



## THE SOURCE

*The Lyonville Newsletter*

# 50 years of the Woodchop

Country Traditions Still Relevant Today

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The president of our Hall Committee, Anne Bremner, reminded me that the Lyonville Woodchop started 50 years ago in 1972 and it is still going strong today. Despite demographic and land use changes, the woodchop reminds us that the roots of our township are deeply intertwined with those of the forest. The June storms last year also reminded us of the fragility and importance of the forest today. As well as being a fun family event, the woodchop represents a link between the past and present. I hope you will come along.

On a different topic, the implementation of the Lyonville Community Plan needs us all to pitch in to help achieve our goals. You'll find an update on progress to date, plus invitation to join the planning and working groups overleaf. The small group of people actively involved in Lyonville needs to broaden to spread the load, make use of the many skills of community members and make things happen. Whatever your contribution, it will be very welcome.

Vicki, The Lyonville Newsletter editor



Lyonville Hall with new sign

Lyonville Woodchop returns!



After a COVID disrupted 2021, the Lyonville Woodchop is back this year for its 50th year. Join in the fun and see the woodchips fly from 10.30am on Saturday 5 February at Lyonville Hall. BBQ, bar, coffee and cakes, raffle, spinning wheel and more. All vaccinated folk are welcome to attend. Entry is \$5, kids free. We look forward to seeing you there.

If you can spare some time on the day to help run the event (we need volunteers for the BBQ, bar, gate and cake stall) please contact Vicki on 0438178150.

Thanks to our many sponsors whose generous support makes this event such a great success.

## Lyonville Community Planning Update

### *Community Planning Group—new member needed*

The Community Planning Group (current members Greg Jones, Shelley Bowen, Jordan Koster and Vicki Jackson) needs a new member to join us to put our community plan into action. If you have some experience in volunteering, community engagement and / or other useful skills, we'd love to hear from you. Membership involves attendance at 4 group meetings per year, plus participation in one of the working groups such as the 'Arts, Culture and History' to work on the actions in our plan. To apply, please send an email to [vickicj102@gmail.com](mailto:vickicj102@gmail.com) including your contact details, why you'd like to join the group, and any relevant skills and experience. Applications close 31 January. We look forward to hearing from you.

### *Implementing the Community Plan—new working groups open*

Having finalised the community plan last year, the Community Planning group's focus is now on implementation of the many actions that the community raised. To help in this process, we will be establishing a number of topic-based working groups.

### *Planning & Services Working Group*

The first of the working groups arising from the Lyonville Community Plan—the Planning and Services working group. The group will be addressing the actions arising from the plan, including road safety (speed limits, road signage etc), telecommunications and power supply interruptions. So far, Council has been contacted regarding advice on the road safety issues and Powercorp has been contacted to ask why we have so many power cuts. Their response was that as we are in a bushfire-prone area, the power is automatically turned off when there is a line issue to prevent power-line caused fires and it then takes a while to find the problem and fix it. Thanks to the group members for taking on these issues

### *Our Village Look & Feel Working Group*

The next group to commence is the 'Our Village Look & Feel' working group. If you love our township and would like to help keep Lyonville fresh and beautiful, we'd love you to join the 'Our Village Look and Feel' working group. The group will work on the actions identified in the Lyonville Community Plan, which include exploring development of local assets such as the springs, old school, local walking tracks, the rail trail, and developing new events that highlight Lyonville attractions. The first meeting of this group will be on Wednesday 9 February at 7pm in the Lyonville Hall. Please RSVP to [vickicj102@gmail.com](mailto:vickicj102@gmail.com) if you intend to come, or if you have any questions.

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## Hall Committee Update



Summer produce in the hall's herb garden

A few recent snippets from the Hall Committee:

- We hope to get the exterior of the hall painted before winter and are awaiting advice from the contractor on timing.
- We have submitted plans to Council to erect a roof over the area between the hall and the toilet block to provide shelter for events.
- We plan to build a woodshed as an extension to the toilet block on the south side to store wood for the pizza oven. Once this is up and stocked with free wood supplied by Council, it will make it easier for folk to use the pizza oven.
- The community dinner held on 5 December was a great success, with around 30 people attending.
- The book exchange is up and running on the stage at the hall with an eclectic mix of books filling the shelf. Do visit!

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## Café de Lyonville update

Now that summer has finally arrived, local produce is often for sale at the café, and the shelf is re-stocked with new season jams too.

Our valiant volunteers keep the café going every Sunday morning from 10am to 1pm. We need more people to be part of the regular roster so everyone only needs to do one Sunday per month. If you can help, please contact Jason on 0412999700. Full training given for those who are not barista-trained.



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## Events at the Lyonville Hall

For more information on hall events, or to organise your own event at the hall, contact Vicki on 0438 178 150. The hall and the pizza oven are available for hire at \$120–\$170 per day for the hall, \$50 for use of the pizza oven only. Please note that COVID capacity restrictions may limit numbers at all hall events at present.

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