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Autumn Activities

Your Lyonville

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I can't believe it is autumn already. After a very mild and moist summer, the garden is still productive and the fruit and veggies have been bountiful.

It's been pleasing to see the start of the working groups to tackle some of the goals in our community plan. We welcome the participation of those who have volunteered to help with these groups and hope that others will join us once we begin to get cracking on the actions. Nothing happens in a hurry, but over time and with persistence, we will achieve many of the goals we set.

Hope to see you at some of the forthcoming events.

Vicki, The Lyonville Newsletter editor



New woodshed construction at the hall

Woodchop a roaring success



The 49th Lyonville Woodchop (the event was first held in 1972 but we missed a year in 2021) was a triumphant success. Over 400 people attended to watch the axemen and lady nail drivers and to enjoy the perfect summer weather. The raffle and spinning wheel prizes were very popular, as were the refreshments. New this year was the Hepburn Distillery who supplied very fine G&Ts to the thirsty hoards.

The event made a surplus for the hall of \$11,500, which will be used for continuing maintenance and improvements. Thanks to Anne and George Bremner who are the major organisers of the event, to John Fitzgibbon for his research on the history of the woodchop and creation of displays to celebrate it. Thanks also to all our sponsors, to all who attended and particularly to the many people who volunteered to help on the day—it is much appreciated.

Winner of the ladies nail drive (above); crowds watching the fun (below left); cross cut saw competitors (below right)



Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 23 March at 7pm at the hall: Lyonville Look & Feel working group meeting.

Wednesday 30 March at 7pm in the hall: History, Art & Culture working group meeting.

See overleaf for more information on these two meetings.

Friday 1 April at 5.30pm in the hall: Pizza Dinner. Tickets \$20, bookings <https://www.trybooking.com/BXPEO>

Sunday 3 April 10am–12 noon at the hall: Working Bee. Tasks include gardening, wood stacking, cleaning. BYO gloves, weeding tools, hats etc.

Sunday 17 July at 1pm in the hall: Community lunch and celebration of Anne & George's diamond wedding anniversary.



Lyonville Community Planning Update

Community Planning Group

The Community Planning Group has a new member, Anthony Zaspel, who joins Greg Jones, Shelley Bowen, Jordan Koster and Vicki Jackson to oversee the implementation of our community plan. The next step for the planning group is to apply to become an incorporated body. This will enable us to hold a bank account and to apply for grants and funding for projects relating to the plan.

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 are establishing a number of topic-based working groups.

Planning & Services Working Group

This group has written to Council to commence a review of road safety on the Daylesford- Trentham road and within the township. The group is also liaising with Powercor to understand the issues causing the frequent power outages and what options are available to ensure a more reliable service.

Our Village Look & Feel Working Group

This group met for the first time in February and agreed to work on three goals initially: opportunities for roadside tree planting to enhance the township; sourcing more visible and pleasing township signage on the main road at each end of the township; applying to VicTrack, who own the land around the Lyonville Station, to see if we can lease all or part of the land for use as community assets. The vacant land could be used as a community park and the station building could be used as an arts venue, information centre and event space. The station and surrounding land is currently leased but we understand that the lease may be up for review soon. The next meeting of this group is on 23 March at 7pm at the hall—please come along if you want to join us, or if this reaches you too late, contact Vicki on 0438178150 for more information.

History Art & Culture Working Group

The first meeting of this group will be on Wednesday 30 March at 7pm in the hall. This group will explore and document the history of Lyonville, highlight the many artists in the township, and create ceremonies, events and memorials to celebrate our history and culture. If you'd like to join this group, please come along to the meeting or call Vicki on 0438178150 for more information.

Hall Committee Update



New picnic table near the playground

A few snippets from the Hall Committee:

- Exterior painting of the hall will commence in the next few weeks
- Planning approval for the covered area near the pizza oven has stalled due to lack of planning staff at Council. We hope to get approval soon....
- The woodshed is under construction and should be ready for stacking at the working bee on 3 April.
- Two picnic tables have been installed in the hall grounds for use by visitors and at the café.
- We are negotiating with an artist to commission an historical mural along the corrugated iron fence on the south of the hall grounds.
- Working bee to be held on 3 April at 10am – 12 noon.

Café de Lyonville update

The fine summer weather has brought out lots of locals and visitors to enjoy the café. Anne's strawberries, produce from the hall's herb garden and lots of jams have been popular additions to the cakes and coffees for sale.

The café is dog friendly and we have seating inside and outside. If you are not already a regular, come along and join us any Sunday between 10am–1pm.

(Note: The Café will not operate on Sunday 1 May due to a private booking at the hall)



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.

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