

Jim Crow Planning Group
Community Meeting
5.30 pm Friday 4th October 2013

Present: Stephen O'Connor, Nikki Marshall, Bill O'Donnell, Gendrie Klein-Breteler, Beth Higgins, John Ross, John Coombs, Monica Nolan, Kate Gerritson, Lawrence Righetti, Gerhard Emmerichs, Bill McClennaghan, and James Grant.

Apologies: Andrew Kimpton, Ric Higgins, Roni Nettleton, Charlie Dinami, Louise Laing, Adam McSwain, Robyn Gregson.

Meeting opened by Stephen O'Connor and the handed over to Gendrie as chairperson.

Gendrie referred to the report : "Yandoit, Franklinford and Clydesdale, Community Action Plan 2013" which had been sent out by post by the Council.

Gendrie proposed an agenda for the meeting which was adopted:

1. Feed back on the Community Plan
 2. Representation on the Committee
 3. Yandoit in Story
 4. Annual Bonfire and bar-b-que
 5. Operating the group
 6. Presentation to Council
 7. Hall committee report.
1. Feed back on the Community Plan.
- a. Because John, Monica, Kate and Gerhard were new to the group, a short history was presented by the other members of the group:
 - i. 5 years ago a Council sponsored process was begun with a series of meetings which culminated in the creation of the Jim Crow Planning Group (name came later) and a list of projects nominated by the community meeting. This Group was favoured by Council as the preferred "voice" of the community of Yandoit Franklinford and Clydesdale.
 - ii. The Planning Group has been successful in funding the following:
 - The community space at the Creek near Batts Bridge;
 - The Tennis Courts in Yandoit;
 - The community seat and table in the park near the courts;
 - Clydesdale Hall's projects (The Rotunda);
 - The notice board near the fire station;
 - Signage
 - b. This year the community was summoned to review the planning group and the community plan.
 - i. Not many people turned up.
 - ii. People present at the meeting reviewed the community plan and drew up the new plan which is available tonight.
 - c. Does anyone want to add anything to the Plan?
 - d. The key projects of the plan which are relevant were:
 - i. Development of a community telephone tree. To date there are 70 households which are included on the list. Information includes address, phone, type of dwelling, email, fire fighting resources and whether residents need assistance with exiting. The community telephone tree encourages introduction of neighbourhood groups to the community, that is breaking up the community into the clusters of dwellings near each other and letting that group organise their own system. A welcome to the area kit was also suggested.

- ii. Website development. Yandoit.net has been created by John Ross and is a valuable community resource. John would like it to be interactive and is willing to be the Net controller but is looking for everyone to contribute the content. Ideas on the website have been forthcoming: the home of the chronicle; a skills register for people to look up;
 - iii. Development of an oral history archive. The first Yandoit in story was a great success with over 80 people attending to hear the stories of the Main Street of Yandoit and the recollections of older residents. There are more sessions to come. The next session will be limited to around 80 people who have booked, because the session will be held in someone's home. The theme is Yandoit Hills stone houses and vineyards and will include presentations by elders/memory keepers as well as old slides.
2. The planning group decided to set up smaller groups, or sub-committees to work on various projects and to bring back reports to the next meeting on a Friday at 7.30pm in January 2014.
 - a. The Website subcommittee is John Ross, Stephen O'Connor, Nikki Marshall and Gendrie.
 - b. The emergency telephone tree subcommittee is Nikki, Bill, John, Gerhard.
 - c. The archive, oral history subcommittee is Nikki, Andrew, Gerhard, Monica, Kate.
 - d. The Presentation of community plan to Council subcommittee is Stephen, Bill, Monica, Nikki.
3. Representation on Planning Group : Tonight's meeting has brought representation from Franklinford (Monica Nolan and Louise Laing has indicated interest for next meeting); also from Yandoit Hills with Gerhard. Efforts need to be made to encourage representation from Clydesdale.
4. The Hall committee has put in for a community grant to part pay for solar panels for the Hall. The submission to obtain funds to repair the hall is being prepared by Andrew and Nikki.
5. The Annual bonfire and BBQ were confirmed for 26th October 2013. Evening assembling around 6.00pm, fire lit about 8pm.
6. Meeting time and organisation time: it was suggested that the planning group meet later on a Friday evening, around 7/7.30 to enable greater flexibility for workers and weekenders. Also that occasional meetings are held either on Saturday or Sunday. Also we need to allocate person with responsibility to book the hall.

Meeting finished at 7pm.