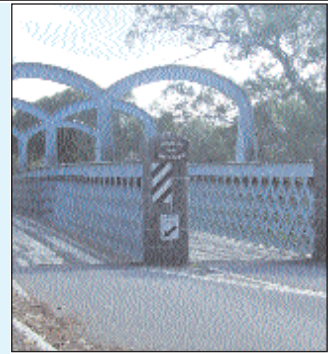


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Colts win Two Rivers Cricket Cup

Redesdale's crick- **By Rod Gibson** considerably.

eters walked onto a slightly damp and overcast Agnes Mudford Reserve, Redesdale, on Sunday 30 March with Jock Macrae's Coliban Colts determined to wrest the Two Rivers Cup from Tony Leahy's Campaspe Crows. The Crows won the inaugural game in March 2013 and retained it in game two held last November. They batted first in the 30 over a side contest, but faced some tight bowling from local farmer Mat Gordon, and the ever-green Macrae whose second over produced two wickets; the first from a spectacular caught and bowled to dismiss Martin Leahy.

Scoring was subdued until Chris Atkins made a typically brisk 26.

Father of Chris, gold miner and local fire brigade member, Paul, clobbered a crisp 44 not out to top score in the innings total of 137.

Lunch was taken under a sky that by now had brightened

Damian Summers and Derek Smith opened for the Colts whose batting looked strong on paper. After smiting an early six, Smith was bowled, followed in quick succession by Simon Lowe and Captain Macrae. One suspects the earlier caught and bowled took a lot out of him.

The Colts looked vulnerable though Summers held on doggedly before departing for a slow but valuable 20. Tom May fell for 27 and at 6/89 the Colts were in trouble. The Crows, sensing a third victory, were doing 'high fives'.

Mat Gordon and Mike Abramowski (the latter giving Colts supporters the occasional heart flutter!) proved they were up to the task however, by grinding out 18 and 14 respectively, with both not out. With three wickets apiece, Martin Leahy and Jordan Sundblom were the standout bowlers for the defeated Crows.



Bendigo councillor Helen Leach presents Coliban Colts captain Jock Macrae with the Two Rivers Cup.

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After enjoying a few beers together the teams assembled to see local Bendigo councillor, Helen Leach again present the Two Rivers Cup, swathed in the gold ribbons of the Colts (the cup, not Helen), this time to a very happy Jock Macrae, while Tony Leahy graciously

congratulated the victors.

Jock, who replied on behalf of the winners, went on to win second prize in the Shaver Shop raffle thus completing a memorable day.

We again thank Shaver Shop for their continuing generosity in supplying excellent
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Artist needed for public art project

Macedon Ranges Council needs an artist to develop a piece of public art for the Romsey Lions Club Park.

Macedon councillor John Connor said art and cultural activity played an integral role in our lives.

This can be through an individual sharing self expression, a community sharing a sense of identity or an event bringing people together.

He said the council allocated \$25,000 for the project and was asking for expressions of interest from artists for the

project due for completion in February 2015.

The application form is available at:-

mrsc.vic.gov.au/arts

or by request from Robyn Till on 5422 0319 or:-

rtill@mrsc.vic.gov.au.

Submissions close on Monday 7 July.

A panel will assess the submissions and interview shortlisted artists. Successful artists, or artist, will visit and meet with Lions Club Park users to assist with the creative design process.

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Sutton Grange Hall community activities

May.

Wednesday 14.
1pm Cootee afternoon.
Admission \$5. Many prizes.

Saturday 31.
6pm. Trivia night.

June

7pm. Saturday 14.
Redesdale Revellers.

July.

Saturday 26.
6pm. Carpet bowls and table tennis.

August.

Friday 29.
8pm. Church gala night.
Saturday 30.
6pm. Movie night.

September.

Sunday 14. Historical bus tour of region.

October.

Saturday 25.
6pm. Carpet bowls and table tennis.

December.

Sunday 7. 6pm. Christmas tea.

Details about BYO meals from Natalie 0419 799 987 or Jenny 0427 931 391.

Redesdale Website

www.redesdale.net

info@redesdale.net
0407 116 899.

Biggest Morning Devonshire Tea.

Friday, 9th May, 2014 at 10.00 am.

Redesdale Hall.

Fundraiser for the Cancer Council.

Entertainment by R.M.M.P.S. students.

Favourite 'Bread & Butter/Side Plate' Competition - tell a story. Raffles.

Trading table.

Devonshire Tea this year - come and enjoy the delicious scones!

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Dental health survey for children

Thousands of school students will take part in Victoria's first statewide sur-

Agricultural photographic competition

Macedon Ranges Agribusiness Forum is running a photo competition to celebrate the shire's farming community and launch of the forum in June.

Participants of all ages are encouraged to submit inspirational photos of agriculture in the Macedon Ranges capturing themes of livestock; horticulture; landscape; and farm life.

Shortlisted photos will be exhibited at the official launch of the Forum on Thursday 26 June 2014, with an overall winner announced on the night.

Further information is available from Gaynor on 5421 9615. or email gatkin@mrsc.vic.gov.au

vey of child dental health.

Health Minister David Davis said the Government wanted to ensure children had healthy and bright smiles.

"We know having healthy teeth, gums and good oral health helps people stay healthy overall.

"This survey will assess the oral health of our children and help shape the future of Victoria's dental healthcare system."

He said the survey would see 6000 randomly selected children aged four to 14 from 150 schools receive dental examinations and parent questionnaires.

"This will provide a valuable insight into the state of children's teeth and help us target health promotion programs and dental services where they are most needed," Mr Davis said.

Mr Davis said the action was to prevent dental problems such as tooth decay and gum disease.

New marquee for Redesdale



The Redesdale and District Association (RaDA) has welcomed a new marquee.

This was made possible by the initiative of RaDA vice president, Les Pocock, and an \$800 grant from Croc Gold Corp's Fosterville Mine.

This means the community

has a new marquee which can be used for outdoor community events.

The RaDA committee toasted its arrival on Thursday 20 March, just before the monthly meeting.

Hopefully it will become a familiar sight at the Recreation Reserve.

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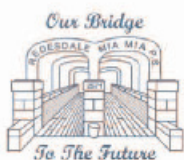
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Ride 2 School Day

For several weeks all students have been practicing their cycling skills in the school grounds.

On Thursday, March 20th, the whole school rode their bikes to the local Agnes Mudford Reserve to practice riding on a road.

This was a huge success and everyone enjoyed themselves.



Clean Up Australia

The whole school took part in Clean Up Australia Day on Friday, February 28th.

A massive 35kg of rubbish was collected from the main street of Redesdale and up to the shop. The children were very proud to say this is less rubbish than in the past because people are littering less!



Excursion to the Melbourne Zoo

The whole school had a great day at the zoo. Everyone was very excited to see the animals and to learn information from the zoo keepers.

Our term Theme is "Wildlife", so this excursion gave students an opportunity to see their animal of study close up.

Healthy Eating Day

Every term the students prepare a healthy meal to share with parents and community members.

This term, the meal they prepared was breakfast and to raise funds for future camps and excursions, they came to school in their pyjamas.

Everyone enjoyed the breakfast and the novelty of wearing their 'pj's' to school.

Term 1 Theme ~ "Wildlife"

Regional netball complex for Macedon Shire

Macedon Ranges Council has awarded a \$2.5 million contract to build a regional outdoor netball complex at New Gisborne.

Work has started on the project.

Plans are for eight outdoor netball courts, a pavilion, change room, and car parking.

It is located on council owned land at the corner of Barringo and Hamilton

Roads, in close proximity with two primary schools.

Macedon mayor Roger Jukes said the facility would respond to growing demand for netball in and outside the shire and allow for new competitions and programs to encourage participation across the region.

"It is great to see this project underway.

"I am really looking forward to seeing the facility completed and in use by netballers later this year," he said.

Stage One of the project incorporating the courts and car parking is expected to be completed in July, weather permitting.

The pavilion will be constructed over the 2014/15 summer period.

The project is being staged so players can begin using the facility as early as possible.

In addition to providing the site, the council will con-

tribute \$800,000 to the \$2.515 million project, along with \$1.27 million from the Victorian Government, \$325,000 from the Australian Government and \$120,000 from the Macedon Ranges Netball Association.

Baynton Sidonia Landcare seminar series 2014

Baynton Sidonia Landcare plans to hold a series of seminars through this year.

One seminar planned for June will be about native bees and importance of the honey bee.

A seminar is planned for July, in conjunction with the Kyneton Woodland Project, to learn about the platypus and koalas.

Because of strong interest August, has been set aside for an Aboriginal cultural workshop, to include stone tool making, story telling, and basket weaving, fol-

lowed by an evening talk about Aboriginal life in this area.

Towards the end of the year, activity will involve tours of local successful revegetation projects.

The seminars will be funded by Landcare grants, from the Kyneton Woodland project, and from our own Landcare funds. Seminars, except for the last one, will be based at the Baynton Hall and each will include a meal with time for socialising. Further information is available from Jodie Odgers 5440 1883.

Kyneton olives on show

Kyneton Olive Oil will hold a 2014 harvest product launch at its annual open weekend on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday 7, 8, and 9 June.

The olive grove is at 2090 Kyneton Heathcote Road, Barfold, near Kyneton.

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Recovery a challenge after fires

Macedon Ranges Shire residents face problems including soil erosion, burnt trees, and major fencing works, in property cleanups because of

the February fires.

Among 357 requests received by the recovery team, calls for help with removal of burnt trees and fencing have

been the hardest to manage.

Recovery manager Jill Karena said the cleanup was proving to be a tough issue, especially for those with large quantities of burnt trees in their paddocks.

Ms Karena said a work crew from Loddon Prison joined the recovery effort to help.

"We have been exploring ways to help with property cleanup, particularly for older residents or those who may be unable to undertake the physical work required.

"A new partnership with Loddon Prison will bring some extra pairs of hands to the recovery effort, while giving prisoners preparing for release a chance to make a contribution to the community," said Ms Karena.

Other requests for assistance have included tank cleaning and water replacement, disposal of dead livestock, reinstating firebreaks, assessing burnt buildings, fixing cut fences, and referring residents to agencies helping with fodder, fencing, and counselling.

Long term recovery planning

is also underway for issues such as soil erosion, introduced weeds and pests, livestock health and water quality, all of which pose an ongoing risk to the land and livelihood of farmers.

The BlazeAid camp continues to operate from Clarkefield, with more than 500 volunteer days already contributed to erect 24 kilometres of new fencing and remove 53 kilometres of burnt fencing.

More than 60 properties in the Macedon Ranges have registered to receive fencing assistance from BlazeAid.

Macedon mayor Roger Jukes said the council was committed to the wellbeing of fire-affected residents and would continue to support them in a range of ways.

"Our dedicated recovery team is talking to affected residents on a daily basis to understand what help they need.

"Many fire affected residents have told us how important it was to stay connected with neighbours, friends and family who live locally, so we are talking to those communities now to see how we can bring people together," he said. To request help with fire recovery or cleanup, contact the council on 5422 0333.

Guitar and ukulele concert

Noted guitarist Matthew Fagon will be at the Mona Lisa Gallery, Heathcote to perform in 'Lord of the Strings' at 7'30pm on Saturday 3 May. Cost \$20 pre-booked or \$25 at the door. Bookings on 0417 083 467.

Heathcote U3A activities

2014 Program

Email – u3a.heathcote@gmail.com

Understanding Technology. First Thursday. 10 am. Guide Hall. Convener Peter Baldwin 5433 2925.

Chair based exercises. Fridays 10.30am. Guide Hall. Except the last Friday. Convener Glenys Baldwin 5433 2925.

Music Appreciation. First Tuesday 2pm to 4pm. Guide Hall. Convener John McClure 5433 3269

History Group. Third Thursday 10.30am. Guide Hall. Convener Win Jeavons 5433 2887.

Garden Club. Fourth Wednesday 1.30 pm. Guide Hall. Convener Peter Baldwin 54332925

Luncheon Club. Third Friday. Ring Barbara Clement 54333278 for the venue and to book a place.

Last Friday. Coffee Morning. Guide Hall. *Some with a guest speaker.*

Further information is available in the U3A newsletter available at the Visitor Information Centre, The Hub, (council offices), the Library, or contact us.

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Care about and of the prostate - and prostate cancer

Prostate cancer is the second most common cause of cancer death among Australian men, and most often occurs in older men (ie over 70).

Symptoms may be caused by enlargement of the prostate, or the tumour may remain symptomless until the cancer has spread to other parts of the body.

Regular checkups make a lot of sense.

Prostate cancer can be diagnosed by rectal examination (a diseased prostate feels hard and knobby) ultra-sound scans and other tests.

A biopsy (surgical removal of some of the tissue for examination) can tell conclusively whether or not cancer cells are present.

Screening with the PSA

By Elizabeth Hannah
Government registered acupuncturist

(Prostate Specific Antigen) test leads to earlier diagnosis.

Conventional treatment includes surgery and radiation (for most early stage cases), hormonal therapy and chemotherapy.

There are Chinese herbal formulae which treat cancer, and they can be used alongside conventional treatment.

They say prevention is the best cure, and this was never truer than in the case of cancer.

There is a lot you can do to take care of your prostate and prevent cancer.

A balanced lifestyle with adequate exercise and rest is needed, while herbal medicine and acupuncture

help to prevent problems from developing.

Diet is an important factor. The incidence of prostate cancer is far higher in America than in China and Japan (and Australia won't be far behind America). The traditional Asian diet is vastly different to that of the average American or Australian.

Their diet is made up of fish and plant based foods such as fruit, vegetables, wholegrains and soya products.

Fruit and vegetables contain antioxidants which destroy cancer causing free radicals before they have a chance to damage cells.

Vitamins C and A are important, and these are found especially in dark leafy greens, yellow, orange, red vegetables, and

citrus fruits.

Other plants contain chemicals which have been found to decrease the risk of prostate cancer.

These include: Cooked tomatoes (contain lycopene), garlic, onions, shallots, and leeks (crushed/cooked), broccoli, cauliflower, and brussels sprouts.

Include fruits and vegetables, organically grown, if possible, in every meal.

Fibre is also very important (surprise surprise) as it clears hormones and fats which circulate through the body. High levels of testosterone in the blood are believed to increase the risk of prostate cancer.

For more information or appointments contact Elizabeth at Kyneton Acupuncture and Allied Health on 0403 753 221 or email bethan.acup@westnet.com.au

Farmers' markets in Macedon Ranges

Woodend community farmers' market on Saturday 3 May. 0487 744 090.

Kyneton farmers' market on Saturday 10 May. 5422 1025.

Riddells Creek farmers' market on Saturday 17 May. 0419 523 324

Lancefield and District farmers' market on Saturday 24 May. 0407860320.

The Woodend Community

Farmers' Market welcomes Sharon Kittson as the new market coordinator.

The Lancefield and District Farmers' Market was recently nominated as an Outstanding Farmers' Market in the Delicious Produce Awards.

Go to taste.com.au to vote for our local market.

Check out new Raw Chocolate producer, Casey Pringle at the markets.

Irene Brooks will be at the Lancefield and District Farmers' Market with Hot Roasted Chestnuts.

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A day at the cricket



Top left. The Coliban Colts. From left: Simon Lowe, Ned Upton, umpire, Andrew Farrington, Damien Summers, Tim Munro, James O'Bryen, Dan Blake, Mat Gordon, Tom May, Jock McCrae, Mike Abramowski, and Rod Gibson. Absent Derek Smith. **Left centre.** The Campaspe Crows. From left: Harry Brown, Owen Bell, Chris Atkins, Steven Atkins, Tony Leahy, Jordon Sundblom, Ned Upton, umpire, Martin Leahy, Paul Atkins, Duncan Wallis, and Richard Higginbottom. Absent Rick Blake. **Above.** Redesdale and District Association members catered for the day. From left: Russel Evans, Tasman Johnson, Gloria Pocock, Kathy Hall, Terry McKennzie, and Les Pocock. Robyn and Mike Abramowski. **Right:** Mother of two players and wife of top scorer, Martine Atkins, with Mary Bennett.

Agricultural photographic competition

Macedon Ranges Agribusiness Forum is accepting entries for a farming life photographic competition. Closing date for entries

is Sunday 1 June. Further information from Gaynor on:- 5421 9615 or:- mrsc.vic.gov.au/agphotocomp.

Cricket raffle results

Shaver shop bag with multiple inclusions (value \$450): Don White.
Braun Mixer (value \$100): Jock Macrae.
Jams and Redesdale Fruit Cake: Vanessa.

Donkey enthusiasts meet at Redesdale

Members of the Donkey Society of Victoria, Macedon Ranges 'Assine Set' met at Coliban Springs, Redesdale on Saturday 29 March.

This was a get to know each other time when members could also compare notes and offer support.

Our tireless leader, Kyneton's Pam Newton, established the quarterly meetings at alternative properties.

Record numbers at Redesdale meant a changed format.

Usually, at these meetings, we have a cup of tea and some cake and sit around the table chatting and learning from each other.

This time there were too many of us to sit around one table so we took ourselves, our tea and coffee and wandered up to see our girls, Daisy and Dolly.

These two have had some adjustments to make lately as their paddock was invaded by rescued sheep, Jill, Brian, and Primrose.

Brian was brought up as a human and so spent the morning doing the rounds of our visitors asking for ear ticks and recognition generally.

He rather stole the show. Our donkeys are amazingly tolerant of the sheep, only performing the occasional halfhearted

By Kathy Hall

'pat' with a back foot if food is involved. The value of these meetings is enormous.

People share information about farriers, food supplements, reading material, and behavioural matters.

It also gives us a chance to see some wonderful places such as Porcupine Ridge Estate at our last meeting. Unfortunately the Coliban Springs gardens were not looking their best due to the awful summer drought but as I write this, the heavens have opened.

If there are any donkey owners who wish to join the Society, please contact the Donkey Society of Victoria, area representative Pam Newton at: -
pnewton@nex.net.au or on 5423 5223.

The website is:-
www.donkey.org.au.



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Learn smart business practices

Macedon Ranges Council will host a Smart Business conference in the Kyneton Town Hall on Tuesday and Wednesday 20 and 21 May. A range of workshops will cover marketing, social media, finance and other business practices.

Sessions will be run by Small Business Victoria presenters. Hands on training will allow businesses to learn new skills and embrace new tools. Popular presenter, Tim Gentle from Design Experts

in Bendigo will deliver the marketing and online workshops, including two training sessions on the use of social media tools and mobile devices.

Macedon Ranges mayor Roger Jukes said the Small Business Victoria workshops were a valuable addition to the council's economic development program.

"The sessions are run by qualified business professionals trained to provide insightful and interactive

sessions.

Cr Jukes said there were some good sessions for start up businesses or those thinking of starting a new business.

"If you're starting a new business venture, look at the workshops on the start up process, as well as the sessions on successful marketing," he said.

To view the conference program, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/business-conference.

Grants to support youth activities

Grants up to \$5000 are available through the Youth Affairs Council of Victoria. The money is to provide a range of equipment to support participation of people between 12 to 25 years old in community activities.

The Equip Grant program forms part of the Victorian Government's 'Shape It!' Strategy, which provides \$3.2 million over five years to actively support young people in rural and regional Victoria participate in local decision making.

The program is administered by the Youth Affairs Council of Victoria's Victorian Rural Youth Services initiative (VRYS).

The VRYS advances research, training, and policy development to support the rural youth sector.

It promotes the strengths of rural young people and the workers who support them, and encourages action to address disadvantage in rural communities.

Grants are available to local government and community organisations in rural and regional areas of Victoria.

Local governments and community organisations are invited to apply for a one off grant of up to \$5000 under the Equip Grant program. Eligible organisations may submit an application form by Friday 16 May 2014. For more information, please contact Kylie Emonson on 9267 3715 or 0427 464 335.

Fire restrictions lifted

Fire restrictions were lifted in the Macedon Ranges on Monday 14 April, but authorities

asked residents to remain careful when burning off. Council Manager of

Community Safety, Anne-Louise Lindner, said many residents found this a good time of the year to clean up and remove bark, sticks and leaves.

"Rather than burning off, the best way to remove these fuels is to use a green garden bin.

"For larger loads, use the free green drop service at the transfer stations in Kyneton, Woodend, and Romsey.

"If you do need to burn off, please be familiar with new burning off restrictions under Council Local Law No.10," she said.

The new burning off restrictions apply to residents living on land less than 4000 square metres (one acre), who must apply for a permit. "Consider neighbours, and burn off only dry fuels," she said.

For more information on fire restrictions, contact 5422 0333 or visit: mrsc.vic.gov.au/burning-off



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Redesdale Revellers season on

Best Theme award for Redesdale Fire Brigade

The Redesdale Revellers will present their 2014 season in the Redesdale Hall during the next three months.

The popular annual shows are sure to generate lots of entertainment and fun.

The cast will be supported by the very talented Mary on the piano.

Cost for the evenings run by the Redesdale Hall Committee is \$37.50, in-

cluding a delicious three course dinner.

The five presentation nights are Saturday 31 May, Saturday 14 June, Saturday 21 June, Saturday 28 June, and Saturday 5 July.

Please be seated by 7pm because meals will be served from 7.30pm.

This is a chance to enjoy a thoroughly entertaining evening with lots of laughs.

Why not book a table of 10 for friends and family?

Book early to avoid missing out on these nights of fun!

Bookings and enquiries for all shows except Saturday 14 June are with Dorothea Kriewaldt on 5425 3118.

Bookings for Saturday 14 June are with Mavis Collison on 5474 8230.

Redesdale Fire Brigade won the 'Best Theme' award in the Bendigo Easter Torchlight Procession.

Brigade representatives attended a presentation in the Bendigo Town Hall to receive the award on Thursday 24 April.

Coffee, chit chat, and all that

Coffee, arts, BYO lunch, knitting, crochet, clothing alterations, discussions on good books, and fellowship topics are on the agenda for monthly meetings in the Redesdale Hall on the last Friday of each month. Coordinator Janette Johnson said women were invited to attend the meetings.

"Bring along crafts you are working on, knitting, crochet, and maybe teach others."

"Cutting patterns, clothing alterations, share any good books, and recipes, which we will all taste for you."

"I am sure you can think of many more things for discussion, Janette said. The meetings will be held

from 10.30am to 3.30pm. Further information is available from Janette on 5439 2540.

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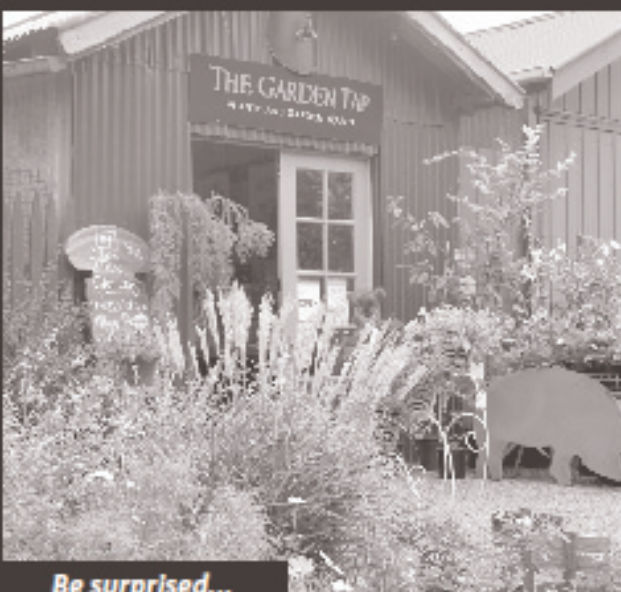
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Mini Maestros classes are now enrolling for Term Two.

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Phone Jo on 0417 703 690 to enquire or visit:- www.minimaestros.com.au

Mixed volleyball

Registrations are being accepted for the Thursday evening mixed volleyball competition.

Team or individual entries are accepted. Games are held from 7.30pm to 9.30pm.

Team fees are \$48 registration and \$15 a player.

To register your interest, phone 5427 3411 or email buffalo@mrsc.vic.gov.au

Kindergym

Our Kindergym teacher, Mrs Anna Shelper, will help develop your child's gross motor skills, coordination, balance, confidence and social skills, through active play and organised activities.

Program times for one to three year olds are Fridays from 10am to 10.50am; three to fives, Fridays from 11am to noon.

Fees are \$9.20 casual visit or 10 pass card \$85 (valid for six months).

Jane's Gentle Exercise

Gentle, chair based, and light weight exercise classes designed for mature age adults are held on Tuesdays, from 10.30am to 11.30am and cost \$5.70 a person.

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Diary Dates

To Sunday 1 June.

Red Poppies Display in the Bendigo Library.

Friday 2 May.

Dyslexia Support Group. 9am at Ethic Cafe, Woodend. Marg 0409 550 238.

Saturday 3 May.

Woodend farmers' market. 0487 744 090.

Saturday 3 May.

Redesdale Community Barbecue. 6pm Redesdale Hall.

Sunday and Monday 4 and 5 May.

Rural Businesswomen Conference, Beechworth.

Monday 5 May.

Japanese Children's Day.

Saturday 10 May.

Kyneton farmers' market. 5422 1025.

Wednesday 14 May.

Cootee afternoon. 1pm Sutton Grange Hall. Admission \$5. Many prizes.

Saturday 17 May.

Heathcote Health autumn twist basket supper dance. Heathcote RSL Hall. 7.30pm.

Saturday 17 May.

Riddells Creek farmers' market. 0419 523 324.

Thursday 22 May.

Bendigo Council. Town meeting. 7pm Mia Mia.

Saturday 24 May.

Lancefield and District farmers' market. 0407 860 320.

Friday 30 May.

Applications for Ian Morton Memorial Scholarship close. Alana 5448 2600.

Saturday 31 May.

Redesdale Revellers Variety Show. 7pm sharp. Redesdale Hall. Cost \$37.50 including dinner. Booking Dorothea Kriewaldt 5425 3118.

Friday 6 June.

Dyslexia Support Group. 9am at Ethic Cafe, Woodend. Marg 0409 550 238.

Saturday 7 to Monday 9 June:-

Queen's Birthday Weekend.

Saturday 21 June.

Winter Solstice.

Saturday 14 June.

Redesdale Revellers Variety Show. 7pm sharp. Redesdale Hall. Cost \$37.50 including dinner. Booking Mavis Collison 5474 8230.

Saturday 21 June.

Big Sing. Mia Mia Hall.

Saturday 21 June. Redesdale Revellers Variety Show. 7pm sharp. Redesdale Hall. Cost \$37.50 including dinner.

Editorial

Running well

District cricketers have started a sporting event with enormous potential, in the Twin Rivers cricket matches, now three events old. Rod Gibson foreshadows bringing more teams into this social competition held at Redesdale's scenic reserve. Rod said we might see a team from Axe Creek join in to do battle in the competition, one a little different to the traditional home and away games, but with growing interest. The Shaver Shop has set a pattern for strong sponsorship for what at this stage is a 'small community event'. Competition, with people following various teams, could lead to other sponsors following the Shaver Shop's example in promoting this event.

Saturday 28 June.

Redesdale Revellers Variety Show. 7pm sharp. Redesdale Hall. Cost \$37.50 including dinner. Booking Dorothea Kriewaldt 5425 3118.

Monday 30 June to Sunday 6 July.

World Open Snooker Championships, Bendigo.

Friday 4 July. American independence Day.

Friday 4 July.

Dyslexia Support Group. 9am at Ethic Cafe, Woodend. Marg 0409 550 238.

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prizes for our match day raffles.

While watching the game from the sidelines, your correspondent was approached by an elderly local gentleman who said the last time he had seen a cricket match played on the Reserve was in the early 1960's (readers are welcome to comment if they believe this is incorrect) when the pitch ran at right angles to the present North-South.

He was delighted to see it in use after 50 years. More Colts versus Crows games will be staged and plans are afoot to stage an Axe Creek versus Redesdale fixture at our Reserve possibly in November this year.

We would love the Community to become more involved and such a match might act as a catalyst. We will keep you informed.

Rainfall

Mia Mia

2013	538.00
Jan 0 0	
Feb 63.5	63.50
Mar 24.5	88.00
April 5.0	93.00
May 63.0	156.00
June 32.0	188.00
July 78.5	266.50
Aug 88.0	354.50
Sept 83.5	438.00
Oct 40.5	478.50
Nov 38.5	517.00
Dec 21.00	538.00
2014	
Jan 8.00	08.00
Feb 1.00	09.00
Mar 51.5	60.50

Redesdale

2013	514.90
Jan	00 00
Feb 54.0	54.00
Mar 28.5	82.50
April 4.7	87.20
May 24.3	111.50
June 65.0	176.50
July 63.0	239.50
Aug 94.0	333.50
Sept 79.0	412.50
Oct 32.9	455.40
Nov 50.5	505.90
Dec 9.00	514.90
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Basket supper dance

Heathcote Health will hold a basket supper dance at in the Heathcote RSL Hall at 7.30pm on Saturday 17 May. Admissin is \$20, BYO drinks and finger food. Table snacks, tea, and coffee provided. The Grinners will play 60s to 90s music. Tickets are available from Justine on 5431 0903.

Judy Campbell's legacy - love, likeness, and laughter

Megan Campbell delivered a eulogy to her mother in St Mary's Anglican Church, Woodend on Friday 21 March 2014, during the celebration of Judy Campbell's life.

She spoke of a mother who loved her family and friends, liked life, and filled the air with laughter.

Megan said her mother faced her recent illness with strength, amazing bravery, and grace.

She was astonishing in her acceptance and understanding of what she faced.

She will always remain in my mind an incredible woman and this was emphasised by that difficult time.

What shocked and amazed Dad and myself was that she rang the Funeral Director Simon Mulqueen, and Canon Alf Austin to organize her own funeral.

She wanted it exactly the same as

Nanas, which was held only in December.

It was incredible that she had the wherewithall to do this and as per usual, she made my job much easier.

This pragmatic and considerate approach was typical of Mum.

But this tragic time does not represent and is not representative of Mum's entire life.

She was resilient, vibrant, and full of life.

She loved people, and to laugh, as you would be aware.

Dad has often told us that when he was dating Mum; he knew where she was by her giggle.

She saw humor in many places and wasn't afraid to play.

Mum loved her immediate family, her cousins, niece and nephews, and her many friends.

Family was a passion, but so were other things; such as friends, her gardens, flowers, and community.

Over her lifetime she was actively involved in many committees such as the Heathcote Show Society, St Johns at Heathcote, the Girton Old Girls Association; her old school.

Mia Mia Hall committee. Mia Mia and Kyneton School committees and later when Mum and Dad came to live in Woodend; groups such as Probus, The Historical Society, and the church community of St Mary's, which she loved. Mum was a warm and engaging woman and made friends easily in the various communities she lived.

Firstly in Eaglehawk and Bendigo, then Mia Mia, when she married my Dad, Humphrey.

Later, when Mum and Dad moved to Woodend under difficult circumstances they lived with me, and made a wonderful life here.

Mum was well known to take advantage of any outing at the drop of a hat. The trip we made to England in 2010 was a prime example.

I suggested it only weeks before we went and as usual mum organized everything. At any opportunity she would go out from a coffee, to a shopping trip, or a longer holiday.

Or even visit with another Judy, a friend's elderly uncle, in a paddock up north.

In later life when Mum was on crutches, even this didn't slow her down.

I have never seen anyone who would nearly run with crutches to get to Herman's Shoes in Collins Street.

As I have mentioned Herman's, I also want to acknowledge Mum's great love of shoes. Nana loved fabrics; Mum loved shoes, and has a range and number that is very impressive.

I doubt I or many others will match it. Nothing would slow Mum down at any time in her life. Her bravery and character is something Dad and I will respect and love forever. She is a great role model. Thank you Mum for everything, we dearly love you and you will remain in our hearts forever.

Call for comment on Victorian planning policy

The Victorian Government draft Planning Policy is available for comment.

This is the state planning policy for all planning schemes in Victoria and helps inform and guide planning decisions such as amendments and planning per-

mits.

The draft includes new material drawn from policies such as regional growth plans, reformed zones, and the draft Plan Melbourne.

A draft version of the Planning Policy Framework has been prepared by an advisory committee, which is now inviting feedback from councils and members of the public.

The council is preparing a submission to the Advisory Committee but the advisory committee wants feedback from a range of groups and individuals within our shire.

More information on the review and how to make a submission can be found at:

<http://www.dpcd.vic.gov.au/planning>. Submissions can be made until 4pm on Friday 23 May 2014.

Further information is available from Senior Project Manager, Department of Transport, Planning and Local Infrastructure Kate Stapleton, on 9094 8473.

School danger

Redesdale-Mia Mia Primary School acting principal Sally Gill has called for people to join a safety action group to support the school.

Ms Gill said a serious issue of speeding on an unsealed road outside the school had developed.

"We all know speed kills and we all know how easily accidents happen.

"We have a recipe for disaster and we need community support."

People interested in joining the action group are invited to contact Ms Gill on 5425 3155.



Redesdale-Mia Mia Primary School

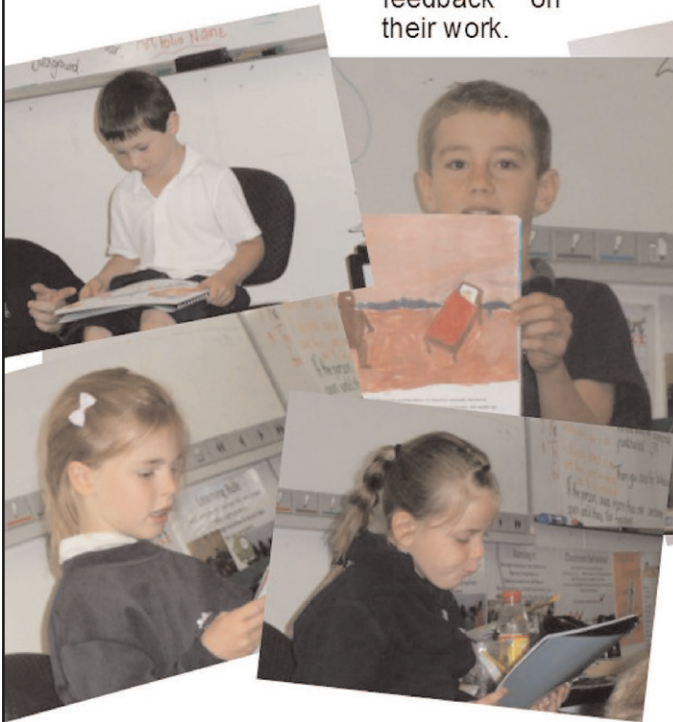
*Our school values
truthfulness, respect and trust of others.*

Acting Principal - Ms Sally Gill

Phone - 5425 3155; Email - redesdale.mia.mia.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

Presentations

We have had a wonderfully busy term 1 learning about wild animals. In the last week of term the students presented their posters and dioramas, on the wild animal of their choice and they read their story about an animal, to everyone. It is very positive to see the children learning from each other and getting feedback on their work.



Awards

We are delighted to say that our end of term award winners are Nicholas Broadbent for working hard on being a positive member of his class and Kofi Chambers for persisting and having a positive attitude towards everything we do at school. Both Nick and Kofi were presented with prizes for their effort.



Volunteers needed

We are looking for interested people to assist the school in forming a 'Safety Committee'. The main objective of the committee would be to inform people and address the issue of the dangerous road situation out the front of our school. Redesdale Mia Mia P.S. doesn't have a school crossing, parking facilities and has cars illegally entering and exiting into School road regularly. The committee would work to correct these issues. If you are interested please phone the school on 5425 3155. We would love to hear from you!

Happy Easter

We had a brilliant day on the last day of term where all the children had an Easter egg hunt. We would like to wish everyone a very happy Easter and safe holidays. School returns on Tuesday April 22nd, for three days before celebrating ANZAC day on Friday the 25th.

Term 2 theme 'Ancient cultures'.

Fire fighters do battle for kids

Redesdale Fire Brigade volunteers raised \$5936.60 for the Royal Children's Hospital 'Good Friday Appeal' during their annual roadside collection.

The Easter Bunny was extremely popular causing lots of smiles from young and old passing through the village. Then it was off to the Bendigo Easter Torchlight Procession.

The Brigade was invited to participate in the Bendigo procession with a 'wear your Easter bonnet with Pride' theme and thanks to 3rd Lieutenant Jim Boyd's fertile imagination Redesdale members did just that.

Redesdale 'Tanker 2' wore a beautiful yellow Easter Bonnet, which was photographed by many on the night something perhaps never to be seen again!

The bonnet's frame was made by Jim Boyd and papier mâché and decorated by students and Art Teacher 'Chris Mertens' at Redesdale - Mia Mia Primary School. Fourth Lieutenant Don White displayed his artistic skills by painting two colourful pictures for the sides of

the truck.

Thanks to others who helped with this project. The Easter Bunny joined Fire Brigade members in walking alongside the truck throughout the parade and again proved very

popular, enjoying the challenge of meeting as many admirers as he could. Group Officer David Cleator invited teenager Celena Boyd to ride in the CFA's forward command vehicle (FCV) and

wave a small 'Fireman Sam' toy, also very popular with the young ones. The parade was an enjoyable way to end what has been an extremely busy fire season for Country Fire Authority volunteers.



Group Officer David Cleator and Celena Boyd in the white forward command vehicle.

Redesdale Fire Brigade members collecting for the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal.



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