

The Chronicle

• Keeping our communities informed •

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YANDOIT
cultural
Events at the old church in the bush

What's on at Yandoit Cultural in September, October, November & December 2026?

To receive regular notification of upcoming events for Yandoit Cultural and gatherings for Yandoit Sacred subscribe at: www.yandoitcultural.org

LOCATION: The old church in the bush, Uniting Church Rd

September



Dirtbird's 'Desolation Sound' Launch

DATE: Sunday September 27th • 5.00pm

Dirtbird, the ethereal epic whisper-rock project of Yandoit's singer-songwriter David M. Lewis, will launch their brand new double album, *Desolation Sound*. The album was recorded over 4 years at Sound Recordings in Campbell's Creek, and features the beautiful harmonies, dobro and double bass playing that have been the mainstay of the **Dirtbird** sound for several years.

Join Dave Lewis, Alex Miller, Razz Mussen and Ralf Rehak for a Sunday afternoon of alternative country music.

Suggested donation: \$15/10 *Tickets at the door – cash preferred.*

October



Swiss Italian Festa Stone Houses Tour

DATE: Saturday October 24th • 2.30–5.00pm

Gather at Yandoit Cultural

Join us for another magical mystery tour to several stone houses built by Yandoit's Swiss Italians. Learn more about the history, stories associated with these houses and the people who built and lived in them. Some early film footage will be screened plus afternoon tea, with a Swiss Italian and local produce theme, and games of bocci.

Bookings and car-pooling essential. More details coming up via Yandoit Cultural's subscription list, website (see below) and the Swiss Italian Festa program.

November



Pleasantville return to Yandoit Cultural

WHEN: Saturday November 14th at 7.00pm

Popular local partnership Michelle and Richard Pleasance will perform again, bringing upbeat, humorous swing tunes. Richard, music composer, producer and founding member of "Boom Crash Opera", will lay down some haunting and filmic guitar sounds forming the background for some smooth, conversational tones by Michelle.

More information via Yandoit Cultural's website and subscriber list:

www.yandoitcultural.org

December



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Christmas Carols with Castlemaine Peace Choir

DATE: Sunday December 20th at 7.00pm

A joint Yandoit Cultural and Yandoit Sacred event with Castlemaine's Peace choir, children from Yandoit and Daylesford schools, and Uniting Church Minister, Sarah Tomilson.

CASTLEMAINE FIELD NATURALISTS CLUB

Upcoming events in September

MONTHLY MEETING:

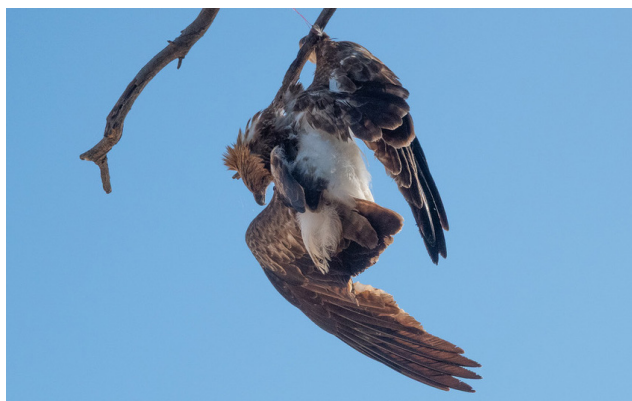
Friday 11th September, 7.30pm

Uniting Church Hall, Lyttleton St, Castlemaine

SPEAKER:

Hannah Faraone, Federation University

Birds and litter - using imagery to investigate bird-litter interactions



Anthropogenic litter poses a significant global threat to birds for example by ingestion and entanglement.

Hannah will tell us about her project to better understand bird-litter interactions through a citizen-science based image collection study. She found some unexpected interactions, revealing a broader range of interactions than previously anticipated.

The observed patterns between interactions, bird species, and litter characteristics provide management organisations with the first step to developing targeted strategies to mitigate the risks of anthropogenic litter to birdlife.

Observations: Members and visitors are invited to share their interesting observations at the meeting.

Please email any photos to illustrate your report as uncropped JPEG file(s) to:

Jill Williams (jilliwill33@gmail.com) by noon on the day of the meeting.

Ah.. the wonderous fungi after the recent rain



Brittlestems
Genus *Psathyrella*
One of the fire fungi.
Photo: Noel Young



Yellow Earth Buttons
Phaeohelotium baileyianum
One of the fire fungi.
Photo: Cath Jolly

EXCURSION:

Saturday 12th September, 1.30pm



Proposed Loddon River Nature Trail, Guildford

LEADER: Bill Sampson

Guildford Upper-Loddon Landcare (GULL) has invited our club to undertake an excursion along their proposed Nature Trail on the Loddon River and the Big Tree, an ancient Bial (Red Gum) in Guildford. The purpose of the excursion is to harness our expertise in a survey of the flora and fauna to assist in promoting the walk and developing it in sympathy with its potential.

Bill will give us some background on the fauna that have been seen along this stretch of the Loddon including platypus and Galaxias. He has a good bird list already with several birds of prey that enjoy the thermals from the steep side of the nearby lookout. He will also point out the challenges e.g. weeds and future development of the local 'village'. The eventual plan is to extend the trail up the river and through Crown Land to the Guildford Lookout - thus providing the opportunity to establish a broader type of habitat and an important wildlife corridor.

We look forward to exploring this wonderful natural asset and adding to the knowledge of its natural values.

GULL will kindly provide afternoon tea (including GF options) at the end of our walk, just bring your chair!

Meet: for car-pooling and **1.30pm** departure at the northern end of the car park, north of the Railway Goods Shed, Kennedy St. Castlemaine.

Or meet at **1.45pm** near the Loddon River, at the far western end of Havelock Street, Guildford (i.e. at the opposite end of the road that leads up to the Guildford Lookout) (Google Maps).

Bring: water, snacks, **clean** sturdy shoes, chairs.

Please note: excursions may be altered or cancelled due to weather or other exceptional factors. Check our website the day before the excursion in case there is a change (www.castlemaine-field-naturalists.org.au).

Fire preparedness with the change of season

After a wet winter we can expect to see a lot of growth as we move through the warmer Spring weather.

This has the potential to create heavy fuel loads for the fire danger period making now the ideal time to start planning fuel reduction around our properties.

After the success of last year's "**Get Fire Ready**" information session, the Franklinford Brigade will again be extending the invitation to the community to join us in October at the Yandoit Station to discuss our local risks and what steps can be taken to prepare. Information packs will again be available to all.

Details: Sunday 11 October, 9.30-11.30am

BURN OFFS...

If planning to complete any burning off please register it by calling **1800 668 511** or online at: www.firepermits.vic.gov.au

Doing so can prevent unnecessary fire brigade response.



FRANKLINFORD FIRE BRIGADE LADIES COMMITTEE

Our AGM and election of Office Bearers will be held on Wed. 14th Oct. '26 at the Yandoit station meeting room at 2pm.

Afternoon tea to follow. All very welcome.

Enq. Rhonda Muller 0497 740 619

Anne Richards 0427 764 237

**YANDOIT FIRE STATION MEETING ROOM
WED. 14 OCT • 2.00pm**

UPCOMING LOCAL MARKETS

**NEWSTEAD CFA Community Market
Saturday SEPTEMBER 19 • 8.30am to 1pm**

**LOCAL TRADE FAIR, Yandoit Hall and Grounds
Sunday OCTOBER 18 • 10.00am to 1pm
Register: Contact Liz on 0414 525 074**

**CLYDESDALE Community Market
Sunday DECEMBER 13 • 9:30am to 1.30pm
Register: Contact Liz on 0414 525 074**

CALL OUT: TRADE FAIR - FUNDRAISER

Yandoit, Franklinford and Clydesdale

TRADE FAIR

** Invitation to participate **



Sunday 18th October • 10am-1pm

Planning for a **Local Trade Fair** is underway. Our 2015 Trade Fair was a perfect market event to showcase the many and varied skills, services, tools and trades available within the greater Yandoit area, Franklinford and Clydesdale. We are going to revisit it in October.

Take part in the Trade Fair:

Set up a stall on the Hall grounds or book a trade table (or just table space for flyers etc) inside the Hall. The tables can be used individually or shared space. (Or, if unable to attend in person, send through your relevant trade details and contact information to ensure you are listed in the directory).

Support and buy local - 'Where to go to get it...':

A local Directory of 'where to go to get it' will be produced - with details of the local trades, services, products, tools etc that are available locally. The directory will be available on the day, and/or made available via a QR code to download to phones for future reference.

Local Produce Table / mini Farmers Market for local producers to sell directly to locals.

Trade, swap and sell are all possible: You may have items no longer used that could be traded for skills, goods or services, or simply for sale.

FURTHER INFORMATION:

COST: \$10.00 per exhibitor (covers Hall cost and Trade Directory flyer (available at the entrance) and donations to the Yandoit School fundraiser)

Interested?:

Please email your craft/trade/skill details and your contact details, website, fb etc to: chronicle3461@gmail.com or send to Liz on 0414 525 074.

FUNDRAISING BBQ and kitchen cafe:

The local Yandoit school will hold a fundraising sausage sizzle **BBQ** - and all proceeds from the tea/coffee/cakes from the Hall's kitchen portal will also go to the School.

**For further information and to Register pls txt
0414 525 074 or email chronicle3461@gmail.com**



Guildford Upper-Loddon Landcare



AGM

TUESDAY, 13 October - 7.00pm Guildford Hall

Guildford Upper-Loddon Landcare...or GULL as we are also known covers many townships across the North Central District. Our group includes the communities of Clydesdale, Strangways, Vaughan, Fryers and Irish Towns, Franklinford, Tarita, Yandoit and surrounds.

At our upcoming AGM, we will be celebrating all that has been achieved over the past 12 months - and elect the 2026/27 Executive and Committee members, and formalities. Followed by supper.

To vote at the AGM you will need to be a member - it's easy to join via the QR code, or [click here](#).

Fill in the form and complete a bank transfer. Include your name in the description of your bank transfer. Only \$25 per household to join.



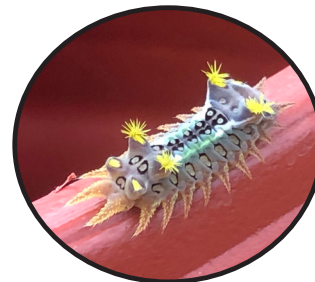
I spy with my little eye..

Highlighting our amazing natural environment, wildlife and ecosystem – one pic at a time.



Carpenter ant
genus *Camponotus*

Widespread and known for their dark, robust bodies and smooth, rounded thoraxes. The ant above is scavenging the remains of a praying mantis - as ants frequently forage for protein sources to take back to their colony.



Painted cup moth caterpillar
Doratifera oxleyi

Belongs to the family Limacodidae. Highly distinctive caterpillar that features bright warning coloration and potent stinging hairs. When disturbed, the caterpillar everts crowns of bright yellow-tipped stinging spines from its upper knobs. Touching these bristles releases an acidic toxin that inflicts a sharp, painful sting reminiscent of stinging nettles. But my..what a beauty!!

Please send through a pic of your favourite local cohabitant: lizard... spider... fauna... bug... bird... fungi... etc, etc...

Email to: chronicle3461@gmail.com



Full details and photos here:



FOR SALE

Circa 1860s Miners Cottage

64 Park Avenue, Yandoit VIC

FEATURING:

- 2 Bedrooms (1 x QS, 1 x Double)
- Shower Room, Separate Toilet
- Renovated 'Country Style' kitchen diner
- Split system Heating & Cooling, Ceiling fan in lounge
- 'Coonara' wood burner in fireplace
- All furnishings and appliances, crockery, cutlery & cookware
- Security alarm & Wifi (Satellite) installed
- External shed attached, Lawn mower included
- 788m2, fenced
- Small olive grove, 2 x heritage Mulberry trees & a lilac
- Water tank, Gas bottles (hot water), Water heater
- Shire Rates:
\$1348.87 pa, State Land Tax (second residence) \$975.00 pa

Call to arrange an inspection: 0410 327 748

Thanks to the contributors for this issue: Nikki Marshall, Jill Williams, Anne Richards, Noel & Dan Richards, Liz Butler. The next Chronicle is scheduled for early December. Any and all contributions are welcome. Please send through to email: Chronicle3461@gmail.com

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