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Kyneton to be home for Light Horse monument



The Light Horse monument created in memory of light horsemen who enlisted in the Boer War and World War 1.

The Kyneton Light Horse Monument Group has created a statue to recognise the Kyneton District Mounted Rifle Corps.

Australian Light Horse were mounted troops who served in the Second Boer War and World War I.

Macedon Ranges Council Director of Planning and Environment, Sophie Segafredo, said the council was assisting the group to find a suitable location for the statue.

Ms Segafredo said the Kyneton Light Horse Monument Group had done a lot of work to raise funds for the statue.

"The group also provided a rich history of the Light Horse and its relationship to Kyneton," she said.

Group members chose the Kyneton Mechanics Institute as their preferred location for installing the Light Horse monument, because it was the original meeting place of the Kyneton District Mounted Rifle Corps. However, the council called for community input on where the memorial site should be. The statue is proposed to be unveiled by 31 October 2014, in time for the anniversary of the World War I Battle of Beersheba, where the Light Horse Regiment played a major role. Members of the public were invited to view a smaller replica of the Light Horse Monument in the foyer of the shire offices at 129 Mollison Street, Kyneton.

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Olives on Show at Barfold

Kyneton Olive Oil will hold its 2014 open weekend and harvest product launch from Saturday 7 June until Monday 9 June between 10am and 4pm.

Products on show will include fresh extra virgin olive oils (including infused oils); table olives and tape-

nade (naturally processed). Processing facilities will be on show along with wine tastings from district wineries. Lunch and refreshments will be available and a produce market will operate. The olive grove is at 2090 Kyneton Heathcote Road, Barfold. (See page 8).

Pop up restaurant at Barfold

A '40K Pop Up' restaurant will be held in the Barfold Hall on the Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 June, during the Queen's Birthday weekend. Pop up restaurants are quickly becoming an alternative to traditional dining out, and as the name suggests, a pop up, 'pops up' from nowhere, often at an unusual venue to bring something new in the field of eating out.

Such a restaurant will always offer a unique and exciting experience, but for

a limited period.

40K Pop Up will feature the produce of Central Victoria from the area within forty kilometres of Barfold.

We will showcase a local chef, featuring local meats, local vegetables, and local wines.

The focus will be on a relaxed night of great food.

This pop up will deliver a very different experience to traditional dining out with more fun, innovation and the unusual.

Proceeds will go to the Langley - Barfold CFA.

Cost is \$45 each for a two course meal.

Bookings are essential and can be made with Sandra on 5423-4225 or 0412 243 315.

Email:-

sandra@barfoldestate.com.au



Barfold Hall

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STOLEN from Sheedy's Lane, Mia Mia - Derrinal. Early model VW Kombi Van with split windscreen, dark green in colour. Perhaps someone has seen this vehicle in a shed being restored. If so please ring 5425 5404. Thanking you - PJ.

Running a business without advertising is like winking at a girl in the dark

Kyneton Springhill Road upgraded

Macedon Ranges Council has completed the reconstruction of a section of Kyneton-Springhill Road.

This is the second major section of the road to be upgraded in recent years.

The works extend 1.9 kilometres and include road widening to 6.6m with 0.5m wide shoulders.

New guard railing to ensure safety of travellers was also built.

Because of the work, some old single lane sections of the road are now dual lane.

The council listed additional sections of the road in its 2014/15 draft budget, which is available for community comment.

Defibrillator at Redesdale Store

A defibrillator is available at the Redesdale Store, 2609 Heathcote Kyneton Road.

The defibrillator can be used by any person and has easy to follow, talking instructions.

Please don't hesitate if you think you need to use it.

In the event of an emergency after the store has closed call Jenny and Dino on 5425 3154 who are providing 24 hour access to the defibrillator.

Redesdale Website

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One million dollars for the Rock, but Hanging out for more

Macedon Ranges Council has welcomed a \$1 million commitment from the Victorian Government to fund maintenance of Hanging Rock for the next four years. Macedon mayor Roger Jukes said, however, that while the \$1 million boost was a welcome contribution to essential works needed at Hanging Rock, there were many long term challenges.

"We are pleased the Gov-

ernment recognised the need for immediate funding to address ageing of state owned infrastructure, weed, and pest problems at the Rock.

"But Hanging Rock needs ongoing investment if it is to thrive as a natural asset and tourist icon.

"Hanging Rock is unique and precious, both to our residents and visitors.

"We need a long term State

Government commitment to provide the best possible visitor and community experience," he said.

The funding announcement, made by Planning Minister Matthew Guy, came after a joint study by the the council and the Victorian Government.

The study was to find ways of securing a sustainable income for Hanging Rock.

Mr Guy said the money

would be used to maintain recreational facilities and manage costs of the site.

He said Hanging Rock would be saved from commercial development.

"The Government will work with the council to strengthen planning protections for the Hanging Rock precinct, to ensure it is protected from inappropriate development in the long term.

"Planning changes will not affect present uses on the site, such as horse racing or concerts," he said.

Cr Jukes said the council worked with the Government for a long time on the need for ongoing funding of Hanging Rock, which is a State owned asset.

He said the council was the custodian and caretaker of the asset, but needed ongoing support of the State to maintain it to a standard the community and visitors expected.

Churches combine to thank firefighters

Kyneton Ministers' Fellowship has organised a community celebration, fund raiser, and thank you fun day to honour Kyneton District Fire Brigades volunteers.

This is an appreciation of those who have aided community fire prevention, recovery services, and public awareness.

The fun day will be held at St Paul's Park, Piper Street, Kyneton on Saturday 21 June from 9am to 12.30pm.

An ecumenical Thanksgiving Service will be celebrated, at the conclusion of activities, with a presentation of funds raised made to the Kyneton District CFA.

Entertainment, community activities, food, fund raising stalls, refreshments, and fire brigade displays will provide lots of interest.

Participation in the fundraising, and/or setting up a fundraising stall, to assist the Kyneton District CFA Fire Brigades is most welcome.

Church leaders consider the event will enable members of the community to express their gratitude to the Kyneton District Fire Brigades,

and other volunteers, for tireless work.

The function provides

A fund raising fun day full of thanks

opportunity for groups to help raise funds to support the brigades.

Reverend Temukisa Vaeluaga said: "I am sure you will agree we all owe a debt of gratitude to our Kyneton District fire services.

"This is an excellent opportunity for the community to speak with one voice to help raise money and give thanks to a very valued group of people.

"They use their skills and courage to keep us all safe at all times.

"Often this is in very dangerous conditions."

Schools and community organizations are welcome to provide a stall on the day promoting their activities while also raising funds.

Expressions of interest should be made to Father Ian Howarth Kyneton - Malmsbury Anglican Church 5422 1025; Heather Ashman, Kyneton Baptist Church 5422 1782; Father Joe Ruse Kyneton - Trentham Catholic Church 5422 1261; Temukisa Vaeluaga Mia Mia Uniting Church 5422 1271.

Free small farming expo

The Victorian Farmers Federation will conduct a Small Farming Expo, as part of the 2014 Victorian Agriculture Conference and Expo.

The small farming expo is open to the public free, and will be held at the Royal Melbourne Showgrounds, Ascot Vale, on Saturday 14 June.

Workshops will discuss what you like to farm; financing your farm; planning and regulations; what you need to know; owning livestock; is it for you?; niche farming; growing your horizons; a question and answer panel session; how to interpret and

understand market information; training opportunities; workshops; courses available; employing staff, contractors and, occupational health and safety; software; what is available to assist farmers; and, turn fantasy into reality.

Further information is available on 1300 882 833 or at www.vff.org.au

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Pet Day

On Wednesday, May 7th, the SRC had a Pet Day to raise funds for the Guide Dogs. \$33.70 was raised. Thank you to everyone who came along and supported our school and to Carolyn who was the judge.



Don't get scammed

Consumer Affairs Victoria has developed an informative series of short fun videos called 'Stevie's Scam School', offering handy tips to avoid internet scams.

More than 100 scams in the Greater Bendigo area were reported to Consumer Affairs last year.

Australians lost more than \$93 million to scams in 2012.

Officers believe the real figure is much higher, because many scams are not reported.

The free series is available online and features Stevie, an animated 'reformed scammer'.

Stevie explains romance, lottery, investment, online selling, rebate, and rental scams. Anybody can fall for a scam, but you can protect yourself by not giving financial details to anyone you do not know or trust.

Do not respond to unsolicited emails, texts or phone

calls requesting personal information.

Be aware that banks and other legitimate companies will never ask for your personal details by email.

Do not provide an up front payment to a stranger via money order or wire transfer. Get a lesson from Stevie on how to avoid getting scammed.

Visit:-

consumer.vic.gov.au/scam-schoolconsumer.

If you wish to report a scam, contact Consumer Affairs Victoria on 1300 558 181 or contact our Regional Offices at Bendigo on 5440 6100.

Men's Sheds grants

Grants are available to refurbish Men's Sheds.

Details:-

www.dhs.vic.gov.au. Men's Sheds enable interaction and fellowship by providing a place with a wide range of activities and discussion.

Region to be self sustainable

Macedon Ranges Shire has been earmarked to benefit from State Government plans to enhance the Bendigo region as an alternative to Melbourne for ideal living and working.

Planning Minister Matthew Guy said sustainable and viable communities with strong economies would be developed while protecting valued assets and character of the region.

"Bendigo is a vibrant, growing regional city providing quality education, healthcare facilities, a strong economy and thriving cultural life."

He said key aims were jobs, business, and housing growth in strategic centres such as Gisborne and Kyneton.

He said advantage would be taken of the important role of small towns in providing lifestyle options and choice. Their sustainability would be ensured through investment, economic diversification and appropriate zoning provisions. Leveraging growth from expanding sectors such as health, education and professional services, and support for emerging industries will be a focus.

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Autumn sun and Heathcote colours

We don't seem to talk about the sun in Heathcote but we're always saying to people we meet in the street: "Lovely sunny day isn't it?"

By Louise Joy

The warm feeling after the heat of summer or cold of winter is so delicious and we sit under the vines at Frank's Fetching Treasures absorbing the different greens across Barrack Reserve.

The best time is autumn when those brown and golden leaves are just down the lane next to the Info Centre.

With his unerring eye and ear for good history, Geoffrey Blainey tells: "Largely for climatic reasons, a shorter working week became the goal of several of the early trade unions.

Stonemasons and other outside workers pointed to the dangers of working too long under the summer sun and successfully claimed the eight hour day."

Page 24 in Chapter One "Moon, Sun and Stars" of "Black Kettle and Full Moon. Daily Life in a Vanished Australia." (Viking an Imprint of Penguin Books 2003) borrowed from the Goldfields Library Heathcote Blainey records (P.29,30) the influence on artists'

depictions of responses to the Australian sun in the late nineteenth century.

"The canvases of the open-air painters of the Heidelberg School show fashionable young women of the late 1880s, most shielding their fair skin from the sun.

Thus Charles Condor, painting in an unkempt orchard on a day of cloud and sunlight, depicts women fending off the spring sun with hats, long full sleeved dresses, and parasols.

Tom Roberts, in 'A Summer Morning Tiff', depicts a woman standing in a dry paddock and wearing a white hat and ground rustling white gown with long sleeves.

Only her hands and lower wrists are exposed to the sun."

The cover up look was to change radically with bikini sunbathing, and today, on the streets of Heathcote, skin is exposed to the sun in remarkable arrangements of garments!

Scooter recharge points

A recharge point for scooters and wheelchairs is situated at the Heathcote Visitor Information Centre, at the corner of High Street and Barrack Street.

Also, the City of Greater Bendigo recharge point at the Bendigo Library in Hargreaves Street has been re-installed. The point is located behind the stairwell next to the photocopier, where it can be found on the wall.

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 5433 3278 for the venue and to book a place.

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

Walk and Talk. First and Third Monday. 10am. Meet at Guide Hall .

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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After Anzac - scones, jam, cream, and pride of Heathcote

The Heathcote Senior Citizens Centre was awash with scones and jam and cream ready for fellowship after the 2014 Anzac Day service.

I said to an old friend: "That was a beautiful service as usual wasn't it?"

She replied with confidence: "It makes you proud to be..."

I thought she was going to say 'an Australian', but instead she said 'proud to come from Heathcote'.

I told our local councillor Rod Campbell, who was delighted.

Rod had spoken about the interesting people who lived in Heathcote and said he could see why people continued to stay.

Rod asked about Heathcote U3A and I told him, from the Heathcote U3A history group, the story of Mathilda, daughter of fourteenth century English King Henry 2, who never made it to the throne.

Mathilda managed to expel the usurper and save the Crown for her son who always remembered her perseverance.

The nobles told Henry 2 they would support Mathilda to be a female king, as her brother had drowned at

sea, but changed their minds, just like modern politicians.

In between stages of my story, Rod was greeting his constituents, who came for a chat.

The crowded RSL Hall conveyed an intimate atmosphere with no loud speakers.

RSL President Tony Illarietti, gave an impressive welcome and reminder we were not glorifying war, but remembering the men and women who served, and gave their lives that we might live in freedom.

The traditional hymn, 'O God, our help in ages past. Our hope for years to come', was led by the Heartbeat Singers of Heathcote.

John McLure was impressive with chords on the hall piano.

Reverend Ian Davey of Heathcote Uniting Church prayed for those who mourn and Pastor Timothy Happs from the Word of Faith Community Church prayed for peace.

Students from Axedale, Heathcote and Holy Rosary Primary Schools, shepherded by RSL Secretary John McLure, took turns in

By Louise Joy

reading the ANZAC Requiem, words resonating over the years, 'On this day above all days we recall those who served in war, and who did not return to receive the grateful thanks of the nation.'

RSL secretary made presentations to the school student readers and then we assembled at the cenotaph outside the hall.

The small statue on the cenotaph is of a Boer War veteran from Costerfield.

Most impressive was the mounting of the Catafalque Guard at the cenotaph by WO2 Miles Humphrey.

Vivienne Dunlop, whose husband was a relative of the famous 'Weary', once again played the bagpipes and continued during the wreath laying ceremony with the cenotaph crowded

in blossoms and green.

RSL president Tony Illarietti pronounced The Ode, always a striking piece of poetry, 'They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old'.

The ordering of 'not old' tugs at the memory.

We all repeated 'we will remember them' and then 'Lest We Forget' after the silent tribute.

The outdoor service ended with the New Zealand and Australian National Anthems, and flags of the two countries, raised from half mast.

March marshal, WO2 Miles Humphrey, assembled the march down High Street Heathcote with Returned and peace keeping service personnel to the front.

Then it was time for scones and jam and cream.

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Sustainable garden workshops

Western Water, in conjunction with Macedon Council, will hold free sustainable gardening workshops. The next workshop, about sustainable garden design, with general tips plus design in bushfire zones, will be conducted by experi-

enced gardening writer, Michael McCoy, on Saturday 26 July at Riddells Creek.

Michael has written extensively about gardening, including books, and articles for major gardening publications.

Design is a key to ensuring gardens use the available space and resources effectively.

The workshops will cover assessing a garden site and ensuring appropriate plant selection.

Macedon mayor Roger

Dukes said many Macedon residents were keen, or budding gardeners.

"Our council is proud to host this series of hands-on workshops in partnership with Western Water.

Western Water General Manager, Customer and Community Relations, Peter Donlon said the workshops would help local residents create healthy, sustainable gardens needing less water to thrive.

The first workshop will take place from 10:30am to noon on Saturday 26 July at Riddells Creek Neighbourhood House.

All workshops are open to anyone interested in learning and are free.

Places are limited, so please register your attendance in advance.

Residents can book their spot no earlier than one month prior to the date of each workshop.

Bookings can be made online via www.westernwater.com.au or by calling 9218 5455.

Growing seasonal produce with Vasili of Vasili Maresi, Channel 31 will be held at Gisborne on Saturday 6 September.

Noted gardener, Simon Rickard will facilitate 'Choosing the right plant for the Macedon Ranges' at Woodend on Saturday 8 November.

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Council wins dangerous dog decision

Macedon Council has won a Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) ruling to uphold its decision to declare a dog dangerous. The dog escaped and killed a pet goat, despite wearing an

Women of the wars

Bendigo Youth Choir is creating a project entitled, 'Women of the War'.

The choir is seeking photographs and stories to create a multimedia presentation. They have asked families who have female relatives who worked for the government during the first and second world wars to look through those old boxes of photos.

With men away, women stepped in to work in munitions factories and other tasks such as the Land Army to maintain farm production.

Contact is email:- womenofthewarproject@gmail.com or phone Gail on 5439 6327 or Valerie on 5447 7212.

electronic containment collar. The Mt Macedon dog owner appealed the council decision after pleading guilty in Kyneton Magistrate's Court to the attack.

The owner was fined \$1500. The appeal was dismissed on 8 May.

The dog must now be confined in an enclosure, wear a prescribed identifiable collar, and be on a lead and muzzled at all times when off the property.

The owner must also display signage on the property.

Council Director of Assets and Operations, Dale Thornton, said the decision to declare the dog dangerous was in the interest of community safety.

"A dog attacking livestock or other animals is a serious community safety issue," he

said.

Under the Domestic Animals Act 1994, all dog owners must securely confine dogs to the property.

This means yards must have a closed gate and escape-proof fence.

Mr Thornton said electronic confinement collars could not be relied on to confine dogs.

"Batteries wear out or the dog may still escape despite the shock of the collar.

"Unfortunately, these electronic collars are not failsafe. "For the safety of your pet and our community, please ensure your property is adequately fenced and your gate is closed.

"If you are using an electronic collar or thinking of purchasing one, you also need to be aware of the restrictions

under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act," he said.

Dogs must be more than six months old and examined by a vet to determine suitability for electronic collars.

Collars cannot be worn for more than 12 hours in any 24 hour period, and dogs must be introduced to the collar through a certified training program.

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Consultation on fringe area planning

Macedon Council is working with the community to settle on conditions in a new planning statement.

The document will recognise the Macedon Ranges as an area of special significance in State planning policy.

Once developed, the statement will form part of Victorian Government policy within the Macedon Ranges Planning Scheme, and will guide future development.

The Macedon Ranges is one of four peri-urban areas (Areas close to cities and towns) identified by the Victorian Government as playing a significant environmental, recreational, tourism and agribusiness role in the State.

Macedon mayor Roger

Jukes said these areas had significant geographic and environmental features.

"They contribute to quality of life in our communities.

"They are also enjoyed by Melburnians and Victorians more broadly.

"Because of their attractiveness and proximity to Melbourne, they are coming under increasing pressure for growth and change, which could undermine key features and land uses in these locations.

"A community survey asked what residents valued about the natural and recreational features of the Macedon Ranges, and how these features should be managed for the benefit of the broader community," he said.

A draft Localised Planning

Statement will be released in July for community comment.

It will be considered at the August council meeting, before being provided to the Victorian Government for inclusion in the Macedon

Ranges Planning Scheme.

For more information about the project, visit the council's website, a council service centre, or contact the council's strategic planning unit on 5422 0333 or strategic-planning@mrsc.vic.gov.au.

Important to update pet microchip details

Macedon Ranges Council wants pet owners to ensure contact details linked to their pet's microchip are current.

Council's manager Community Safety, Anne-Louise Lindner said many microchips contained old contact information or were linked to previous owners, pet shops, or animal shelters.

"We find many pet owners do not realise they must update the microchipping details with the Central Animal Records in addition to registering their pet with the council.

"If you have recently moved

house or bought a new pet, it is important to be sure this information is updated so we can promptly reunite you with your pet if it becomes lost," she said.

"If you know your details need to be updated, contact Central Animal Records on 03 9706 3187 or visit:-

www.car.com.au.

"If you are unsure what contact information is registered to your pet's microchip, the council can perform a free check to confirm the contact details. Further information is available at the community safety unit on 5422 0333.

How to care for your land

The latest edition of Caring for Country Land management guide helps new and existing land managers.

The document aims at those in the rural living zone, to protect the health of their land, and the broader environment.

It provides a starting point for information on a variety of topics related to sustainable land management.

It will help you care for your land, your soil, biodiversity, waterways, plants and animal life.

Hard copies of the guide are available free to landholders in north central Victoria by contacting the North Central CMA on 03 5448 7124 or emailing:-

info@nccma.vic.gov.au.

Copies are also available from the City of Greater Bendigo, Macedon Ranges Shire Council, and Mount Alexander Shire Council.

An interactive online version is also available at:-

<http://www.nccma.vic.gov.au/flippingbook/caringfor-country/>.



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Redesdale railway line history in new book

A History of the Redesdale Railway Line by Ken James, Noel Davis, and David Langley, will be launched at 75 Piper Street, Kyneton, on Saturday 28 June.

This 234 page book is aimed at railway enthusiasts and members of the public with an interest in the social history of the line and the localities along it.

The book's 15 chapters tell of the Redesdale Line, 1891-1954; Construction; Working the Line; Railway Traffic; Locomotives and Rolling Stock; Special Trains; Railway News; Redesdale Railway Station; Barfold Railway Station; Emberton Railway Station; East Metcalfe Railway Station; Green Hill Railway Station; Edgecombe Railway Station; De Graves Railway Station; Redesdale Junction Railway Station; and Closure of the Line.

Seven appendices are:

Station Ground Plans; Twenty - Fourth Schedule: Kyneton and Redesdale Railway Line; Special Livestock Train Melbourne - Woodend - Kyneton - Barfold; Way and Works Single Line Diagrams; Barfold to be a Temporary Staff Station, 1952; Wall Sheet Timetable, 1935; WTT (Working Timetable) notes. There is also a name index. Other books by the writers include history of the three Redesdale halls.

Copies are on sale from the school of the book by co-author Noel Davis and Ken James called 'A History of Eight Central Victorian Mechanics' Institutes: Barfold, Chewton, Elphinstone, Lyal, Mia Mia, Redesdale, Sutton Grange and Taradale.

Books are available from Ken James, 18 Lofty Avenue, Camberwell, 3124.

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Mobile phone and internet black spots listed

Community response to the Macedon Ranges Council's mobile phone black spot register highlighted frustrations with the lack of reliable mobile and high-speed internet services.

Data received through the register to date has shown telecommunication black spots are spread widely across the region.

Macedon mayor Roger

Jukes thanked the community for its support.

He said more than 500 mobile and high-speed internet black spots were registered.

Data collected from the register will be collated into a report for presentation to the Victorian and Australian Governments and telecommunication providers.



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Young women in apprenticeships

Young women from Melbourne's north are being encouraged to pursue a career in trades through apprenticeships.

Higher Education Minister

Nick Wakeling said the Women in Trades project would give teenage girls in years 10 to 12 from 40 state schools in Melbourne's northern suburbs the oppor-

tunity to identify and pursue apprenticeship opportunities.

He said fewer than 10 per cent of traditional apprentices were women.

"If you take out hairdressing, a field dominated by women, the number of female apprentices drops to less than six per cent," Mr Wakeling said.

He said the Women in Trades project engaged with students and employers to address this gender imbalance.

The program has been developed by not-for-profit training organisation APlus Apprentice and Trainee Services, with a \$100,000 innovation grant from the Victorian Government.

The project will build strong links with industry to encourage employers to put on and retain female apprentices.

"This is part of the Victorian Government's plan to encourage women to pursue careers in trades, where they do not have a strong representation," Mr Wakeling said.

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Church services

Catholic Church.

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Uniting Church.

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Barfold.
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Metcalf.
Third Sunday.
Mia Mia.
Fourth Sunday.
Sutton Grange.

All services at 11am.

On the fifth Sunday the Uniting Churches combine with Kyneton for a 10am service at Kyneton.

Grants to fund Seniors Week functions

Funding applications to help run community activities in the Macedon Shire during Seniors Week in October close on Friday 27 June.

The council is offering grants of up to \$900, but limits this to one activity per town.

Further information is available from Stephanie Harper on 5422 0258 or sharp@mrsc.vic.gov.au

DyslexiClever *Macedon Ranges*

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Dyslexia Support Group

Meets 9am first Friday of the month @ Ethic. Café 63 Urquhart Street, Woodend.

Enquiries: Marg 0409 550 238 - or just come along!



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Diary Dates

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 14 June.

Victorian Farmers Federation free Small Farming Expo. Royal Melbourne Showgrounds, Ascot Vale.

Saturday 21 June.

Big Sing. Mia Mia Hall.

Saturday 21 June.

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

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.

Saturday 5 July.

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

Thursday 26 July.

Sustainable Garden Design workshop. Riddells Creek. Facilitator Michael McCoy. Details 9218 5455.

Friday 1 August.

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

Friday 29 August to Sunday 31 August:-

Heathcote Film Festival.

Saturday 6 September.

Growing seasonal produce with Vasili Maresi. Gisborne. Details 9218 5455.

Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 October:-

Wine and Food Festival Weekend Heathcote.

Editorial

Defibrillator a welcome move

Congratulations to those behind having a defibrillator installed at the Redesdale Store. Also, to Dino and Jenny, for providing a twenty four seven access to the life saving machine.

The defibrillator has easy to follow instructions, but most of us would be smart to read as much as possible about the machine, just in case it falls on us to use it.

When someone, especially someone close is in cardiac arrest, a stressful situation arises.

Because of this it is better to know what to do before it happens. Plans are in hand for information sessions to be held on how to use the defibrillator. If the store is closed Jenny and Dino can be reached on 5425 3154.

Webinar for women in rural, regional, and remote areas

The National Women's Coalition will hold a webinar from 7.30pm to 9.30pm on Wednesday 11 June.

This is to provide information about the United Nations Convention on Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) report.

The session specifically targets rural, remote, and regional women.

Participants will learn about CEDAW and how it can be used to affect change for rural, remote, and regional women.

Opportunity will be given for women to provide input into the 2014 CEDAW Shadow Report on key issues facing rural, remote, and regional women in Australia.

A member of the team will contact those wishing to be involved to explain the process. Details are available from the program manager at: pm@nrwc.com.au

Saturday 8 November.

Garden workshop. Choosing the right plant for the Macedon Ranges. Facilitator - Simon Rickard. Details 9218 5455.

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
April 72.5	133.00

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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
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Easter bonnet caps off a busy fire season



Children from Redesdale Mia Mia Primary School proudly show off their prize winning Easter bonnet.

Redesdale Fire Brigade made good use of a \$300 grant from the City of Greater Bendigo toward its entry in the Easter Torchlight Procession. The grant was put towards the Easter Bonnet and deco-

rations on Redesdale's Tanker 2 for the Easter Torchlight Procession. The Bonnet won 'Best Theme' Award in the procession. The brigade expressed thanks to the council for its support.

Hall morning tea raised \$430

Redesdale Hall Committee members hosted their annual Biggest Morning Tea at the Redesdale Hall.

Redesdale - Mia Mia Primary School students, entertained guests during the delicious morning tea.

Students also took the

opportunity to hand out invitations to their 'Healthy Eating Day', to be held at the School on Friday 30 May.

The function raised \$430 for the Cancer Council. Thanks were extended to Coral Morozoff for her work in making the event a success.



Jim Boyd made the frame for this prize winning Easter Bonnet and Redesdale Mia Mia students, with a little guidance from art teacher Chris Mertens, papier mached and decorated the master piece for the Bendigo Easter Torchlight Parade.

Thanks to school children



Redesdale Mia Mia Primary School Children provided entertainment during the Biggest Morning Tea in the Redesdale Hall.

Redesdale Hall Committee has extended thanks to teachers and students at Redesdale - Mia Mia Primary School for cleaning up around the hall and recreation reserve.

The school also helped with cleaning up other areas of the village as part of 'Clean Up Australia Day'. The clean up day conveniently falls just before the Redesdale Hall

Bush Market each year.

The hall committee acknowledge the wonderful service provided to the community by the teachers and students.

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Tourism projects draw helpful funding

Events organisers in country Victoria could benefit from Tourism Victoria's events program with financial assistance up to \$10,000 for an event.

The money is targeted at providing support for delivery and marketing.

Tourism Victoria recognises many functions held in regional areas with potential to develop into key events. The Country Victoria Events Program (CVEP) can foster this development.

Key objectives of CEF are to assist ongoing minor regional events to become self-sustaining.

Funding will also maximise economic and community benefits generated by these

events; substantially build profiles to attract visitors from outside local areas; encourage a diverse range of events and celebrate the tourism strengths of regional Victoria.

The program focuses on events able to attract, or are likely to attract intrastate and interstate visitors.

The level of funding requested must not exceed the confirmed combined cash allocation provided to the event by local government and relevant tourism bodies.

Applications need to be submitted prior to 5pm on Wednesday 1 October.

Further information is available at:-

www.business.vic.gov.au

New classes at Kyneton sports centre

Kyneton Toyota Sports and Aquatic Centre has provided new classes to complement the favourites.

Fitness activities include Power Bar:- Tuesdays 9.30am to 10am, followed by Stretch 10am to 10.30am.

Aqua Cardio:- 9.15am to 10am

Power Bar:- Thursdays 7.15pm to 8pm.

Spin:- Sundays 9.30am to

10am.

Yoga:- 10.30am to 11.30am. Thirty minute classes are \$7 each.

Group Training pricing of \$12 applies if attending Powerbar followed by Stretch on Tuesdays.

Free access to the Fitness Centre or Pool is available between classes if attending both 9.30am Spin and 10.30am Yoga.

High level of support for talented students

Gifted and talented students will receive special support to help reach their potential under the Government's Aiming High program.

Education Minister Martin Dixon said the program would support children from early childhood to senior levels. He said students, irrespective of background or

ability, deserved an engaging and challenging education to help reach their potential.

"Gifted and talented students are those who have outstanding potential or ability in one or more areas including literacy, numeracy, sport, music, fine or performing arts, a vocational area, or leadership," he said.

Toolkits will be available to parents, early childhood professionals, and teachers, to help recognise gifted and talented children.

The program will seek early entrance to university for students in the program.

A copy of 'Aiming High' is available at:-

www.education.vic.gov.au.

Cricket team for Mia Mia?



Brett Thompson and Kain Scarano

Mia Mia cricketers are working to restart the Mia Mia Cricket Club after a 15 year hiatus.

Seamus McKenna said Mia Mia had a dormant cricket ground with unused club rooms, plus an enthusiastic group wanting to re-ignite the old Mia Mia Cricket Club to its former glory.

He said a group of local mates could see an opportunity to breath new life into the historic club.

"After asking around friends and cricket lovers, the Mia Mia team is now putting the word out to any other local cricket enthusiasts who would like take become part of the Emu Valley League.

"Hopefully for Mia Mia this will be the first of many cricket seasons to come," he said.

People interested in playing for the team or would like to provide support, please contact Tony Leahy on 5425 3126 or Seamus McKenna on 0421 485 812.

Sutton Grange Hall community activities

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.

Welcome to new Redesdale residents

Redesdale's newest residents were given a warm community welcome on Saturday 3 May.

Besides getting to know the newcomers the event provided a chance for socialising for those not so new.

Redesdale Hall Committee hosted the function and provided the barbecue, along with delicious desserts.

Guests complemented this by bringing salad dishes.

New residents Ray Ellis and Joyce Hopwood - Knights have opened a studio at the Rural Café in Redesdale.

Both are gifted artists.

On the night, Ray displayed still more talents, by entertaining us with his one man band performance.



Top: Fellowship in the Redesdale Hall during the 'welcome barbecue'. Left: New resident, artist and musician, Ray Ellis. Above: Kathy Hall, and Sue Newnham. Chores in the kitchen.

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