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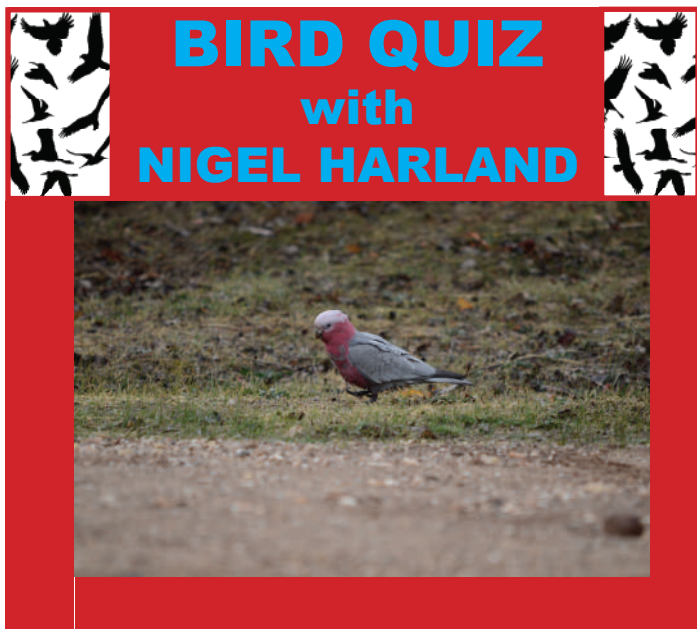


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Last month's bird was the Yellow-billed Spoonbill. It can be found on lakes or even large dams. It can be seen sweeping its bill from side to side which enables it to feel prey. It then swallows it. In the breeding season it develops long white plumes on the back of its head, giving it a very attractive appearance. The Royal Spoonbill can also be found in our area. It is also white, but with a black bill. Congratulations to Susan Lintott who was our winner last month. Our bird for this month is much more common and should present no problems. Good luck.

Nigel

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"Until one has loved an animal, part of their soul remains unawakened."
Proverb

Editorial

Hello Readers!

There's a lot to take in in this month's BC. We have changed the order around a bit so you may have to look in 'contents' to find your favourite articles. We have had a lot of positive feedback about the Munro letters. There are lots more of those to come!

BC is excited that to have a "cub" reporter joining us. Tahlia Campbell will be a regular contributor to the magazine. Welcome aboard Tahlia! Readers will notice that we have a middle page spread from Fosterville Gold Mine this month with a map of their licenced areas for proposed exploration. Please note the Sept 9th information booth at the Rural Cafe.

Each printed copy of BC costs about \$1 to print. Given that we print 900 copies each month and produce 10 editions per year, it's not hard to calculate how much your magazine costs to print annually. Add into that the 45 hours per month in volunteer time from your editors and you can see that this is an expensive enterprise, but one which we are dedicated to. This is why we are so grateful to our new sponsors, loyal longtime advertisers, regular sponsors and new advertisers. Thank you. Thank you from all our readers. We really want to continue to produce a printed (rather than digital) magazine. We hope you all support this.



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THE MUNRO LETTERS

Episode 7

We continue the 1842 letter from David Munro to brother Alex in Scotland.

We had an absurd alarm this night before turning in. We had made arrangements that were to get up in turns to feed the fire which blazed cheerily at our feet. About 2 in the morning CT had got up for this purpose and had put on two or three logs and was returning to his couch when he fancied he heard footsteps. He immediately laid hold of his pistols and called out that there was someone close at hand. H and I, who were in the same gunya, paid no great attention to him (being well disposed to sleep), but then H, who is an old bushman turned out and declared he heard something. We thought it high time to look about us and lost no time in jumping up with our arms in our hands. There certainly was a very extraordinary noise to be heard sounding exactly like the crackling of leaves under feet of a considerable number of people at no great distance. It appeared to all of us to be in the same direction, and there we stood with guns and pistols on full cock straining our eyeballs to penetrate the utterly pitchy darkness beyond the circle of objects that were strongly illuminated by the red glare of the fire. To anyone who could have seen us at this moment we must have presented a most formidable and yet a most ludicrous appearance – because the mystery was at length solved. One of us happened to look up and saw that the flame of our fire which had been most liberally replenished was crackling the leaves of a gum tree at a considerable height overhead. We had a hearty laugh at our own expense and lost no time in turning in again to indemnify ourselves for loss of repose.



Sheep crossing Yarrayne River
Project Gutenberg Australia

The next day we pursued our northward course keeping by the river. The country continued of the same character, and almost dead level with large open sandy plains near the river scantily covered with a poor vegetation of a bluish tinge. These open spaces increased in size as we advanced and about sunset we were on the edge of one which stretched away as far as the eye could see. We then camped for the night and agreed it was useless going any further. The country which we saw before us agreed exactly with the description of it we got from persons who had been there, and who, advancing further than we had done found nothing better. We could not be far from where Major Mitchell crossed the river and we saw nothing which indicated a change. In fact, in its physical characters the country on which we were agreed exactly with that described by Major Mitchell, differing only from that described by him in two trifling particulars of having almost no grass and being apparently destitute of any

stream excepting the Campaspe and this was smaller than it was higher up, evidently from its receiving no additions and losing by evaporation.

The drawing in Major Mitchell's work of crossing the Campaspe is exceedingly like it, but it is only an illustration of the well known truth that many things look far better on paper than in reality. There is a fringe of trees along the bank of the river; these are drawn exceedingly like nature and will give you a very good idea of the common gum tree of Australia. They form a very pretty foreground to the picture and then behind them you see a clear level space which appears to be a fine sward of grass, and which your imagination of course clothes it with (alas! there is hardly a blade on it) and a few figures artistically introduced complete a very pleasing sketch.



Tea and Damper by A.M. Ebsworth, c1851-3, courtesy of State Library of Victoria

It is impossible by an effort of the pencil to shew whether a plain is covered with grass or weeds; it is impossible to shew whether the soil is sand or clay; it is excessively hard to delineate the timber accurately and therefore for the purposes of a squatter a drawing is of very little use and a country faithfully enough represented may look like a paradise which is in fact almost a desert. But I will bring another witness to prove that the country hereabouts is not what you would suppose it to be from reading Michell's work. Mr Hawston who is well known as one of the most enterprising settlers and who was the first to drive stock overland to Adelaide, crossed over with his flocks from the Goulburn to the Campaspe; instead of finding it well-watered country he found it as I have described it and he says, "on arriving at the Yarrayne¹, we were disappointed in finding its channels dry and only a small portion of water remains in the holes where Major Mitchell constructed the bridge."

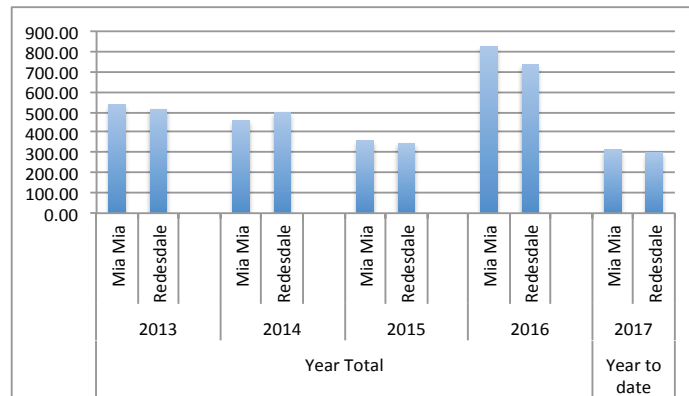
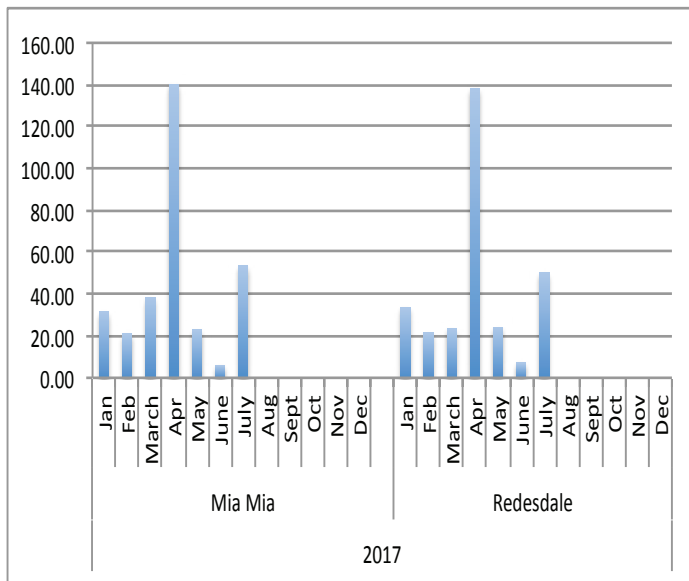
As H wished to find out a district in which to plan his increase of stock, we resolved once more on setting out. We accordingly consulted Major Mitchell and it appears that nothing could equal the beauty of the country beyond the Loddon, particularly when he crossed a stream which he named the Avoca Rivulet. I confidently assured H that he would find a fine country, notwithstanding my showing it to him in black and white and the high character of my authority, he persevered in a most provoking degree of incredulity and contented himself by remarking that we should see what we should see.

Next month: ***We slept the first night not very far from the summit of Mount Alexander...***

1. The Yarrayne was renamed the Loddon River

RAINFALL

The average yearly rainfall for Redesdale is about 601mms.
Thank you to Mary Bennett for the Mia Mia readings.



The Cobb and Co coach ready to be added to the Sesquicentennial Quilt.



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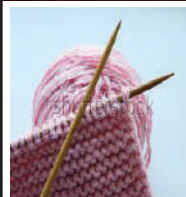
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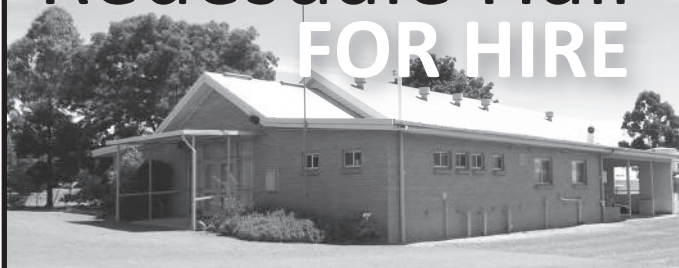
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Are you inspired by opportunity and the stories of others? Keen to meet like-minded women who share a connection to agriculture and the environment?

Pull on your gumboots, don your favourite frock and add your own native flora accessory. It's time for the fifth Chicks in the Sticks event, hosted by North Central Catchment Management Authority (CMA) in partnership with Project Platypus.

"Bring along your best friend, mother, sister or colleague to what will be another incredible event. Your morning will begin bright and early as you travel across the gorgeous cropping county of the Avon Plains," North Central CMA Regional Landcare Coordinator Tess Grieves said.

"When you arrive, we start with a 2.5km walk around Walkers Lake guided by the Avon Plains- Banyena Landcare Group, learning about areas rich cultural heritage and remnant red gum woodland.

"Your walk will be followed by a delicious grazing platter lunch served in the marquee overlooking the lake, and two amazing speakers."

Regional Australia Institute's Lightbulb Moments campaign finalist Melissa Connors will be presenting her heartwarming story which led to her to develop the 'This Farm Needs A Farmer' mentoring project.

The 2017 Weekly Times Coles FARM magazine Innovative Farmer of the Year award winner and local success story Dads Oats will be showcased by the brains behind the brand, Alicia Cain who designed the logo, packaging for the products.

Details:

When: Sunday September 10th, 2017.

Time: 10.30 am -2.30 pm

Where: Walkers Lake, Donald-Avon Plains Road, Avon Plains 3477.

Dress: Garden party frock, gumboots and native flora accessory (*Dress-up is fun, however please for the weather and your own comfort)

Cost: \$25.00 (plus ticket fees & GST). Drinks at bar prices- (CASH ONLY)

RSVP: Places are limited and book out fast— so get in early to avoid disappointment!

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1. How many ships were in the First Fleet?
2. What year did Cyclone Tracy hit Darwin?
3. Who invented the bionic ear?
4. Where was Ned Kelly's last stand?
5. Who was Australia's first Aboriginal Senator?
6. What date did "new" parliament house open?
7. Which Australian promised to "Go all the way with LBJ"?
8. In what year was gold first discovered in Victoria and NSW to begin the "Gold Rush"?
9. Which Australian won a Nobel Prize for immune defence research?
10. In what year was decimal currency introduced?



ANSWERS



7. Prime Minister, Harold Holt
8. 1851
9. Professor Peter Doherty
10. 1966

1. 11
2. 1974
3. Professor Graeme Clark
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6. 9th May, 1988

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Quote of the month:

"The young do not know enough to be prudent, and so they attempt the impossible, and achieve it, generation after generation"

Nobel laureate Pearl S. Buck



Saturday 2nd September 2017

Open invitation to Wetland Tree Planting Day- Time: 9:30am-2.30pm. Conservation Volunteers Australia will help provide planting advice and support. Members from the Taungurung Clans Aboriginal Cooperation will perform a traditional welcome to country. BBQ lunch provided and lots & lots of trees! RSVP for catering Joel North 5431 0417, 0448 981 484 or j.north@mandalayresources.com.au Venue: Splitters Creek Wetland (off Heathcote-Nagambie Road).

Wed 6th September 2017

The Engine Room present Classic Country starring Courtney Conway- Time: 2pm. Tickets available at Heathcote Visitor Centre or book online at www.gotix.com.au or call 5434 6100. Tickets also available at the door. Venue: RSL Hall High St Heathcote

Saturday 9th September 2017

Lions Club -Centennial Quilt Display - Time: 10am-4pm. Entry a gold coin donation. Craft Stall etc. More info contact Janette Dedman on 5433 2558 Venue: Guide Hall High St Heathcote

Saturday 16th September 2017

Be First Aid Ready- Time: 9am to 3.30pm Course teaching fundamental principles, knowledge and skills to enable first aid, emergency care for injuries and illnesses, including CPR. Light Lunch Supplied Price is dependent on Numbers. Provide CPR 3 hour course 9am to 12 noon \$80. Call to book 5431 0930 Venue: Heathcote Community House 55 Hospital Street Heathcote.

Saturday 23rd September 2017

Use Hygiene Practice for Food Safety - Time: 9am - 1pm to register contact 5431 0930. Nationally accredited course cost: Members \$130 non-members \$140. Note: cost for both courses Members \$250 Non-members \$260 Venue: Heathcote Community House, 55 Hospital St Heathcote.

Responsible Serving of Alcohol (RSA) Training- Time: 9am - 1pm to register contact 5431 0930. Course is a legislative requirement for all persons serving alcohol. Successful completion awarded with RSA Certificate. Cost: Members \$130 Non-members \$140. Note; cost for both courses Members \$250 Non- members \$260 Venue: Heathcote Community House, 55 Hospital St Heathcote.

Thursday 28th September 2017 Small Business Bus- Time: 10am-4pm. Are you to start a small business but not sure how? Do you own a business and need expert advice on how to grow and thrive? The Victorian Government's Small Business Bus is coming to Heathcote and offers free confidential mentoring. For more info www.business.vic.gov.au/sbb or call the Business Victoria Contact Centre on 13 22 15 Venue: Outside Heathcote Visitor Centre High St Heathcote

Sat 7th October 2017 - Heathcote Wine & Food Festival- More info later

Sunday 8th October 2017- Heathcote Wine & Food Festival- More info later

Saturday 28th October 2017

Prospectors & Miners Assoc of Vic AGM- Time: 1pm-5pm. Approximately 300 members will be attending. New members & visitors welcome. Contact Lynnie Hindle on 0408 314 665, or website-www.pmap.org.au Venue: RSL Hall High Heathcote

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Vic Health Grants available to help local clubs

Member for Euroa and Deputy Leader of The Nationals Steph Ryan is urging local sports clubs to apply for a share in up to \$400,000 worth of State Government funding under the VicHealth Active Club grant scheme.

Ms Ryan said the grants of up to \$10,000 were available to clubs looking to increase female participation or offer a modified sports program to appeal to a wider audience.

"Getting involved with a sports club has great social and health benefits for men and women," Ms Ryan said.

Applications close 4pm, Friday 22 September 2017.

For more information or to lodge an application visit www.vichealth.vic.gov.au/activeclub.

Sporting clubs wanting to apply for these grants can contact Ms Ryan's office on 5762 1600 or at steph.ryan@parliament.vic.gov.au to arrange a letter of support.

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LETTER TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editors,

Since New Year's Day, 87 lives have been lost on Victoria's country roads.

Our rural road networks are crumbling and urgently need an immediate funding injection to improve safety.

Instead, Daniel Andrews has slashed the regional roads budget by more than \$360 million since coming to office in 2014. Every time I speak to regional councils about their concerns, the return of the former Liberal Nationals government's Country Roads and Bridges Program tops their wish lists.

A recent report by the Municipal Association of Victoria found regional councils are struggling to maintain – let alone up-grade – their roads.

The Victorian Auditor-General also recently reported deterioration of Victoria's country road network poses a "growing risk to public safety".

Both reports call on Daniel Andrews to urgently fund maintenance works. The experts have spoken but the Andrews Labor Government is failing to act.

Peter Walsh

Leader of The Nationals Member for Murray Plains

Report recommends abandoning fire services split

A parliamentary committee has recommended the Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPC) be referred for investigation for interfering in an inquiry into Victoria's fire services. The Legislative Council Fire Services Bill Select Committee report was handed down on Friday, also recommending the Andrews Labor Government's fire services Bill is withdrawn from parliament.

Member for Euroa and Deputy Leader of The Nationals Steph Ryan said the report made it clear that Daniel Andrews had failed to properly consult emergency service organisations, staff and volunteers on his plan to split the Country Fire Authority.

"Our CFA brigades should be focused on preparing for the fire season, not Daniel Andrews' plans to tear our fire services apart," Ms Ryan said.

"A key question this report raises is whether Daniel Andrews, his office or members of his government knew of or directed DPC to politically interfere with the committee."

The Committee said the Andrews Labor Government's consultation on the Bill had been "inadequate" and "in the case of consultation with volunteers, in contravention of the CFA Act".

The report comes after Benalla CFA volunteers last month raised concerns that the Andrews Government fabricated data about the number of volunteers it had consulted with. The numbers, which were provided to the committee, were subsequently withdrawn and the CFA's chief officer forced to apologise after local volunteers exposed the fact that the government's claim it had consulted with 35,000 volunteers was wildly inflated.

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The Sun Loong is in need of urgent restoration. An extensive examination was undertaken in December 2015 in order to ascertain Sun Loong's conservation needs. Numerous issues were found and it was determined he be restored and preserved, displayed at the golden Dragon Museum and his story and strength secured for future generations. To ensure the legacy of a Bendigo dragon, the Bendigo Chinese Association is seeking to purchase a new dragon, Dai Gum Loong. The Golden Dragon Museum recently launched a funding campaign to raise \$250,000 to restore the ageing Sun Loong and \$500,000 to buy a new dragon, Dai Gum Loong.

Bendigo Federal MP, Lisa Chesters is calling on the Federal Government to commit funding to Bendigo's new dragon, Dai Gum Loong

After last week's exciting State Labor Government's Bendigo Dragons funding announcement, she is calling on the Federal Liberal Government to also make a similar funding announcement.

Ms Chesters has welcomed the support from the State Labor Government and now wants answers as to why the Federal Liberal Government won't do the same.

"The State Labor Government contribution is a fantastic boost to the golden Dragon fundraising campaign".

"Now it's time for the Federal Liberal Government to pitch in as they are the final funding commitment required. It's time they committed to our much loved iconic Bendigo dragons".

"This decision is about priorities. If the Liberals truly Believe in Bendigo, Malcom Turnbull and his Liberal Government would at the very least match State Labor's announcement".

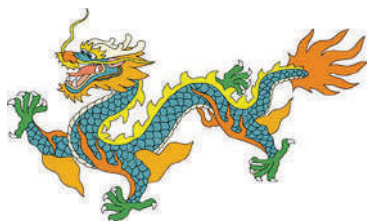
Bendigo Labor MPs know how critical it is for Government to commit funding to our Bendigo's Chinese dragons and as a result both State and Federal Labor are on board.

"Before the last Federal election, I and Federal Labor committed \$400,000 for Bendigo Dragons and the Golden Dragon Museum".

"The traditions of the Bendigo Chinese community have become an important part of Bendigo's heritage and sense of identity and it's vital this continues into the future."

"The Federal Liberal Government must help to keep this Bendigo icon alive. The dragons not only have a special place in the Bendigo community, but also hold cultural significance for Australia".

"Each year Sun Loong is the major highlight of the Easter Festival's gala street parade with generations of local families and visitors lining the streets each and every year".



Lisa Chesters 0425 755 929

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Encouraging new business

By Kerry Anderson

Recently I attended the Mount Alexander Shire Business Excellence Awards as I do many others around rural Victoria. I am always pleased to support these types of events because it is so important to acknowledge and support local businesses. My son's business was nominated by a customer, and he was lucky enough to be named as a finalist. In the esteemed company of more established businesses he knew it highly unlikely he would win an award, but it was fantastic for him to reflect on his progress to date and think about where he is heading in the future.

One important fact he acknowledged, as did the Business of the Year winner, Adrian Kowal from Kowelec Electrical; is the tremendous support given to them as young people starting out in business. Doing business in your home town has great advantages. Established businesses go out of their way to give advice and referrals. And these young people give back by buying locally, employing others, and sponsoring local groups and clubs.

But what if someone new was interested in moving to your community?

While in the United States I heard about a business matching service linking retiring business owners in rural towns with new and aspiring business owners from the city. Something well worth considering when it comes to professional services such as pharmacists and tradesmen that will leave a significant gap in local services.

How can you attract a new person (and potentially a whole family) to your community and help reduce the many barriers of starting up or purchasing a business?

Start with highlighting the lifestyle advantages over that of crowded and expensive city life. Then it could be a phased sale with the existing owners continuing to work in the business to share their knowledge and skills. Sometimes buildings and equipment can be leased with the option to purchase in the future. In the case of a retail business, the stock can be paid for as it is sold off the shelves instead of in a lump sum.

Integrating new people into a community is essential by



connecting them with community groups and introducing them around. Often they are overwhelmed in the first few months and don't take up initial invitations making it important to follow up and make them feel welcome.

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Redesdale and District Association Update

At a recent committee meeting of the Redesdale and District Association, it was proposed that membership fees no longer be applied to membership. The main advantage of membership is to stay connected with community issues and events. Membership fees were necessary in the first four years for the purpose of setting up the association, managing the website and the need for insurance policies.

The Association recognises and is very grateful for the loyalty and support of the fee paying membership, which has been consistent at around 60, over the past four years.

From now on, all you need to do to become a member of the association, is to fill out a membership form. From then on, as before, you will be informed by email of all the local events and issues. Members of the District Association have voting rights at general and annual meetings.

If there is anyone out there who would like to become a member, at no cost, or who would like to nominate for a committee position, please contact info@redesdale.net.

The Association is currently undertaking a revamp of the **redesdale.net** website so that it is more up to date and easier to use. Soon the new membership form will be available on the website.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

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Slow cooked rabbit stew



Serves 2

Best made in a crock pot

- 1 rabbit
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 425g Diced tomatoes
- 1 cup red wine
- 1 cup water
- 100g button mushrooms, slices
- 125g sliced shortcut bacon
- 2 medium carrots, chopped
- 2 medium onions, chopped
- 2 stalks celery, chopped
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 teaspoon oregano
- 1/4 cup flour



Brilliant with a good local shiraz

Grind pepper over rabbit and place in the crockpot. Combine all other ingredients (except flour) in a large bowl, mix well and pour over rabbit. Cover and cook on low for 6 to 8 hours depending on size of rabbit. 30 minutes prior to serving, blend flour with 1/2 cup of water until it is a smooth paste. Add to the pot and stir well to thicken and continue to cook, covered, for 30 mins. Give it a good stir and allow to rest before serving. The cooked rabbit should just fall off the bone. Be careful of small bones.

2017 Loddon Campaspe Regional Assembly



On 17th August, Jo Smith and Kathy Hall attended the regional assembly, chiefly to push the issues our area has with digital connectivity. Previously the District Association and Bridge Connection had asked for examples from our community of problems created by poor mobile phone and wifi connectivity. There was a good, useful response and the examples were used in the workshop and will be considered


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Community Grants Program

Applications are now open for the current round of Community Grants offered by

Fosterville Gold Mine

The program aims at assist community groups to undertake a wide range of projects and activities that contribute to community development. Projects should provide specific sustainable outcomes that have a long lasting benefit/s to the wider community.

The Fosterville Gold Mine is an active and supportive member of the community in which it operates.

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E: FGMCommunityGrants@klgold.com.au

Submissions for the current round of funding close
MONDAY 25th SEPTEMBER 2017 – 5pm

Birds, wine and cheese event




Saturday 21 October, 8am–10am
Cloud 9 Farm, 204 Goochs Lane, Pipers Creek

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by the State Government. The assembly was well-attended and most Govt. ministers with rural responsibilities were there.

It was pleasing that Redesdale and District was front and centre in this discussion. We can only hope that this will lead to rectification of the "have" and "have-not" situation that we are all living with.

The third person in the photo is, of course, Mr Joe Sebire, principal of our primary school who joined us after a day-long convention at the same venue.

Kathy Hall



Fosterville Gold Mine Exploration Activities **Notification to Landholders**

In recent times the Fosterville Gold Mine has been experiencing record production and continued growth indicating exciting times ahead. Kirkland Lake Gold who is the owner of the Fosterville Gold Mine sees this as an opportunity to increase our exploration activities within our existing Exploration Licence area (EL3539 and EL4937 as outlined in adjacent map).

Proposed Exploration Activities

Activities that may be undertaken within this licence area in the near future include:

- Soil Sampling
- Airborne Electromagnetic Surveys
- Seismic Surveys
- Surface drilling maybe undertaken at a later stage, depending on results.

Timeframe

- Soil sampling will commence late August 2017.
- The Airborne Electromagnetic survey is likely to be undertaken in mid-September and will only take a couple of days to complete. You may see a helicopter flying at reasonably low levels during this time.
- Seismic surveys potentially towards the later stage of 2017.

Communication

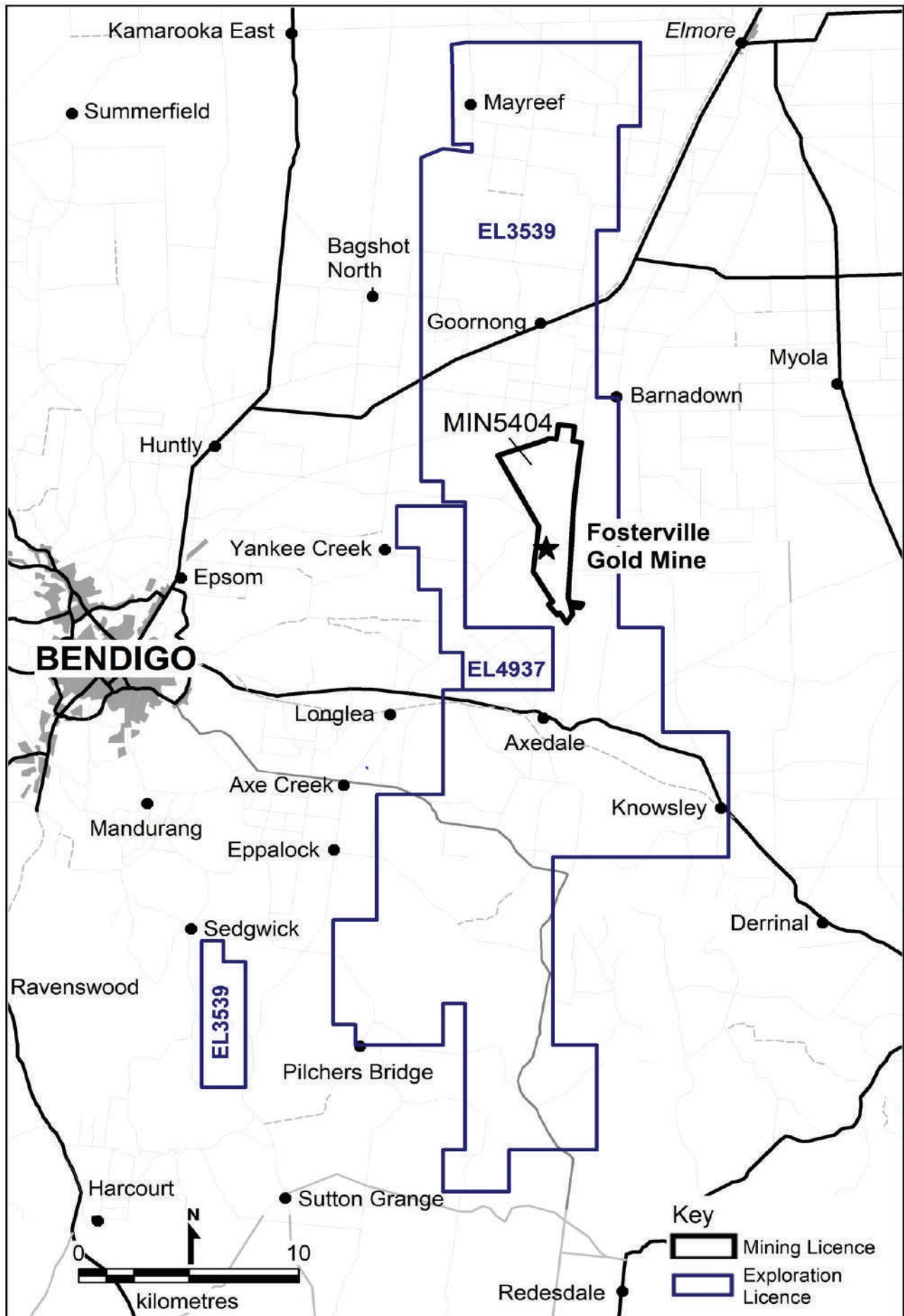
Fosterville Gold Mine has recently held community meetings in Goornong and Axedale which outlined our Future Exploration Strategy and what this will mean for our community.

Further information will be provided in our newsletters, social media and other publications around the region. We will also be running four mobile information booths on the following dates:

- **2nd September 2017** - Elmore Bakery (9am - 11am)
- Goornong Pub (12pm - 2pm)
- **9th September 2017** - Axedale General Store (9am - 11am)
- Redesdale Café (12pm - 2pm)

We have also been attempting to contact landholders within the exploration licence area but due to privacy laws have been unable to notify all residents personally. If you are within this exploration licence area and have not been contacted or you would like further information we would request that you get in touch with our Community Team via email: fgmcommunity@klgold.com.au or call 03 5439 9000.

Exploration Licence Area





Redesdale Ramblings: Mediterranean Herbs in the Garden

I was rather dismayed to see a "modern cooking/comedy show" where the host was moaning about the cost of a small bunch of herbs. The cook's solution was to suggest ways to preserve what was left after they used what they wanted. A gardener's solution would've been to suggest he grow the herbs himself!

When I was a kid most people would've only known herbs as those dried remnants found in packets on grocery shelves. They added flavour to our meals but not the way fresh herbs can. Nowadays cooks mostly eschew dried herbs for fresh and there is big business involved in providing them to supermarkets and kitchens in good condition. Hydroponically raised herbs are able to be sourced year 'round but most can be grown in the garden or in pots for those with limited space – even on a kitchen window sill. We are so fortunate in Central Victoria to have conditions which suit many culinary herbs such as rosemary, thyme, sage, parsley, bay, oregano and marjoram. These origi-

nate in Mediterranean countries where they have hot dry summers and cold wet winters similar to ours. Most grow in harsh conditions and don't want rich soil or over-watering so growing them in raised beds is ideal (Parsley is the exception which prefers good "vegetable soil"). Full sun is needed to help the development of the essential oils which carry the taste so make sure you position the bed where it gets at least a half-day's sun or use pots that can easily be moved to where they catch the sun.



Trailing rosemary

The good thing about most of these herbs is that they are attractive to look at as well as good to eat! Sage is available in different leaf colours from the usual grey-green to purple and even variegated green and gold. Rosemary can be found as a tall shrub for hedging or a prostrate form for cascading

over rock edges. The flowers too are lovely and very beneficial for honeybees as well as our wild bees. On a dull winter's day bees will appear very quickly when rosemary is in bloom. The colour of the blooms can vary as well from shades of mauve-blue to white or pink.

Bay-leaf is harvested from the Bay Tree (*Laurus nobilis*) which gains its Latin name for its purpose of Laurel Wreaths for the heads of winners at the ancient Olympic Games. The tree can grow too large for the herb bed but can be kept to a reasonable size with judicious pruning. However being evergreen it can shade out other herbs so is better used as a background tree or even a clipped topiary "ball on a stick" in the Potager!

Marjoram is a type of *Origanum* but the flavour is different to "Oregano". They are basically the same in growth and form rosettes of foliage through the winter and shoot into taller growth as the weather gets warmer. Some of the ornamental forms are

very colourful with heads of mauve to dark purple flowers. An unusual type, *Origanum rotundifolium*, has small flowers but each one is hidden within a pale green to purple bract so that the flower head takes on the appearance of a head of hops! "Bellissimo" is a particularly attractive cultivar raised in Tasmania by Marcus Harvey, a friend who sadly passed away last year. "Dittany of Crete" (*Origanum dictamnium*) has a woolly appearance due to the fine hairs covering the leaf surface and is used for flavouring as well as medicinally.

Thymes are very variable. The standard culinary Thyme (*Thymus vulgaris*) forms an upright to sprawling shrublet about 8 inches (20cm) tall and is easily grown from cuttings or slips or even seeds. The ground-hugging "Caraway Thyme" (*Thymus herba-barona*) can spread quickly to cover a bare patch in the garden bed; it will layer itself as it goes and these layers can be moved around to increase your supply. "Lemon Thyme" (*Thymus x citriodorus*) has good citrus scent and is a great addition to a herb butter. It's also easy from cuttings and can be found in silver or yellow variegated forms.



Caraway thyme

There are numerous low growing ornamental thymes which are pretty but not used for cooking. Many years ago it was popular to use these flowering thymes to grow a "Thyme Lawn" replacing grass in a small area which can look great with patches of different colour but remember that when the bees are harvesting nectar it's not safe to walk on this sort of lawn bare-foot!

Cheers!

Fermi de Sousa

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Oregano in winter



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Hello Dear Readers,
Lady Bombay here.

At this time of writing this little article of snippets, the irrepressible recent weathers of dormancy remain. Not to mention Lord Bombay and myself are manning the fort whilst Thorn, the gardener, has decided to vacate for two weeks in order to explore the Caribbean on a yacht. We had no idea that he had gone until I came upon his note of vacation stapled to the firewood stack. Honestly! Time for a review of his wages. Something is not adding up. Mean-

while we are grounded at Mia Mia Manor. My tanks should be overflowing from the recent rains however they are blocked with leaves. Thank you very much Thorn! You should have cleaned them before leaving. The river pump hose also needed to be checked due to the fluctuation in river levels and flow. Well someone has to correct all these things, and that someone is moi-meme. Lord Bombay just looks and goes back to the Manor in order to get back to his latest issue of Country Life. Sometimes I feel like an edition of "Tottering by Gently".

So down to the river I go wearing my suitable river attire. Tartan skirt (pure wool of course), roll neck sweater and my favourite wellies and rain bonnet. Ready to tackle the pump hose in all its entanglement. Re-tying hoses and buoys is a mammoth task and that is exactly what I carried out, with the after-thanks from Lord Bombay of "job well done old girl!".

As this is a family-friendly column, I shall refrain from telling you my reply to him. Whilst showing some dignified recount of composure in front of the fire thawing out

from that al-fresco experience, my mind wandered to that errant gardener of ours. My mental list of chores had gone into physical penmanship with stationary. Note to oneself: Advise border security of a shady gardener returning into the country. I have just checked the weather forecast in Guadeloupe, pouring with rain. Oh dear!

I definitely think that it is time for mothers ruin and perhaps even a double.

Lady Sapphire Bombay

Garden Lore

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Bombay and a Bex

Send in your questions for Lady Bombay Saphire to
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Dear Lady B,

I am in a state of confusion as to when is the best time to prune my fruit trees? Winter or Summer?

Please help me with my dilemma.

Nellie Prune

Dear Nell,

Although there is a myth pertaining to the common winter prune, this is only half true. Visually the winter prune is more structural and easier as you can see what you are working with. However, cut surfaces take a lot longer to callous and heal in cool weather, creating points for disease to enter the vascular system.

In summer, however, pruning cuts heal faster and a barrier is formed to keep moisture in and disease out which can eventually lead to a heavier crop in about 12 months' time.

Not to mention that the summer pruning has the benefits of that refreshing Bombay, dash of lime and a bex particularly on those rather balmy days.

Prune heartily my dear.

All the best,

Lady B

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Hall happenings!



Spring is here!

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We remember those lost to suicide, their families and friends.

We acknowledge those who have attempted suicide and those with suicidal thoughts, their families and friends.

macedonrangesspag.com.au to register



Redesdale Recreational Reserve Committee Inc.

Chairman's Monthly Report

September 2017

Hi Redesdaliens!

There is a lot to talk about this month. Firstly, the precinct development: Since the precinct meeting, volunteers who put up their hands to form an advisory group have been brought together and informed on what would be required. From these people a group will be chosen by council to work with the project manager, also chosen by council. Their job will be to liaise between the community and the project manager about the project. There appeared to be about eleven people still interested from which around nine will be selected. It must be stressed that by nominating you are totally committed to making yourself available when called upon for meetings and duties.

Secondly, reserve projects:

The pavilion project is moving along nicely and the next stage is about to begin, which involves decking to make the floor one level in front of the roller door. The new fence and gates will also be

proceeding between Redesdale-Kyneton Rd and the end of the septic distribution area. The Redesdale Sale Yard which was previewed in last month's report has stalled due to the inclement weather and will proceed when drier times arrive.

Thirdly, the Redesdale Festival:

Application forms have been sent out for the Art Show & Maker's Market and all seems to be travelling along nicely with the organizing of the Festival, the Reserve Committee have been fortunate to receive a grant from the FRRR for advertising for the festival which has allowed us to purchase flags and corflute signs for around the reserve. We have also been fortunate to pick-up some serious sponsorship, namely Stone Axe Estate wines, Blue Pencil Graphics, Kevinn Foley Printmaker, The House Gallery, MacLachy Made Jewellery.

Finally what a busy month has been had by the committee, but it will be worth

every minute when it all comes together to showcase our magic little town.



Until next month keep smiling.
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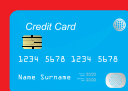
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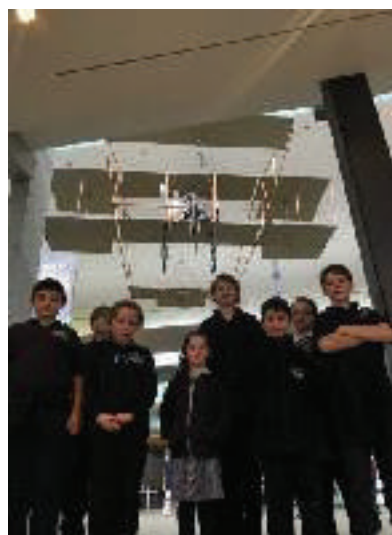
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Term 3 is all about bugs.

This term we been learning about bugs with a trip to Y Water in Yea (late last term) to learn about ecosystems of our area and also travelled to Melbourne Museum to learn about bugs too. In literacy we are writing procedurals and have begun our new "Big Write" program. In Art we are working to complete our panel for the Sesquicentennial bridge quilt.

The junior room celebrated 100 days of school with a 100 party.

Grade 5/6 went to Anglesea for their camp!

Enrolments always welcome.

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Dr Tim Stobie

YOUR HEALTH

with Dr Tim Stobie Ph: 5422 1397

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It is an often repeated saying that every male would be diagnosed with prostate cancer if us blokes only lived long enough.

Prostate cancer is currently Australia's most common cancer in men, and more men die of prostate cancer than there are women who die of breast cancer. It really is quite astounding then that we don't pay more attention as a community and personally to this important condition.

Again it is difficult to cut through overwhelming statistics which show the majority of prostate disease is not cancerous, and the minority that is cancerous is not aggressive. As doctors we need to investigate and monitor a lot of prostate disease to find and treat the aggressive prostate cancers that really can kill. Why do we beat ourselves up about the imperfections of the current set of tests that we have to diagnose this cancer? There are many other conditions in medicine which fall into

the "difficult to diagnose" category. Is screening for prostate cancer appropriate? Of course - mortality data shows clear reduction in deaths from prostate cancer with the uptake of screening through PSA or prostate specific antigen blood testing. The monetary cost of screening is something that Medicare has taken steps to limit by limiting the frequency of claims for PSA testing for individuals - but of more significance is the human cost of screening - infections caused by prostate biopsy, bladder dysfunction or erectile issues caused by ultimately unnecessary procedures for cancer which was never going to cause death. Until the next substantial breakthrough in diagnosis or treatment occurs however, I think current recommendations to have PSA testing every 2 years for men with average cancer risk over the age of 50 is about right in balancing the risks of over and under-testing. If screening and diagnosis of prostate

cancer is a thorny issue, then treatment is just as difficult. Grading prostate cancer according to aggressiveness allows for better decision-making in regards to treatment. Less aggressive cancer can be managed successfully by "watching" only. Aggressive cancer can be managed with a combination of radiotherapy, hormone therapy and surgery. There are relative advantages and disadvantages to each of these treatment options - but the important thing to emphasise is that there are options for care which make possible a level of individualised care which accounts for specific patient concerns and expectations of treatment so that good outcomes are achieved.

In time of course it would be fantastic to gain a better understanding of factors that promote prostate cancer so that prevention strategies can be put in place.

For the meantime though there is a system of management that allows for a large variety of individual circumstance of this all too common condition. Treatment in whatever form it takes is likely to give much better results than putting the "head-in-the-sand"!

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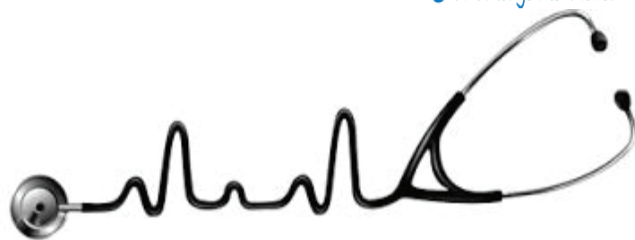
September Lecture change:

From Captain Cook to Johann Sebastian Bach.

There has been a late lecturer change for the September 14th 2017 Lecture.

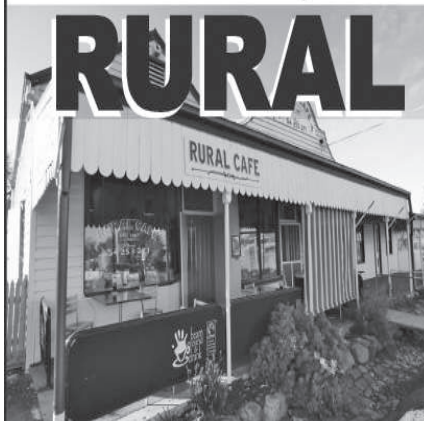
ADFAS CV now presents 'Bach By Numbers' which will focus on a unique characteristic of Bach's music. The lecture will be on **Thursday 14th September at the Town Hall, 129 Mollison St., Kyneton, 7.00 for 7.30pm.**

Non-members welcome - \$30 cash payable on the night and this includes supper. Enquiries: Nicky Peters (03) 0400 958 449.



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SIMON MARKS comes to MIA MIA

"Trying to pigeonhole Simon Marks' music is not an easy task. With songs ranging from rock to roots, via folk and blues, the sheer diversity of this performer is one of his greatest attributes." (PCM)
 He recently relocated to Barmah where his life among the majestic red gums by the river's edge has inspired his new songs.



Mia Mia Mechanics' Institute
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 Supper will be served after his performance
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You can find out more about Simon at www.simonmarks.net - you can preview some of his songs online - but they will sound so much better with the wonderful acoustics of the Mia Mia Hall.

Sustainable House Open Day

This popular event is becoming a regular occurrence at Clare and Win's house in Glenhope. Like last year there will be tours of house, food production areas and the rammed earth shed every half hour.

Clare and Win's grandsons, Sam and Thomas, will be delivering "pop up" workshops on sustainable living topics. Also Katie and Hugh

Finlay of "Grow Great Fruit" at Harcourt will be giving (free) workshops on home-growing of organic fruit.

There will also be detailed displays on various aspects of sustainable living to browse. Refreshments will be available all day.

There is a gold coin donation for entry and all sales will go to San Filippo Children's Foundation (raising money for research into a cure for this currently fatal disease of children).



**Macedon
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 Shire Council

Creating connections for over 55s

Macedon Ranges Shire Council is supporting residents over the age of 55 in the shire to build connections with one another through the establishment of a new Facebook page, Macedon Ranges Over 55s Connect.

The page has been developed in consultation with the community, and aims to make positive changes in the lives of mature adults in the shire by bringing them together online to share information about local services, programs, activities, events and more. Mayor, Cr Jennifer Anderson said the new page gathered a range of useful resources, information and activities to benefit the community.

"Research from Beyond Blue indicates that staying connected to our communities, family and friends are key ingredients for happiness as we age, yet it's something that many struggle to do.

"Macedon Ranges Over 55s Connect aims to change that and I'd encourage anyone over 55 in the shire to go online, like the page, and have a look around.

In addition to the Facebook page, the Over 55s Connect Project will also recruit volunteer Age-friendly Ambassadors, hold a series of free information sessions on positive ageing, and provide opportunities to access free training on how to use online communications such as Facebook and other social media.

"These initiatives are part of Council's broader commitment to making the Macedon Ranges an Age-friendly community. Age-friendly communities recognise and value the diversity of our older population, promote the inclusion of older people and respect decisions and lifestyle choices," she said.

To keep up-to-date on the Over 55s Connect Project, like the Over 55s Facebook page
www.facebook.com/Over55sConnect

To find out more or sign up as an Age-friendly Ambassador, contact Rebecca on 5422 0262 or email rmillard@mrsc.vic.gov.au

Redesdale's Camp Oven Cook off IT'S ON AGAIN !

The much loved Camp Oven Cook Off is returning to Redesdale in 2017 .

The Redesdale CFA will be hosting the event on October 28th at the Agnes Mudford Reserve. This will be the major fundraiser for the CFA with numbers capped at 50 teams of up to 5 competitors. There will be free children's entertainment in the form of fairy floss, jumping castle and a mobile animal farm.

The Bendigo Blues And Roots Festival musicians will be playing throughout the day and surrounding events include the Art Show at the Redesdale Hall and artists open studios. Competitors will be looking for that special secret ingredient. Onlookers will have the chance to purchase local produce and indulge in food from mobile food vendors. The combination of Blues Music and red meat cooking make a taste of local wine a very inviting prospect.

If you are interested in participating, go to TryBooking.com or just come along for a fun family day.

**For more information contact:
Andrew Campbell on 0428 253 104**



Redesdale

The Redesdale and District Association AGM is on Thursday 21st of September at 7 pm at the Redesdale Hall.

Everyone is invited and all registered members are able to vote at the meeting. There will be light refreshments and cakes.

Please support our Fire Brigade's Major Raffle

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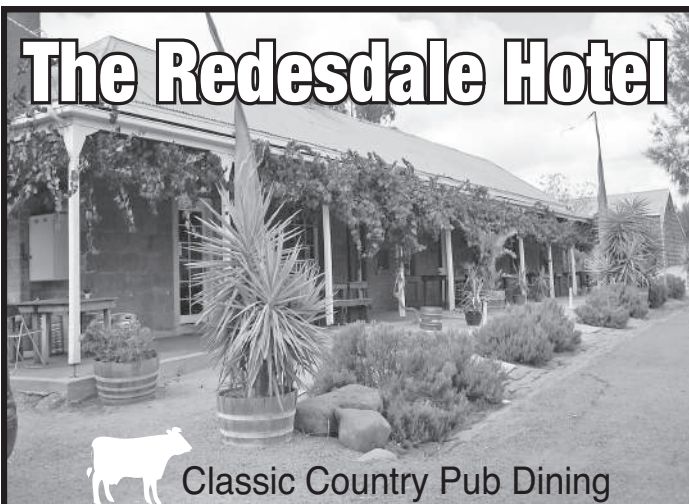
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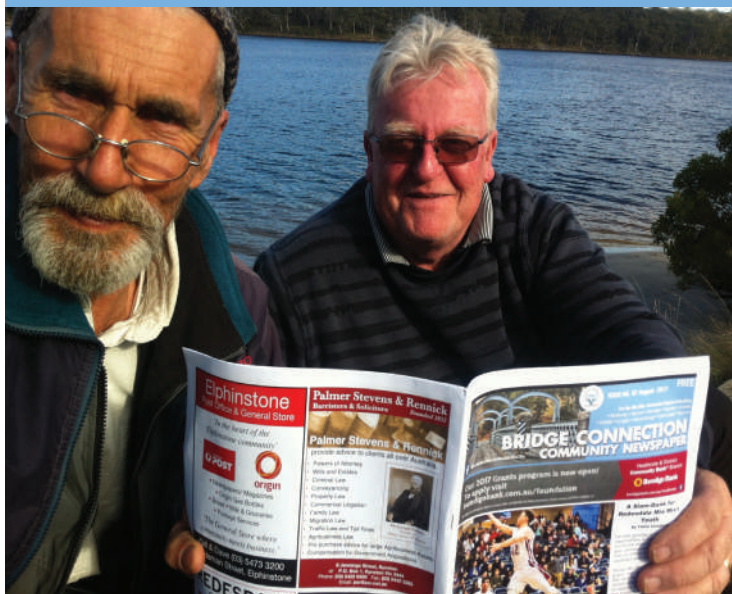
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