Help us support our wonderful Fire Brigade & raise funds for much needed equipment to support their great work in keeping our community safe. EVERYONE MOST WELCOME. Contributions to the Trading Table & morning tea are gratefully appreciated. Enquiries : Rhonda Muller 0497740619 or Anne Richards 0427764237

### KYNETON ABATTOIR CLOSURES TO SMALL SCALE LOCAL FARMERS

Our small scale regenerative meat farmers in central Victoria, including those in our hamlets, are significantly affected by the recent decision of Kyneton's Hardwick abattoir to close their books to small scale farmers,

after sale to a foreign owned company. This means that local small scale farmers can no longer get their meat to the butcher and are unable to legally sell their meat. Other abattoirs licensed to process organic animals are several hours' drive away and transporting animals longer distances risks stressing them. Help rally towards local food production by signing the petition: <https://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/get-involved/petitions/small-scale-livestock-farming/>

**PREPARING FOR OUR HIGH RISK FIRE SEASON:** Our fire chief, Noel Richards, advises that we are now in the High Risk part of our fire season. Extreme caution must be taken if operating machinery, mowers, water pumps etc. Ensure exhaust systems are in good working order. Avoid using mowers & slashers in dry grass as these are notorious for starting fires due to contact with stones or dry grass caught up in high speed rotating components. To assist emergency services to easily identify your property, have good ID numbering displayed in a clear point at your property entry. Ensure property access will allow access for Fire Trucks. (Minimum Width of 4.5 meters with a Height Clearance of 4.0 meters) If onsite water is available have good access to it for trucks. If your fire plan is to leave, have a second exit route planned in case the primary exit route becomes blocked by fallen trees or fire threat. If your fire plan is to stay & defend, check and test run your equipment and ensure you have an adequate water supply. Test your hose nozzles in strong wind to make sure they will give you the protection you need. And, If you feel you could offer the community support & would like to join the brigade make contact with a brigade member.

## DECEMBER COMMUNITY MARKET REPORT



After a year's long hiccup, the Community market was able to reset, & was held early December . back at the Clydesdale Hall & Grounds. It was a wonderful success & had a great number of visitors from near and far. Once

again, the Newstead Men's Shed BBQ, & the Pop-up cafe added greatly to the 'market vibe' ( the café raising \$500 towards the *Alliance for Responsible Mining Regulation – ARMR-* who initiated the 'lock the gate' signs which were distributed by *No Mining Yandoit Region* that are visible on many local fences and gates). A huge thankyou to all the stallholders with their amazing range of offerings. We hope to hold another market early Spring, 2025

**GUILDFORD AND UPPER LODDON LANDCARE – REVIVAL MEETING** We are hoping to discover some new folk who might re-energise the Group. Our weeds whisperer has reliable reports of four foot rabbits, wasps are gathering at the borders and weird weeds are sending out runners willy nilly! African Feather grass, Chilean Needle grass, Mexican Alligator grass! Where are the dung beetles

when you need them? Fictitious grasses aside, we are looking for peoples' passion and ideas. Interested? Contact Daydd (0411 836 396) or Stephen Glenn (0427 047 616) or send an email to [guildfordlandcare@gmail.com](mailto:guildfordlandcare@gmail.com)

## NEWSTEAD CFA MARKET



Held under the shade of large gum trees in Newstead's Rotunda Park, this is a friendly community market where you can find almost anything: food, plants, crafts, tools, locally grown organic fruit and veggies, clothes, second hand books, furniture, trash and treasure. Next market is Saturday March 15<sup>th</sup>, 8am to 1pm at Rotunda Park. Entry to the public is free, Stallholders are welcome and sites cost only \$10. No need to book ahead, just turn up on the day with your goods and services on offer.

Kids big & small are welcome to look at the Newstead Brigade fire truck.

**YANDOIT SACRED** Our next Yandoit Sacred gathering is Saturday February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2.30pm, at the old Church in the bush. *Yandoit Sacred* is a sanctuary, a place for stillness and silence, a place for ceremony, prayer, song and ritual. It is a place beyond religious and philosophical divisions where we foster curiosity about how to live in a world with love and joy and wisdom as we face the challenges and big questions for humanity, the Earth and all her species at this time. We meet every six weeks. For more information contact Nikki on 0432 232 073 or <http://yandoitcultural.org/yandoit-sacred/>

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**Next edition – March/April 2025-** Contact Nikki -0432 232 073/[nikki.marshall@mmnet.com.au](mailto:nikki.marshall@mmnet.com.au), or John at [yandoit.net](http://yandoit.net) with info & stories.

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