



Yandoit, Franklinford and Clydesdale

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FIRE NETWORKING AND PREPARATION GET TOGETHER

WHEN: FRIDAY 24TH JANUARY 2014

TIME: 7.15pm.

WHERE: YANDOIT HALL

WHERE WERE YOU TUESDAY NIGHT AND WHAT INFORMATION DID YOU HAVE?



Limestone Road: View of Tuesday night's burn.

The fire was started by lightning strike and the alert went out on the pagers at 18.51.

What happened locally was that people were phoning each other and relying on visual information.

This resulted in many people leaving their homes for Melbourne or somewhere safer.

Where was the information that people needed?

What is the best way to keep people up to date and how accurate is the information?

On Friday night the siren went off in Castlemaine in the evening.

I don't have a Facebook account but my wife does and had joined (if that is the word) Castlemaine Bushfire Help immediately the traffic started. Within 15 minutes it was established that there had been smoke coming from a building but it had been controlled and was not serious.

We all need accurate up to date information so that we can make appropriate decisions for ourselves, our families and our property

Is Facebook the way to go?

Castlemaine Bushfire Help and Daylesford Bushfire Help are two Facebook sites but I don't know who runs them or

contributes to the information or the validity or accuracy of the information.

CREATING NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUPS AND A TELEPHONE TREE.

It may be old fashioned but for the past year or so a number of people in the Franklinford/Yandoit/Clydesdale area have been trying to get people to contribute their names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses to go on a local data bank so that information can be shared quickly and efficiently.

Those on the list will be receiving *the Chronicle* as soon as it's ready. Hot off the press so to speak.

Some Suggestions are:

1. The establishing of neighbourhood groups: maybe 6 – 10 properties that are near each other to coordinate a system of information and getting to know each other.
2. The publishing of a map of the Franklinford Fire Brigade area so that everyone can know the area of the fire or emergency and maybe learn map reading. (Horizontal reading first then the vertical reading.) Find out what your map reference is for your house.
3. A list of reputable and accurate sites or sources for up to date information, notification systems for alerts and also when the danger is over and the fire or emergency under control.
4. Evaluation of systems after the fire.

Come along on Friday night and have the discussion. Bring any information you have to share and your experiences.



Aerial Shot of fires at Yandoit (From the internet not sure of when it was taken.)

YANDOIT HALL MAKEOVER

Councillor Kate Redwood, Council staff and the Hall Committee are well on their way to putting together a submission for the hall. Suggestions are: repointing the brickwork; repairing the main sign; fixing the steps and maybe putting on solar panels. The source of the funding is not Council but Local Communities and we will be joining with other Halls from the shire to apply for the funds.

Yandoit's second history in story event in November brought together another large gathering of locals on a walking and story-telling tour of Yandoit hills' stone houses and vineyards. Welcomed to Vince Gervasoni's house in Neven's road by Colin Mitchell we were invited to walk through the old cottage and view photos of Vince in each of the rooms at the time when he lived there. Across the road to Bergamo, Gerhard Emmerichs welcomed us with stories of past residents, renovations and wine making followed by tours through cellars under the house and the old timber wine barrels. Next we moved to the Gervasoni stone ruin, welcomed by new owners Marnie and Dale, via a brief sojourn at Vince's stone stables. We gathered in the marquee to hear Maurie Gervasoni, and Betty and Ken Pedretti share stories of music and wine making, including chooks drunk on fermented grape skins, weekend games of bocci, stories of community, of resourcefulness and self-sufficiency. The afternoon finished with glasses of wine, grown on the slopes of Yandoit Hills, generously donated by Colin Mitchell and slices of bullboar sausages prepared by Katie Minchinton and Rosa Mitchell. The usual generous Yandoit community spirit saw many locals helping before and on the day. Special thanks to Andrew Kimpton for guiding us through the program, to Briele Hansen for photographs and recordings, to Malcom Fyffe for arranging and setting up the marquee and for our inspiring story tellers Maurie, Betty and Ken. Thanks also to Hepburn shire's contribution towards toilet and marquee hire.



Photos: Petrus Spronk.

Planning for the next *Yandoit History in Story event*:
Friday February 7th 2014,
7.15pm
At Yandoit Hall

We have held two successful and well attended *Yandoit History in Story* events, the first around the theme of *the main street* and the second on *Yandoit Hills-stone houses and vineyards*.

We are ready to plan the third event on the theme of *Yandoit and the creeks* scheduled for March 2014. New people and existing planning group members are welcome to contribute ideas and plans towards the next event and also to share your thoughts in evaluating the previous two events.

If you are unable to attend this planning meeting but would like to contribute or have feedback to offer please

contact Nikki Marshall via email (nikki.marshall@oases.edu.au) or mobile (0432 232 073)

COMMUNITY BUS

If you want transport from Yandoit, Franklinford or Clydesdale to Daylesford ring 1300443534 on Wednesdays before noon for a Thursday trip.

NON SERIOUS SECTION

Serious competition to *The Chronicle*



I was patrolling the internet and was suddenly jerked into reality: There, in colour was the amazing, interactive web page: Yandoit Community News.

I thought that there might be another Yandoit, but the pictures are of the Yandoit 3461 that we all know and whatever.

Have a look! Just type in "Yandoit News". There are some great interactive pages and comedy snaps.

It's all advertising for the film: 100 bloody Acres which features the "mythical town of Yandoit".

It's all a bit violent for me. Agatha Christie's more of my style. You know someone has been killed but don't have to watch the gory details.

BY THE WAY.....Community information email list:

If you are interested in adding your name and contact details to our community email list, or if you have neighbours or friends who are missing out on receiving the *Chronicle* and other local information, please contact Nikki.

If you want to receive regular information including the *Chronicle* and the planning Group Minutes please send your email details to nikki.marshall@oases.edu.au and we'll add your details to the community email list. Your email details will remain confidential.

DO YOU HAVE ANY STORIES?

Contact Bill or John Ross at Yandoit.net.

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