

Yandoit, Franklinford and Clydesdale Community Action Plan 2013



Introduction

Review of the Yandoit, Franklinford and Clydesdale Community Action Plan

The communities of Yandoit, Franklinford and Clydesdale met in April 2013 to review the 2008 Community Action Plan, identify and reconsider community priorities and explore opportunities for action and positive change to enhance the well-being of the community.

The 2013 Yandoit, Franklinford and Clydesdale Community Action Plan is a documentation of all the thoughts and ideas recorded during the public meeting.

What is Community Planning?

The Hepburn Shire Council supports communities in the Hepburn Shire who wish to develop their own Community Plans. Community Planning is a process that is 'owned' by the community with Council available to play a facilitation role. Community Plans provide valuable input into Local, State and Federal Government planning.

Background to the 2013 Yandoit, Franklinford and Clydesdale Community Plan

As part of the process to develop an inaugural Community Action Plan for the towns of Yandoit, Franklinford and Clydesdale in 2008 a community meeting, facilitated by Neil Noelker Consulting, was held. Residents recorded a list of priorities for the area, documented what they like and value about their region and provided a vision for the area.

At the meeting residents established a Community Planning Group to ensure that focus groups assigned to work on projects in the plan were coordinated and worked together. This group is known as the Jim Crow Planning Group. Since formation the Jim Crow Planning Group have successfully completed a number of projects, including:

- Yandoit Tennis/Basketball/Netball refurbishment.
- Dangerous tree removal, Clydesdale Hall.
- Provision of bike racks for school bus stops.
- Jim Crow Planning Group Logo competition involving Yandoit Primary School students.
- Town entrance signage installed.
- Seat installed at the Yandoit tennis court.
- History and story event held as part of the Words in Winter program.

Establishing the 2013 Yandoit, Franklinford and Clydesdale Community Plan

In 2013 an invitation was sent, via a letter to all properties in Yandoit, Franklinford and Clydesdale to meet to review the 2008 Community Plan, collect ideas for a new Community Plan and to vote on priorities for inclusion in the Yandoit, Franklinford and Clydesdale 2013 Community Plan.

Prior to the meeting a community BBQ was held and the meeting was then attended by over 20 residents. Neil Noelker Consulting, who completed the inaugural 2008 community plan, returned to again facilitate this session.

Residents identified six priority topic areas: events and activities; recreation, sport and leisure; community wellbeing; environment; community infrastructure; and 'other items'. Within each of these areas a number of community projects were identified. Each participant at the meeting then voted on each category to establish a prioritised listing of projects.

Following the meeting a community planning committee was established, the committee is made up of the following people:

George Evans
Charlie Dinami
Stephen O'Connor
Roni Nettleton
Andrew Kimpton

Shirley Evans
Nikki Marshall
Bill O'Donnell
Gendrie Klein-Breteler

Report Structure

This report has been broken down into three main parts. The first section highlights the priority projects that received 20 or more votes and is followed by a list of all the projects and the scores they received. The second section of the report lists the values, visions and goals for Yandoit, Franklinford and Clydesdale that were expressed by the community in 2008. The third section is an overview of the region containing demographic information and a locality map.

Priority projects

Below is a listing of all the prioritised projects that meeting attendees voted on. Attendees were asked to vote on projects as a 1st, 2nd or 3rd priority and votes were weighted accordingly. The points gained by each project from this process were added together and projects that received more than 20 points are included here. These nine projects are the priority projects for the Yandoit, Franklinford and Clydesdale Community Plan.

- **Development of a community telephone tree- 29 votes**
- **Improved telecommunications coverage – 23 votes**
- **Establish a walking club and trail – 23 votes**
- **Improved communications within the district – 23 votes**
- **Development of an oral history archive for the district – 23 votes**
- **Establish a local community directory – 22 votes**
- **Website development – 21 votes**
- **Develop / finalise places of interest – 20 votes**
- **Trial program of recreation options e.g. monthly trial of yoga – 20 votes**

Projects/Initiatives

Below is a list, broken down by category, of all the projects and initiatives that were raised at the meeting and the number of points (based on participant votes) each project received. Scoring was based on 1st vote = 3, 2nd vote = 2 and 3rd vote = 1.

Events & Community Activities

		1 st Votes	2 nd Votes	3 rd Votes	Total
1	Celebrate National Tree Day	1			3
2	Annual "Yandoit International Street Fair"		1		2
3	District Trash & Treasure Day	1	2	3	10
4	Bull Boar making	1			3
5	Website development	5	3		21
6	Local Community Directory (support local community)	2	5	6	22
7	Community Engagement and "Welcome to"	3	2	4	17

Recreation, Sport & Leisure

		1 st Votes	2 nd Votes	3 rd Votes	Total
1	Indoor events	1			3
2	Establish a book club			2	2
3	Establish a walking club & trail	6	1	3	23
4	Conducting events such as yoga	1	1		5

5	Conducting leisure events such as card nights	1		2	5
6	Develop/finalise places of interest		9	2	20
7	Suck it and see	4	2	4	20

Community Activities

		1 st Votes	2 nd Votes	3 rd Votes	Total
1	List of skills that exist in the community	1	3	5	14
2	Council updates on what is relevant to living in the district or guest speakers who could advise the community	1	2	2	9
3	Better communication within the district/other agencies	5	3	2	23
4	Better understandings through discussions between farmers and rural residents	1			3
5	Request for rural updates in local paper		2	1	5
6	Develop oral history of district/archive	5	3	2	23

Environment

		1 st Votes	2 nd Votes	3 rd Votes	Total
1	Recycling	3	1	3	14
2	Control of noxious weeds	2	1	2	10
3	Establish a community garden	1	3	2	11
4	Develop an environ toilet at the tennis courts			1	1
5	Support management of remnant vegetation	4	1	1	15
6	Education of residents relating to weeds/remnant vegetation	1	4	2	13
7	Control of pests	2	3	1	13

Community Infrastructure

		1 st Votes	2 nd Votes	3 rd Votes	Total
1	Community infrastructure	2			6
2	Water supply	1		6	9
3	Solar panels that reflect a 'solar village' for the area		1	2	4
4	Community transport	1	3	3	12
5	Five ways at Franklinford intersection	2	4	1	15
6	Telephone tree	7	4		29

Other

		1 st Votes	2 nd Votes	3 rd Votes	Total
1	Discussion groups or general nights or men's ladies nights	3	1	2	13

2	Improving telecommunications	6	2	1	23
3	Consideration of underground power in main street		1	2	4
4	Using unwanted material, equipment for humanitarian aid		2	2	6
5	Investigate youth activities in district	2	3	1	13



Celebrating the opening of the Yandoit Tennis Court, July 2012. Image courtesy Jim Crow Planning Group.

Values, Vision and Goals for Yandoit, Franklinford and Clydesdale

(as expressed in the 2008 Yandoit, Franklinford and Clydesdale Community Plan)

Values

For our communities to be prosperous and vibrant places to live, with facilities and services that we need, all of us have some part to play.

In doing so, the community generally recognises that sometimes people do not understand the procedures and systems to ensure that their voice is heard, or are just too busy about their lives to have to attend meetings, or lack the confidence to talk about their needs.

This community plan simply allows people to bring forward issues and contribute what they can.

Consequently the values of our community plan include:

- Ensuring equality and at the same time recognising that diversity of community opinion is essential part in delivering services and facilities to everyone.
- Placing people at the centre of our thinking and through our vision, aims and actions, would support a sustainable local community.
- We wish to nurture, support and develop our young people enabling them to contribute to their future in our community.
- We value openness and transparency on information, participation and community activity.

The three communities involved in this community plan have agreed that the development of the future require consideration of the following:

- To have a better place – by improving the community and natural world around us, that includes the environment and infrastructure.
- The ability to feel fine – by tackling well being issues to improve the quality of life of our communities.
- The opening of doors through lifelong learning – by helping everyone achieve their potential and enjoy activities and opportunity for growth.
- Feeling secure in our safe community by offering to look out for each other.

Vision and Goals

The Yandoit, Franklinford and Clydesdale communities have as a goal to improve and enhance the quality of life of their district. Not only does their community wish to sustain local farming and agricultural practices, but also to encourage a wide range of community activity that strengthens the community as a whole.

The community has therefore acknowledged that by working together in partnership with other government agencies, the community can:

- Achieve more.
- Add value.
- Develop new ways of working together.
- Be creative and innovative to suit local circumstances.
- Learn from each other.
- Share information about the priority initiatives.
- Deliver on more joined up initiatives to the community.

There has already been a great deal of work undertaken by organisations and agencies in this district. Local groups and organisations have long contributed to community activity and the aim of the community plan is to support and coordinate these to provide even greater benefits of the Yandoit, Franklinford and Clydesdale communities.

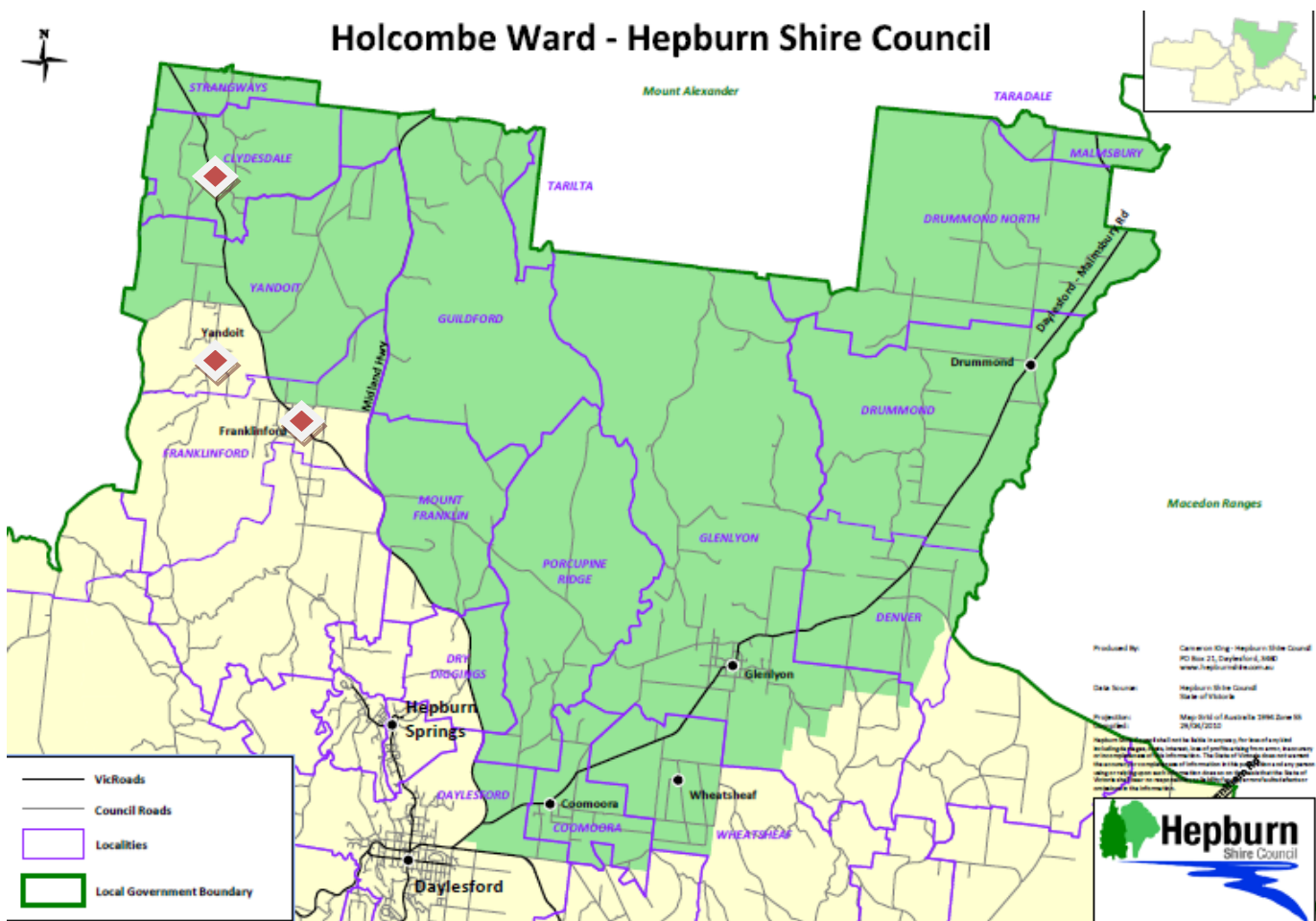
Consequently, some of the measures for success in achieving the objectives in be:

- More people getting involved in local volunteering.
- More local, or home growth projects being developed.
- Communities actively involved in helping attract opportunities for revitalising their area.
- More regular activities available for all sections of the communities including young people.
- People who are better informed and know where they can get information about their local district and their services and activities as they require.

About Yandoit, Franklinford and Clydesdale

The Yandoit, Franklinford and Clydesdale area is connected along the main road between Newstead and Daylesford. The area does not have a formal village or town centre, and is a farming area with considerable rural residential development.

At the time of the 2011 Census the area encompassing Yandoit, Franklinford and Clydesdale (approx 155 sq km around Yandoit) had 309 residents. The median age of residents was 50 with children aged 0 - 14 years making up 10.3% of the population and people aged 65 years and over 17.7% of the population. Over 36% participated in voluntary work through an organisation or group, significantly higher than the state average, while the unemployment rate was 2.4%, a full 3% lower than Victoria's unemployment rate.



Map showing the Yandoit, Franklinford and Clydesdale localities within the Holcombe Ward, Hepburn Shire Council