

Chronicle



keeping the community in touch.

Yandoit, Franklinford and Clydesdale

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COMMUNITY EVENTS (mark your diary!!)

CFA MONTHLY MEETING

Where: Franklinford CFA Shed Yandoit

When: Tuesday 3rd August 2010

Time: 8.00 pm

General Meetings the first Tuesday of the month.

VISIT BY WARD COUNCILLOR

Where: Yandoit Mechanics Institute Hall High Street Yandoit

When: Wednesday 14th July 2010.

Time: 7.30pm

Business: Your chance to have your say and find out about Council business.

CLEARING SALE

Where: Marlene Pengelly's house on Providence Gully Road, turn left from Nevans Road.

When: 7 August 2010.

Time: 9 am

Business: Clearing of items prior to change of owners.

AUGUST FILM NIGHT

Where: Yandoit Mechanics Institute Hall High Street Yandoit

When: Saturday 7th August 2010

Business: See the best in films and enjoy an excellent supper and neighbourly companionship.

YANDOIT DANCE

Where: Yandoit Hall

When: 29 October 2010 Time: 8.00 p.m

Business: dancing and suppering

TRADING TABLE

Where: Yandoit Hall

When 20 July 2010 Time: 10am

Business: Raising money for cancer research. Do you have anything you don't want and you are prepared to sell? Then come along.

A GREAT AGE

Last year in October the community gathered to celebrate Vi Ritzau's 90th. Happy birthday Vi!!!



WHERE IS THE CHRONICLE?

You're not the only ones who want to know. The State Library who chase every issue of every local paper or so called paper in the

State issues letters demanding the several issues of the Chronicle that have not been sent in. So the Chronicle has to continue to satisfy the State's need for local papers. Anyway: Here we are again!!!

THE MIRACLE SPRING OF YANDOIT.

Every year at the end of October, the people of the Yandoit area assemble at the tennis courts on high street for a Bar-b-que and bonfire. For the past three years the bonfire night has heralded a downpour. Not a sprinkle or a light shower but something like Noah experienced in 40 days.

Sometime into the evening, after the bonfire had finally taken hold, there came a cry from one of the participants: "there's water coming up here"

There had been some talk about what a miraculous place Yandoit is and the eruption of the spring supported this evaluation. The editor was sent to investigate the water feature and after due consideration declared that it was a miracle. Shoes came off and some even dabbed the waters on various parts of their exposed bodies.

No cures were registered and the next day the spring had vanished.



THE MIRACLE SPRING OF YANDOIT

Post Script. One of the reporters of the Chronicle known for her scepticism and determination declared at a morning tea some time later at a tea house near Clunes "it's a fake." She continued to her teammates: "In the rain, and it was a real downpour, I walked back into the shadows and found that the down pipe of the roof of the tennis club shed had disconnected and the water was falling heavily to the ground...and disappearing! "

We still have a mystery. The reporter can't explain how the water got to the spring.

The Editor of the Chronicle has paid her off and her story will never be told. There will be another bonfire this year. Preferred date is the last Saturday in October rather than go into the November season. This way the weather might be cooler and we might also avoid the November downpour!!!!



GREAT SKY OVER YANDOIT



SPEAKS FOR ITSELF REALLY!

Remember the letter boxes in Yandoit Creek. Maybe the same driver.



HARD TO BELIEVE.

The oak has gone. Remember the storm that brought that down and the estimates of what the wood was worth. That was only a couple of years ago. This photo is 1900?

This photo was in California until June 2010. Seems that the 'family' had moved there. George Dixon Born in Yorkshire, moved to California then to Castlemaine and then to Yandoit. Met Anna. Anna, aged 16, from Butzbach in Germany had travelled to Melbourne for reasons unknown. On horseback (not horseback) to Woodend

thence (great word) to Castlemaine. Bushrangers intercept our heroine, and escort her skirts to the outskirts of Castlemaine. She meets and marries the aforementioned George. They built and opened a boarding house, hotel and grocery store. Cobb & Co. used the place as an overnight stop on their trips. Mining workers and itinerants stopped there. Remittance men also. Anna took on the care of lots of destitute children. Apparently the house above was demolished in the 1920's, leaving the small cottage that is still there.

Daughter Alice married John Howells manager of Steeles Mine and they lived in the small house until 1948.

MODEL-T FORDS TO COME TO YANDOIT

Cup weekend 30 or so Ts will be passing through. They may stop for refreshments at the hall as there may well be a local entrant. Bought in January 1926 for £153 the Morrison Model T has been lovingly restored.



PACKED CHURCH FOR CAROLS

Christmas after Christmas the numbers increase. 2009 the church was packed. You can see the adults occupying the pews. The kids are seated in the aisle. Those standing up the front are the musicians. The white square (top left) is the electronic screen for the overhead projection system. All sorts of things are pasted on it: words for the hymns, prayers etc. No commercials.



ONE WAY TO GET THE MESSAGE ACROSS

Had to get this one on the phone camera. It was Mother's day 2009.



A GIFT FROM THE GOVERNMENT



THE GARDEN OF EDEN

Limestone Road is not the only road to paradise that sports an apple tree apparently. Maybe we should be putting in some more fruit trees along the main street à la Daylesford which has its chestnuts. What about mulberries, or more in keeping with paradise, figs. The first garments!



PROOF POSITIVE
Magical! To save the seeds for propagation, a local provided a panty hose foot for placing
Returning a week later: shock horror!!

Seeds and pantyhose gone. Bitten off by a hungry lilyavore.



GREAT TURNOUT, GREAT SUPPER.

On 24th October 2009, the local CFA put on a bar-b-que for the members and families. Had been a trying year all round. We can count ourselves lucky to have our CFA and the dedication and commitment of the members. If you are new to the area, or growing up here, have a think about joining. Go along to a meeting. First Tuesday of the month. 8 o'clock in the evening, at the Shed Meeting Room.



Guests arriving. Love the boat. Optimism at its best. Always come prepared!



So they tanned his hide when he died Fred and that's it hangin' on the shed.

This edition was written by Bill O'Donnell, RMB 2445 Yandoit 3461.

Any comments made are written with the best of humourous intentions and no offence is intended to any person, thing, animal or group

living or dead.



Where old lawn mowers go to retire.



IS THIS A PLANE I SEE BEFORE ME?

I haven't seen anything BUT some people say they have seen a flying machine in the vicinity of the Morrison farm.

View above is from the old portable at the school.

I didn't know that an airport was on the community plan but it's logical that if we wish to make Yandoit the centre of the Universe we will have to cater for all sorts of visitors arriving in all sorts of ways. Horse in the background doesn't seem concerned.

We have had visits from the police and other airborne visitors, so maybe a designated landing area is a good idea.

JIM CROW COMMUNITY GROUP

- Meetings are occurring every month. Check www.yandoit.net for details on:
- Batts Bridge picnic area
- Franklinford junction safety measures
- Tennis Court renovation
- Bike racks at the bus stops

Did you celebrate star wars day? May 4th?
May the 4th be with you!!!!