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**SPECIAL FIRE SEASON EDITION**

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**There are two news items and things to do:**

**1. TELEPHONE TREE**

If you want to be part of a telephone tree and information network, contact any of the persons listed below:

- Andrew, 54764363
- Jane, 54764332
- Louise, 54764131
- Bill, 54764308

Leave your name, address (street and number) and contact phone number. The aim of the collection of data is for use in emergency situations to assist in the protection of people, animals and property. The creation of a network will also provide some comfort to people who are living alone or in isolated situations. The other purpose of this information is to educate people about their responsibilities in preparing for the fire season.

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**2. COMMUNITY FIREGUARD MEETING**

**DATE: SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> March 2009**

**WHERE: YANDOIT PRIMARY SCHOOL HIGH STREET**

**WHEN: 2PM.**

**WHY: TO REVIEW OUR FIRE SAFETY PREPARATIONS.**

- The session will include:
- Protecting your family and yourself during a wildfire
- How a bushfire might spread in your area
- What you can do to help your home survive a wildfire
- Come and ask about Community Fireguard
- An opportunity to ask any questions
- Free information packs



**Fire at Tognolinis on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February**

Your reporter was in Castlemaine and being a conscientious member of the CFA had his pager pinned to his pants.

When there is an emergency message the pager vibrates and lets off a high pitched noise. This the pager did.

The message was clear that there was a fire in Yandoit.

25 minutes later when I got to the scene the fire had been brought under control but had burnt a few acres of ground cover. Fortunately the fire had not reached the tree canopy. I was able to leave, as all the trucks were fully personned.

I heard that the fire scene had to be monitored all night and all Saturday. Given the high temperature and the wind there could have been a fire here.

Don't know how it started but it is suspicious apparently.

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**Sunday January 2009 High Street/Yandoit Township Road cut off.**

Couple of weeks ago, local traffic was interrupted when a large tree came down.

Within a half-hour, three chainsaws and their owners were at work.

Took an hour to cut a passage through.



**MORE TREE DAMAGE**

Just around the corner from the last tree fall. Tree came down on the tennis court fence. The tree has been cleared away.

The park Committee is hoping that maybe this year they can get funds to do up the Courts.

**YANDOIT, FRANKLINFORD, CLYDESDALE, COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP NEWS.**

**Email from Noel Noelker 10/2/09**

Hi all,

I am not sure whether you might have arranged a meeting on your own initiative for the 2009 year, however Council have appointed me to continue to do some work *pro tem* with your group.

In order to try and keep things moving and to continue to provide you with some support, I am proposing to meet with you on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 5:30pm at the Fire Station.

I understand this gives the most chance for most people to attend the sessions.

I would appreciate if you could advise me if this is acceptable and that you will be able to attend.

Regards,

Neil

Neil Noelker

The fire season and Christmas have slowed things down with the group.

Council have said that they have the notice board ready to deliver they only need a site for the board. Hopefully we can get the thing installed ASAP.

The film group has gone into recess.

One member has gone off to Ireland (to teach the natives Australian?)

An application for funding for a screen was successful, so we now have our own projector and screen. The films are all we need to complete the show.

Plans for the International Festival event are still in the melting pot.

Franklinford CFA meets at the CFA Fire Station on the corner of the Hepburn/Newstead Road and the Yandoit Creek Road on the first Tuesday of the month at 8pm.

ABC EMERGENCY RADIO: AM 774; FM 91.1

This has become the "now" warning system, if you are worried, turn it on. Maybe just leave it on all the time.

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