



What: COMMUNITY BONFIRE

When: from 6.30pm, Saturday November 23rd

Where: Yandoit Recreation Reserve

What: COMMUNITY MEETING HEPBURN SHIRE LOCAL LAWS

When: 6.30pm Tuesday December 3rd

Where: Daylesford Town Hall

What: YANDOIT PRIMARY SCHOOL CONCERT

When: 6pm, Wednesday December 11th

Where: Yandoit Hall

YANDOIT CHRISTMAS CAROLS

When: 7.30pm, Sunday December 15th

Where: Yandoit Uniting Church

What: CLASSICAL MUSIC CONCERT IN YANDOIT

When: 10.30, 12.30 & 2.30 Thursday January 16th 2019

Where: Yandoit Uniting Church

COMMUNITY BONFIRE

It's time to gather around the bonfire with neighbours and friends, from 6.30pm onwards on Saturday November 23rd. Meet at the big table & BBQ at the Recreation Reserve. Bring food & drinks to cook and share. As long as the weather, and our much appreciated



CFA, permit the bonfire will be lit on nightfall. Sparklers will be provided for young at heart.

The bonfire is slightly later in the season this year. The green waste pile has been reduced- some mulched, with thanks to Kate and Jim Roberts for their generosity, and some removed to provide habitat for native animals. There's enough 'fuel' for a hearty bonfire while also minimising damage to sugar gums close by. Fledgling native birds nesting in the green

waste have had an extra couple of weeks to enable them to leave their nests.

CELEBRATING LIFE IN STORY SONG & POEM

Yandoit's historic Uniting Church provided the perfect setting for locals from Yandoit, Clydesdale, Franklinford, Shepherds Flat and Daylesford to share stories about life, via spoken word, song and poetry in August, as part of the Words in Winter Festival.

There was no shortage locals willing to share stories, poems, songs and music that inspired. Ballads of country living and poems were recited by heart, along with snippets of local history, and stories of children and adults who loved living and playing along



the creek. These were interspersed with music compositions and songs, laughter and tears. Contributions were made towards upkeep of this beautiful and sacred community space. We're planning another event- our own *Words in Summer*. More in the next *Chronicle*.

SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY PLANNING & MEETING WITH WARD COUNCILLORS

Organised by the Community Planning Group, community members met with our 4 ward councillors: Kate Redwood & Fiona Robson from Hepburn's Birch ward, John Cottrell from Hepburn's Holcombe ward, and for the first time, John Nieman from Mt Alexander's Loddon River ward joined us.

Hepburn Shire has allocated \$30,000 towards hall repairs and some work has already started. The Shire has a significant tree register and factors such as age of tree, historic value and potential danger must be taken into consideration before trees are felled. To register significant local trees, contact the Shire officer. Waste management continues to be a priority, as well as active engagement of women and girls in recreation facilities. Evan King, the new CEO at Hepburn, brings change and is evaluating the Shire's processes and effectiveness. The Shire's planning scheme is being reviewed over the next 12 months to examine zones, including farm zone- communities are invited to contribute. Ensuring the best agricultural land is preserved for agriculture is a priority. We can invite review team to our next community planning meeting.

Pine trees in danger of falling around Franklinford Hall are on priority list to be removed by DWELP. The new community officer at Hepburn shire will focus on reviewing community plans and she will be invited to our next planning group meeting. Colin from Rotary advised about their firewood scheme for those in need, with a focus on Holcombe ward this year. Increasing heavy vehicle use on small roads, coupled with ongoing concerns about safety at Franklinford intersection, will be brought to VicRoads attention by Councillors. Let us know about other problem areas. Councillors were asked to bring forward by two weeks the free green waste month of November to allow clean up before the fire season starts. In Yandoit we will trial green waste mulching at Recreation reserve. Repairs to Thomas Spring in Franklinford have been done. Yandoit Uniting church is now under jurisdiction of Castlemaine Uniting church. It will offer space for community events.

The Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Corporation have made a formal request to the Hepburn Shire to change the name of the Jim Crow Creek. The request has gone to Place Names Victoria. There are other precedents around Victoria and Australia. The process will be managed by Council.

Next meeting scheduled for February 2020, date to be advised in next *Chronicle*. For more detailed meeting notes go to yandoit.net

CLYDESDALE HISTORY

Joan Sartori has almost finished compiling Clydesdale's history panels. Community members have generously shared photos and stories so the job continues to expand. The collated stories and photos will be displayed in panels at the Rotunda next to Clydesdale hall. A launch/celebration will be held once the work is finalised – to be advised through *the Chronicle*.

UPCOMING END OF YEAR EVENTS

Don't miss **Christmas Carols at Yandoit Uniting Church** on Sunday December 15th at 7.30pm for a hearty sing, accompanied by musicians Jane Thompson and Andy Rigby and the choir. The **Yandoit Primary School concert** on Wednesday December 11th at 6pm is always entertaining and a chance to learn more about the school program. We've been informed that Santa will make an appearance at both of these events.

HEPBURN SHIRE DECLARES CLIMATE EMERGENCY

At the September meeting Hepburn Shire Councillors unanimously voted to declare a climate emergency, in response to two questions:

1. The former NSW fire chief, Greg Mullins, recently said in relation to climate change, the horse has truly bolted. 50 fires were burning in NSW in the first week of spring and it's not even an El Nino year. 14,000 homes burnt in California last summer, 9,000 the year before. This new reality is upon us too. Hepburn Shire is rated as the second most fire prone region in the state. Does Hepburn Shire Council unanimously agree that there is a climate emergency?
2. For the sake of our children, future generations and for the sake of life itself, will Hepburn Shire Council stand with over 1,000 other councils around the world, representing over 222 million people, and formally declare a climate emergency?

ARE YOU FIRE READY?

Central Victoria has been fortunate to receive more winter and spring rains than other parts of Australia, although dams and creeks are still low across much of our local area. The country is browning off and fire season is upon us, so prepare your fire plan. Emergency telephone trees have been developed in neighbourhoods within the three town ships. Speak to neighbours to make sure new people are added to the telephone tree.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FINE MUSIC EVENT IN YANDOIT

Yandoit Uniting Church, in collaboration with Ballarat Fine Music & Organ Festival, will host 3 concerts on Thursday January 16th, 2020. Internationally renowned classical musicians from Italy- Paolo Tagliamento on violin and Massimo Scattolin on guitar - will perform the same concert three times, at 10.30am, 12.30pm and 2.30pm. For more information: <https://www.ballaratorgans.com.au/>



Booking are advised as concerts are likely to be well attended and the church has seating for around 100.

Concerts will contribute towards keeping this beautiful church in community hands and towards maintenance costs, as well as much needed repairs for Yandoit Hall. We will provide morning tea, a simple lunch and afternoon tea for the festival goers and will need a team of community volunteers to help on January 16th – ideally 15 people who can

offer 2-3hrs for a morning, middle of the day or an afternoon shift.

Can you contribute or bake items for morning/afternoon tea?

Contact Nikki (see mobile number and email below) or Don Morrison if you're able to help.

COMMUNITY MEETING RE SHIRE LOCAL LAWS

Imagine not being able to collect materials from the local tip to repurpose, or grow plants on your nature strip, or pick wild apples on public land. These are just some of the activities that will be prohibited in the proposed updated version of Hepburn Shire's Local Law Number 2, which has come up for its ten yearly review. Permits may be required to hold a social gathering in a public place- if the Shire adopts the new definitions of 'event' and 'public place' in the proposed updated laws. Permits are currently required for major events in public places such as festivals, but under the new definitions an event will now also include 'social gathering,' and a 'public place' is any park, road, licensed venue, community hall, school, church, market or sports ground. Come to a community meeting to learn more and to express your views at **6.30pm on Tuesday December 3rd** at Daylesford Town Hall.

NEXT EDITION OF THE CHRONICLE

Our next edition is scheduled for February 2020. Let us know what's going on so we can include it in *the Chronicle*



NON SERIOUS SECTION

Your correspondent has been in Tuscany and I am pleased to report that it has a very close connection with Yandoit. As you can see the local stone is sedimentary & the local clay is the

mix they use to put it all together. I reckon that Vince, Maurie, Lawrence and some of the other Yandoitians must have gone over there in times past and taught them the Yandoit style. We stayed there for six days. The hospitality was fantastic. Local Products: wine and olive oil. Didn't see any bull-boars.

DO YOU HAVE ANY STORIES OR INFORMATION?

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