

Anakie Advocate

April
2019

Anakie Community House 2115 Ballan Rd Anakie 3213
Mondays and Thursdays 9am to 5pm; Tuesdays 1 to 5pm;
Wednesdays 12 to 5pm during terms
phone/fax 5284 1359 email anakiehouse@ncable.net.au



These are the children attending the 2019 three year old activity group

Jimmy is here until he gets a place in full-time kindergarten. He came to the group last year, too, and *loves* dinosaurs! He has a big brother, **Jack**.



Sophie started coming half-way through 2018. She likes the toys, games, puzzles and getting dressing up. She has a baby sister, **Ella**.

Inara attended the all-ages group last year and still comes on Mondays. Now she is in the 'big group', too. She loves dressing up as Elsa. She has a little sister, **Adela**.



Community Day 2019



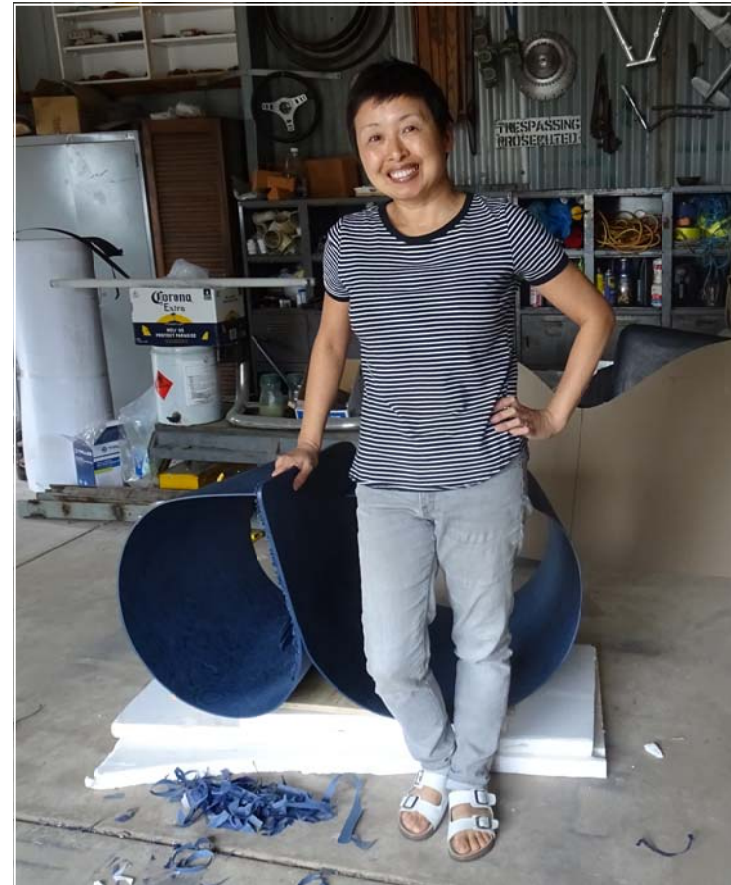
Saturday 4 May
Anakie Primary School
Anakie Rural Fire Brigade



Anakie Football Club & Netball Club
Anakie Community House Devonshire teas
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Local groups & businesses welcome



Meet Yan; a very talented local lady who runs her own business, *Yandesign*. Last month, she exhibited some of her functional sculptures during Melbourne Design Week. Turn to page 10 to read more about Yan. Do you know someone in the community doing amazing work? If so, contact the community house and we'll see if they would like to

share their story in the Anakie Advocate.

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Anakie Fire Brigade News

Secretary Gordon Hodges
ph: **0408 528 149**

Next training: **Sunday 7 April starting at 9am.** Prospective members are welcome to come.
The brigade was relatively quiet last month, attending only 2 grass fires, supporting Maude and Lethbridge. With cooler days, don't become blasé and start lighting fires, **you still need permits to burn.** Fire restrictions are in place until **May 1.** Some property owners will start to burn stubble paddocks, so if you see a paddock on fire 'assess don't guess'. Burn-offs should be registered at Vic Fire – **1800 668 511.** You may have seen or smelt smoke over the past weeks; this is from the fires still burning in Gippsland. There may be more noticed as the CFA and Forrest Fire Management try to contain the fires.
The brigade attended a family day last month. It was well supported by the community; an enjoyable day for all. Thanks to members who helped on the BBQ; great effort.
Three new members have finished minimum skills training and been

issued pagers to alert them to fires; we look forward to seeing them on the truck for the first time.
If you see suspicious activity, fire or criminal, call **triple zero (000) or crime stoppers on 1800 333 000.** If you are having trouble coping with everyday issues or have seen or heard something that affects you, remember you are not alone. These numbers offer help; CFA members - CFA welling support line 1800 959 232; general public Lifeline 13 11 14; Beyond Blue 1300 224 636; Kid Help Line 1800 551 800. There are more units offering help in a variety of ways to help you on your journey.
Smoke detectors save lives - check yours are in **working order.** Follow the brigade on Facebook 'Anakie Fire Brigade' and CFA & SES @ activity emergency.vic.gov

Fires can happen at **ALL times of the year**, in **all environments**, so **be prepared, be safe and have a plan**

Paul Moore

4th Lieutenant Anakie Fire Brigade

April radio checks and drivers roster

All vehicles are to be functionally checked and run approximately 30 klms per week.

If you **cannot fulfill the roster, please find a replacement yourself.**

Sunday radio checks @ 8.30am - vehicle drivers, please be here

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Our annual rabbit poisoning campaign is over. Thank you Brisbane Ranges Landcare Group for collecting orders and getting them to us on time. It is a big undertaking co-ordinating 50+ customers over the wide area covered and Robert's help was so valuable. The outcome was well worth the effort. It was a strange year - many of us found we had more rabbits than we realised. At She Oaks, we found dead

rabbits several days after the final poisoning, seemingly confirming rabbits can die up to 10 days later. Now is the time to have a good look at the rabbit harbour around **this winter**. Remember, you can't burn them during fire restrictions. If you find burrows, inquire about fumigating. If possible, have them ripped to destroy and crush tunnels and watch to make sure they aren't re-opened. Good luck!

Lex Stray

Congratulations

On your recent marriage **Steven Beggs & Samantha Grimley**.
And another marriage - **Zandra & Geoff Ball**.



To **Desiree and Chris Sinfield** a son, **William**.
A first grandchild for **Carolyn and Ian Macdonald**.



Condolences

Rod, Greg, Leesa and Fiona and families on the sad loss of your mother, **Jean Tucker**.

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Causes: walking barefoot, ill-fitting shoes, high heel shoes, tight socks or *no* socks, jogging or aerobics, unkempt, long toenails, foot deformities, irregular walking gait.

Treatments: shaving callus or excising corns is best performed by a podiatrist or foot specialist; regular use of a Pumice Stone or similar whenever you shower is ideal to reduce the likelihood or severity of callus and daily moisturise feet and nails to condition skin to avoid splitting and cracking of callus and to promote repair. There are many, many more natural ways to treat corns and callus, far too many to list here!

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Let's cook!

Last month three guests, who live alone, were invited to dine with us. You can be part of this dining experience, sharing your meal and conversation in fine company. Bring your ingredients and utensils and use the House facilities. Your partner (if you have one) can help with the cooking or come down for the meal at 5.30pm. **Monday 1 April** (change of date due to term holidays) at **3pm**. \$2. If you live alone and would like to join us for the meal, call the community house - we will make you very welcome.



Come and meet Yan

Come to the community house at **1.30pm** on **Tuesday 2 April** to meet Yan, hear about and view a small selection of her amazing and versatile work. \$2, includes afternoon tea.



Holiday activity

Skateboard Day

BYO skateboard, roller blades or scooter and don't forget your helmet! Some are available for free use. Grab a free hot dog, provided by Anakie & District Community Group. **Anakie Hall** on **Wednesday 17 April** from **1pm**. Thanks to the City of Greater Geelong for bringing this free activity to Anakie.



Term holidays



The community house will be closed from **Monday 8** to **Tuesday 23 April**. The following activities will run:

Massages (by appointment)

Wednesday 10

Skateboard Day Wednesday 17

UnFinished Objects (UFO)

Wednesday 17 at 1.30pm

Messages can be left on **5284 1359** (answering service) and every effort will be made to return queries.

Community Day

This annual event allows all local groups and businesses an opportunity to show their services and products. There is a garage sale (free stalls to locals), food and drink and free activities for children.

Saturday 4 May from **9am** to **1pm**. See page 11.

Indoor Playgroup Mondays 9.15-noon
A fun, welcoming place for littlies to play and parents to meet. Babies, toddlers, pre-schoolers all welcome - this term 16 babies, toddlers, plus parents have been along.

Anakie Advocate
Some regular volunteers have moved or are unwell - can you help? Last Monday of month **Monday 29 April @ 1pm.**

Yoga - Tuesdays 9 - 10.30am
No vacancies expected next term, but by calling at 8.50am on the day a place may be available. 10 weeks \$110 or \$15 per class. Tutor: **Glenda.**

A(nakie) A(rt) A(cademy)
Tuesdays @ 1.30pm.
Bring materials and be inspired and encouraged by fellow artists. \$2 weekly.

Remedial myotherapy massage
April 10. Book early; it is hard to get a place.
Facilitator: **Sandi.**

Unfinished/Finished Objects
1st & 3rd Wednesday at 1.30pm Sew, knit, paint, chat. \$2. **3 & 17 April.**

Community lunches Wednesdays at **12.30pm.** BYO or buy from Anakie shop. Cuppa and chin wag provided!

Hello Mondays 10.30 to 11.30am
Call in and have a chat; meet new people and find out what is going on in your local community.

Hairdressing - Tuesdays
Ladies **cut/blow-dry** or **shampoo/set** \$30, **foils & perms**; men/students \$15; toddlers: \$5. Lovely **Darlene** is ready to make you (more) beautiful!
Book early - **5284 1359.**

3 & 4 year-old activity group
Tuesdays 11am - 1pm
This is a **supervised**, pre-kindergarten group. Vacancies now.

group fitness classes
Wednesdays @ 6pm
Welcome new attendees! Trainer **Kevin** will help you find muscles you didn't know you had!

last Wednesday of month @ 1.30pm
24 April.
Caller: Dr Google (aka God).

Indoor bowls - Anakie Hall
first Thursdays @ 10am
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Local Organisations Contact Details

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Anakie Football & Netball Club
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1st Anakie Scout Group
SCRAP METAL BIN
Saturday 6 and
Sunday 7 April

Anakie Recreation Reserve.

Do not leave rubbish. Place items in the bins, not on the ground, as volunteers have to clean up any mess.



Anakie Community Garden
gardening activities/visits
on 1st Monday month 9.30-
11.30am @ Anakie
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Helena 5284 1363

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book group

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foot care

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5284 1359. Nurse: **Carole**.



children's dance classes

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Matt 0418 344 442 or Jackie 0411 208 596

We would also like to share our sincere gratitude to all those who have assisted with the search so far, whether it be by social media, drones or simply boots on the ground. The Anakie community has been awesome in helping us and we are truly grateful and forever hopeful.

Thank you – The Primmer Family

LOST DOG - NIKITA
BLACK/GREY FEMALE 16 YRS OLD
AUSTRALIAN/MALTESE TERRIER CROSS
90% BLIND AND DEAF
LEFT DURING THE NIGHT 01.03.2019
FROM 295 DEMOTTS RD ANAKIE



Yan says for her, art is about *“fun and creativity, where I can use both hands and mind”*.



A bird bath created from local timber

She has very generously offered to come to **Anakie Community House** on **Tuesday 2 April at 1.30pm** to discuss her work and is more than happy for people to bring along their own work for her appraisal and suggestions. See page 5 for more detail. This is a fabulous opportunity to see some amazing work from an amazing lady, living right here in our midst.

If anyone is interested, Yan will return to the community house in the future to conduct a hands-on recycling workshop.

Heather O'Shannessy March 2019

I've made this many times. You can use a milder past if you don't like your curry too hot. **Pauline Lorenz**

Vindaloo Lamb Curry

- 1 half leg of lamb, boned, trimmed and cut into pieces (not too small)
- 1 jar Pataks Vindaloo Curry Paste
- 1 yellow capsicum, quartered and then cut in half again
- 2 brown onions, quartered
- 6 hot chillies, chopped, with seeds included (use more chillies, if you wish)
- 1 can either chic peas or butter beans
- 1 teaspoon salt



Quickly brown lamb, but not too much.

Place all ingredients, except the beans and chillies, into a slow cooker.

Give it a good stir about two hours into the cooking.

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Rainfall to end of February: 29.5



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Mario & Jean

Yan Huang is a multi-talented artist who lives in Anakie.



Yan relaxes on one of her personally-designed chairs

Born in China, she moved to Australia as a student, attending the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology for a Bachelor of Arts in Industrial Design.

After graduating, Yan worked for a design firm building concept cars for original equipment manufacturers like Holden and Ford. It was through this work she met her husband, Mark O'Reilly, an automotive

sculpture and a Geelong boy.

Yan moved to Detroit in 2000 to work for General Motors Global, where she was involved in the pre-production design of future generation models. Mark also worked in Europe and Asia for various car companies.

While they were both living in the USA, Mark and Yan decided to move back to Australia and find a place they could call home. Anakie was the first choice due to its location, being just a short commute to both Melbourne and Geelong. The variety of flora and fauna also appealed to the couple.

Yan now runs her own design business *Yandesign Studio*, creating one-offs and limited edition functional sculptures. Her functional art pieces include tables, benches and more. You can find out more about her business by visiting her website Yandesign.com.au.

The majority of her pieces are collectable designs, bought by the commercial sector for their entry way and foil. She also takes on commission projects; *"I work with clients to*

realise their vision. I want to make desirable objects that people will treasure for a lifetime." Last year, Yan was delighted when the National Gallery of Victoria acquired one of her creations for their permanent collection.

Mark works for Holden Design. In his spare time, he has made most of Yan's design pieces. They also use local Anakie and Geelong engineering machinery workshops for their larger creations.

Mark converted a horse stable on the property into a studio from where Yan plans, designs and creates her sculptures. They acquired a verandah from a lovely old homestead which was being demolished and have used recycled corrugated sheeting and windows. Mark built their workshop, too, using home-grown timber. It is a roomy, light place "where we can make a mess".

Last month, Yan and two other designers held an exhibition, ***SUPERFICIAL***, part of Melbourne Design Week. This is an annual event; an initiative of the Victorian government in collaboration with the National Gallery of Victoria. This year, for the first time, Geelong also participated in the event.

Like most people with an artistic leaning, Yan gets bored with just one thing, so generally has a bunch of projects on the go. She creates abstract art and up-cycles 'junk' into premium desirable objects, using different types of materials including plastic films, paper and mesh for texture and transparency. Her piece, pictured right, is a work in progress.

A multi-layered piece of art made from up-cycled materials

