

# The Chronicle

AUGUST 2025

• Keeping our communities informed •

## Yandoit Cultural

Yandoit Cultural goes from strength to strength and, with security of tenure for the next 3 years, we are able to make plans for future events. A few new community members have joined the planning group, spreading the workload of organising and hosting our diverse range of events, all of which showcase the many talents in and around Yandoit.

If you're interested in joining the team we'd love to have you on board. We're experiencing such a wealth of talent with concerts, authors' talks, storytelling, film screenings, Open Mics, local history, participation in festivals, choirs and singing, and much more.

**To be kept informed** of what's coming up you can subscribe to the mailing list on Yandoit Cultural's website: [www.yandoitcultural.org](http://www.yandoitcultural.org) (Nikki Marshall)

## Yandoit Sacred

At our July *Yandoit Sacred* get-together, we gathered outside around the fire in the bush alongside the Uniting church. As the evening closed in and the full moon rose in the sky, we shared childhood memories and recent reflections on beauty. We were warmed by the fire, a pot of soup, and our companionship.

Our next *Yandoit Sacred* will again be held around the fire on **Saturday 23rd August at 2pm**. If you want to receive notifications about upcoming Yandoit Sacred gatherings, subscribe via Yandoit Cultural's website: [www.yandoitcultural.org](http://www.yandoitcultural.org) (Nikki Marshall)

## Fire Brigade Morning Tea Report

Hello to all in our community from the members of the Franklinford Fire Brigade Ladies Committee. We have been busy this year with catering for local functions and fundraisers for our wonderful Fire Brigade. Our Coffee Morning fundraiser held on the 12th March 2025 was another great success. All money raised goes to buying new equipment - such as new portable night lights, nozzles and a printer for easier Brigade administration – just to name a few things.

This year is a very special year for us as it is 50 years since our Committee was formed. We have a lovely, hard working group of members who hold our wonderful Brigade in very high esteem. We thank all in our community for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you all at our next annual **Coffee Morning fundraiser** on the **11th March 2026**. (Anne Richards)

## EVENTS

Sun • 10 AUGUST • 5 pm

### *Trio Lyra • What Lies Beneath*

Flute, Viola and Harp Concert

**Yandoit Cultural • Location:**

**Uniting Church Rd, off High St, Yandoit**

Sat • 23 AUGUST • 2 pm

### *Yandoit Sacred Get-together*

**Location: Uniting Church Rd, off High St**

Sun • 24 AUGUST • 1 pm

### *Words in Winter Open Mic*

Music, story, poetry, local history and more around the festival theme of 'light from the dark'.

Anyone and everyone can have their 5-10 minutes. Come, share and appreciate the local talent.

Contact Nikki (0432 232 073) to register your spot on the program.

**Yandoit Cultural: Uniting Church Rd, off High St**

Sat • 6 SEPTEMBER • 5 pm

### *Local Duo - Hymn and Her - Harmony and Dave and special guest Kimberley*

Sun • 26 OCTOBER • 1.30 pm

### *Swiss Italian Festa – Stone houses tour*

Bookings essential. [www.yandoitcultural.org](http://www.yandoitcultural.org)



## Community Planning Group AGM report and meeting with Councillors

The AGM for the Yandoit Clydesdale and Franklinford Community Planning Group (2023/2024) was held in May alongside our community meeting with shire councillors. Committee members for the year ahead are Chair: Erica Higgins; Vice Chair: Jessica Bleechmore; Treasurer: Alison King; Secretary: Katie Minchinton. Other committee members are: Liz Ingham (Clydesdale), Philip Sartori (Yandoit), Jill Williams (Franklinford/Shepherd's Flat), Matthew Spaccatore (Yandoit School), Nikki Marshall (Yandoit Cultural & Yandoit Sacred).

The community meeting received feedback on the next draft of our community plan which is close to completion. Further opportunities will be available to add and edit once the draft is up on the yandoit.net website. Talk with committee members or add your comments on the website. Our councillors reported on budgets and input into Council plans. An option for continued printing and distribution of the Chronicle is to register/subscribe for email/letterboxed version (to reduce paper copies and tree felling) and potentially an annual subscription for \$5.00 to cover costs. The Emergency Fire levy is a big concern for farmers. Roads, speed and wildlife protection continues as a concern and a subcommittee has formed to identify local roads of and issues. Yandoit School continues to grow, offering opportunities for learning, and keeping up student numbers is essential. Weed eradication- the Biodiversity Officer at HSC is available to discuss issues such as public land weed infestation; also the potential to work with the revitalised Guildford Upper Loddon Landcare group (new members encouraged). (Nikki Marshall)

### Franklinford News

A Hepburn Shire grant has allowed toilets at Franklinford School/Community Hall to be renovated. This is the first step of several repair jobs to make the hall functional again.

**A community working bee will be held August 3rd, 10am-12pm.** (Jill Williams 0437 751 824)

**Road Safety:** Due to the current weather pattern creating damp roads in the evenings and frosty conditions early mornings, it is a timely reminder to be focussed on black ice on the roads as the region has had a number of accidents. (Dan Richards)

**Wood Heaters:** Have your heater flue checked and cleaned. The brigade attended an incident last week involving creosote build-up in a heater flue that caused the house occupants to become ill and require medical treatment. (Dan Richards)

**Guildford Landcare:** New Members welcome. Contact Gendrie: 0428 732 561

## Yandoit Cinematheque

Yandoit Cinematheque continues our journey through the world of cinema with a **Second Season beginning on Tuesday August 19th.**

Films will be screened every second Tuesday (instead of Thursday) at Yandoit Cultural.

**Doors open 6pm. Film: 7.15pm.**

### \* Membership Options:

3 Week Membership: \$24. One week: \$12.

The final film for the first season *Embrace of the Serpent* will be screened on **Thurs August 7th.**

**For more information: Vance, tel: 0432 613 784**

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[www.humanitix.com/au/events/australia/yandoit](http://www.humanitix.com/au/events/australia/yandoit)

[www.instagram.com/yandoit\\_cinematheque](http://www.instagram.com/yandoit_cinematheque)

## VALE Margaret Hazler 1936-2025

Margaret Hazler was born in Creswick in 1936 to parents Les and Kathleen Seamons. She was one of 10 children. Margaret married Alois Hazler in 1962 when she was 23. Brian came along in 1965 to join the family.

Margaret was a strong and determined person with a caring nature – displayed through her volunteer work and contributions to the local community.

Margaret was on the Yandoit Hall Committee for many years and was a volunteer member of the Franklinford Fire Brigade Ladies Committee.

She treasured the love of her family and friends, and her beloved animals. Margaret will be remembered fondly by all who knew her.

## THERE ARE A FEW CHANGES HAPPENING WITH OUR COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER.

After 13 years Nikki is stepping down from preparing and editing the Chronicle and Liz Butler and Ros Willet have agreed to take on this role. This edition has been prepared by all three. New Chronicle email: [chronicle3461@gmail.com](mailto:chronicle3461@gmail.com)

The editing and distribution teams remain committed to delivering a printed copy for those who don't do emails and those who prefer a paper copy. **At the same time we envisage gradually reducing the number of printed copies.**

\*\*Over the next couple of editions we ask you to advise whether you prefer a paper copy by telephone or SMS to 0414 525 074.

On behalf of the community and Chronicle readership we would like to sincerely thank Nikki for her substantial role in the production, editing, coordination and distribution of the Chronicle over that time. A big task. **Thank you Nikki.**