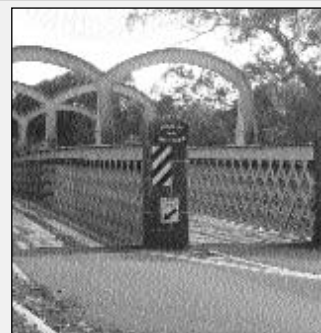


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Community Chest to support Redesdale

Redesdale and District Association decided on Thursday 30 October to seek a council funded feasibility study to clarify aspects of the Redesdale community plan.

The meeting agreed that issues pertaining to improvement of the hall facilities and the recreation reserve, which would enhance these areas as a community hub, should be the main focus of the feasibility study.

Other important sections of the community plan, such as event promotion and improvements to roads, were not seen appropriate to this study but should be pursued independently.

It was also agreed that a smaller group be formed to act as community 'communicators' as a large group would be unwieldy on a day to day basis.

Group members were selected by vote.

In keeping with the need to see all views represented, a meeting was held the week before with local young people.

This was held at the Rural Café on Friday 24 October.

Young people were encouraged to attend the Thursday 30 October meeting.

Their views were passed on to the City of Greater

Bendigo.

Redesdale and District Association has separated its finances into two funds; one of these being a 'Community Chest', to assist community projects.

The first project identified for assistance, was the school swimming facility.

The project will receive assistance during the next three years.

One of the first regular fund raisers for the Community Chest is a weekly meat tray raffle based at the General Store, Redesdale; organised by Dino and Jenny Tomisic, and Les Pocock, with support from many other people. Other fundraising events, such as dinners, trivia nights and sausage sizzles, will contribute to the Community Chest.

A dinner and talk regarding the new Bendigo Base Hospital was scheduled for Friday 21 November and most tickets have been sold. Recently we received excellent news that Redesdale received two grants from the City of Greater Bendigo for running the Art Show and Redesdale Festival in November 2015.

One grant of \$2000 is for the construction of strong, durable and aesthetically pleas-

ing art screens for the art show, and another \$2000 for the opening of the Festival and Art Show, including production of catalogues and pamphlets.

This was through the hard work of Gloria Pocock who applied for the grants on behalf of the community.

The Association would like to encourage more people to join. If you would like to be part of the Redesdale and

District Association, please contact Jill James at jill@colibanestate.com.

'Redesdale residents aim to achieve a town which is safe, invitingly landscaped, welcoming to tourists, clean and tidy, and where people of all ages work and socialise well together. They require good, functional facilities for activities and meetings and easy access to necessary services.' The community plan.

New Kyneton U3A committee



Members of the newly elected Kyneton U3A committee. Back row from left: President Geoff Brookes, vice president Margaret Chandra, new committee members Peter Eison, and Dave Wauchope, Treasurer, Len Baker. Front row: Newsletter editor, Amanda Harland, minute secretary

Leigh Baker, and secretary Melva Ryan. Absent: Program coordinator, Pam Newton. The U3A will hold its first meeting and registration day for 2015 at 34 Mollison St, Kyneton on Friday 30 January.

The committee has extended a happy new year to everyone.

The
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Collingwood versus Carlton at Bendigo

Collingwood and Carlton will play their NAB challenge game at Bendigo's Queen Elizabeth Oval (QEO) on Sunday 15 March at 4.40pm. Bendigo Mayor Barry Lyons said Collingwood and Carlton were two AFL powerhouse clubs and Bendigo was excited to host the match. "This is great news and we expect the

QEO to be packed when the teams meet. "The game will not only provide opportunity for local fans to enjoy an AFL match in their home town, but will showcase one of Australia's best regional grounds to the rest of the country because the game will be telecast throughout Australia, Cr Jukes said.

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Why did you retire to Macedon Ranges?

La Trobe University is seeking people aged 55 and over who retired to Macedon Ranges. The council would like them to participate in a study on why people relocated for retirement.

The research aims to identify what sort of community activities local retirees participate in and why, as well as their expectations of local government, and other community organisations.

Research Fellow Dr Rachel Winterton said results of the research would highlight how retirement migrants contributed to their new communities.

Dr Winterton said it would also provide insight into how newcomers could be better supported.

"Interviews will take about 45 minutes, and you will be asked questions about where you lived before, why you

moved, your expectations of rural living, your involvement in community activities and events, and your engagement with your local council and other community organisations.

"All information will be kept completely anonymous."

Macedon Ranges Shire Council is supporting the project and helping to promote this opportunity for residents to share their experience and views about moving for retirement. People wishing to assist can contact Dr Winterton on 02 6024 9778.

Australia Day breakfast at Mia Mia

Mia Mia will celebrate Australia Day, Monday 26 January, with breakfast in the Mia Mia Hall.

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War has no glory, but freedom is glorious

Warrant Officer Class 2 Bob Menadue, from the School of Artillery, Puckapunyal, reminded us during his Remembrance Day address at Heathcote, that Tuesday 11 November 2014 was the 96th anniversary of the Armistice on the Western Front.

Seventy million people from all nations were involved in war.

Thirty million died, of whom nine million were combatants.

Australia lost 60,000 people from a population of four million, and 45,000 were wounded.

One in three Australians, who served, died, the highest casualty rate of all nations. Five thousand five hundred men were lost in one night at Fromelles.

For Australians, mateship, became the defining character of the fighting.

A man would rather die than let down a mate.

John Simpson of the AIF typified this spirit; Australia still resonates with stories of Simpson and his donkey going into the heat of battle to rescue the wounded.

Edward Jenkins, a renowned trouble maker in the Third Battalion became a hero helping his mates.

In the subsequent twentieth century wars, wounded were scattered in far flung lands.

Bob Menadue said there was nothing glorious in war, but when all else failed, then it was necessary to fight to preserve freedom.

War historian, Charles Bean, recalled the spirit of those who fought 'in the heart of the land we love and we must not let them down.'

By Louise Joy

Every year in Heathcote, school children read 'In Flanders Fields', a majestic poem from a war which produced great poetry.

Three Heathcote clergymen, representing old and new Australia from their Welsh, Indian, and American homelands, led prayers and readings.

John McLure with his vigorous piano playing led the Heartbeat Singers in the classic 'The Lord's My Shepherd', and 'O God of Love'.

Presentations were made to the school students before we filed around the Cenotaph for the Lament 'Flowers of the Forest' by Lone Piper, Vivienne Arnett - Dunlop, laying of the wreaths, led by Heathcote RSL vice president, Ian Owen, the Last Post, and One Minute Silence.

The ceremony ended with the Australian National Anthem, led by the Heartbeat Singers, including the full text of the second verse where most of us falter.

The Heathcote tradition is followed each year by tea, coffee, and sandwiches in the Heathcote Senior Citizens Hall, with time to wind down after this memorable occasion.

When so much ceremony has gone from everyday life it is powerful to have this time of remembrance.

We harked back to the Shire of McIvor at the entrance to the McIvor Elderly Citizens Clubroom officially opened by His Excellency the Governor of Victoria, Sir Henry Winneke on Thursday

26 September 1929 on the eve of the Great Depression. Heathcote is no longer in the Shire of McIvor, but in the City of Greater Bendigo, and has adapted to the times.

Two councillors represented

civic government during the ceremony. It is a moving tribute to the strength of Australian life that small country towns throughout the land, as well as at more prominent sites, continue Remembrance Day.

And we fight another war



MLC for Northern Victoria Amanda Millar presented the Redesdale Firebrigade with keys to a brand new fire fighting unit during a visit to the station on Sunday 25 October.

Ms Millar handed the keys to captain Glen Brown.

Funding for the fire truck included contributions from the Country Fire Authority, Redesdale Fire Brigade fund raising, and sale of the 'used' truck.

Brigade members christened the unit 'Skywalker'.

Australia now fights a rear guard action against a growing army of arsonists with little care about lost property or lost lives.

Last year 80 per cent of destructive fires were deliberately or carelessly lit.

Without this scourge in our community many fire fighting units might spend the summer behind closed doors. But thousands of volunteers stand by as the warmer days approach.

Every volunteer is signed on with the knowledge of a possible 'ultimate' outcome. They face a war as evil as many.

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This end of year production is open for everyone from Redesdale and Mia Mia and surrounding districts and we would love to have as many community members as possible come and enjoy the performance by the children from these communities. Its on December the 16th at R.M.M.P.S. Keep an eye out for flyers and posters for more information!



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Play Group has gotten off to an excellent start and we are pleased to see so many little people and their parents coming and enjoying themselves. It has also been really pleasant to see the school children also enjoying the company of the younger children.

Clamp on roadside car sales

Bendigo Council and police have warned against selling motor vehicles from the roadside.

Bendigo local laws manager, Susannah Milne, said it was illegal to offer vehicles for sale on the side of the road, road reserves, or nature strips.

"Such activity can be a traffic hazard, cause traffic congestion, and can be a distraction for drivers.

"Police are also concerned that unattended vehicles, left in locations for a lengthy time, may provide opportunity for people to break in and steal goods," she said.

Cr Jennifer Anderson is new Macedon mayor

Cr Jennifer Anderson is mayor of Macedon Ranges Shire. Cr Anderson said she was looking forward to her new position.

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow councillors for electing me.

"I feel honoured to have been given this opportunity to work with our great staff, councillors, and the community, during the next year.

"I know there is a lot to learn, and I am sure those who have been mayor before me, along with senior council officers, will be willing to assist me along the way.

"I would like to thank the outgoing mayor Cr Roger Jukes, and deputy mayor Cr Graham Hackett, for their work, and congratulate Cr Russell Mowatt on being

elected Deputy Mayor.

"I look forward to a year of working with members of a great team who respect every person's contribution," she said.

Cr Mowatt thanked councillors for their support.

"I congratulate Cr Anderson

on being elected mayor and look forward to a positive working relationship with her, our councillors, and the council's executive team.

"I am excited to be elected as deputy mayor again and making further contributions to our great shire," he said.

Council wants federal money put toward Bendigo Airport.

Bendigo Council will continue efforts to convince the Federal Government it needs to match the Victoria Government's \$5 million contribution for upgrades of Bendigo Airport. Bendigo Mayor Peter Cox said the council and State Government had already committed \$5 million each toward the project, which also required

an additional \$5 million from the Federal Government. He said the Bendigo Airport redevelopment fitted both the criteria and outcomes required by new regional funding arrangements. Plans include a new \$15 million 1600 metre runway and a business park. Planning for the work is well advanced.

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Coffee Morning. Moved to first Friday from Friday 1 August. Organiser Stephanie Bastock 5433 3649.

Current Affairs discussion group. Second Monday at 1.30pm. Convener Win Jeavons 5433 2887.

French Conversation (Beginners). 2nd Saturday 2.30pm. Convener Sally Heley 5433 5363.

Garden Club. Fourth Wednesday 1.30pm at Guide Hall. Convener Peter Baldwin 5433 2925.

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

Luncheon Club. Third Friday. Convenor Barbara Clement 5433 3278.

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

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A day of joy at Heathcote Show

By Louise Joy

Notices in Heathcote pointed to the Heathcote Show, so off we went on this beautiful sunny day.

With cars parked everywhere we joked with the orange clad men at the gate, found a shady spot under a tree, and joined the crowds.

Typically Aussie in style, the gate keepers slapped their pockets holding the day's takings.

Leafy green trees of all shades surrounded the oval giving a secluded space.

Immaculately groomed horses with riders kitted in the latest pony club jodhpurs and jackets reminded me of Auntie Adelaide Gault, whose name the Warrandyte - Donvale Pony Club gave to an award for 'The Best Club Member'.

As far as we could see they were all best club members at the Heathcote Show.

Horses had their tails plaited and their rumps decorated in neat squares of carefully trimmed hair.

The young women sat proudly, moving into position; their mothers on the side line telling us of the work involved.

We stopped for coffee with apple and cinnamon cake.

"We heard the 'Wicked Coffee' owner, who came from Bendigo, spent a night in her caravan in order to start early next morning.

She told us of others who came from Kinglake and the Western District.

Another couple came from Geelong after staying with their daughter; each year returning to the Heathcote Show, where he had been as a boy.

He told his wife to wear a skirt.

We admired each other's skirts, mine green and hers black with white stripes.

We were the only two women at the Heathcote Show, wearing skirts, apart from the very smart MC in black and white from hat downwards.

De rigueur dress for men and women are jeans, checked shirts, large hat and boots. Old Heathcote friends came by, Mavis pointing to her white hat from the Heathcote Show last year. There was a stall nearby with a great selection of hats next to beautiful porcelain cups and teapots which we did not sample this year.

Moving along we watched the dainty Shetland ponies pulling a jinker with their ladies dressed in best Melbourne Cup hats.

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Across the way Heathcote Lions' Club members in purple T shirts, emblazoned with the Bendigo Community Bank logo, were serving grills.

Potatoes in jackets topped with butter, sour cream, and salad took our fancy.

We found Elaine and Frank Fagan thoroughly enjoying their hot potatoes in jackets, a Heathcote Show speciality for them each year.

We watched children playing with a pig at Farmer Darryl's Travelling Farmyard, listened to a rooster crow, leant against a sleepy Black Angus calf, tripped over the variegated goats, and found the mother hen delightful with her tiny chickens.

"You are having too much fun," called out the farmer with a broad smile, "this is serious business."

We passed utes ready for their competition and the superb large horses with adult riders dressed to the nines; one man in black bowler and suit harking back to days of spivs.

Home in time for the Melbourne Cup we heard that 2014 was the 154th running of the race.

Heathcote Show maintains a benign history, year after year.

2014 was the 133rd Heathcote Show, with the first show in 1881.

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The deadline for copy in the Christmas edition of Bridge Connection is Friday 10 December

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Music fills the air at Malmsbury



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Land care means bird care

Baynton Hall was once again filled to capacity, when Baynton Landcare group hosted a talk by Birdlife Australia magazine editor Sean Dooley. Sean spoke about the birds of Macedon Ranges.

By Meg Chignell

He also explained his interest in the birds of Seaford Swamp, which began when he was 10, and how his continuing interest resulted in the swamp becoming a listed bird heritage site.



"Sean Dooley leading the bird walk at a Glenhope property"



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In 2002 he set out to record the most number of Australian birds in one year. Sean saw more than 700 different birds Australia wide and claimed the record.

His book about this year, 'The Big Twitch', is still in print.

Apart from identifying bird plumage, his ability to recognise bird calls was very evident as, while his audience was paying close attention to what he was saying, he was identifying calls from birds outside the hall.

The birds of the Macedon Ranges include forest dwellers and plain dwellers; those that like damp conditions, and those preferring dry; plus many others moving between areas.

We saw photographs of many different birds.

Sadly a lot of them are on the endangered list.

It seems the cause of this is simple; drought, fire, loss of habitat, and feral animals.

The solution is not so simple but Sean urged everyone to do their best to increase habitat as birds will come back if the conditions are right.

It is even possible the spotted pardalote might make its nest in a pile of woodchips.

Many people recognised the common birds of the area but Sean explained how easily a numerous bird group can become threatened or even close to extinction.

In doing this he urged everyone to take part in the Backyard Bird Count.

Before a previous Bird Count it was assumed the Regent Honeyeater was pl-

entiful as it was often seen around Chiltern. After the count, it was realised the Regent Honey Eater was not seen anywhere else and there were only about 10 in the wild. A captive breeding program was undertaken and these birds marked before release. Some of the captive bred birds have been observed mating with wild birds and there is now a resurgence of numbers.

Robins appear to be disappearing, possibly due to habitat loss.

They are a species that mate for life and pairs set up a strongly guarded mosaic of territories.

The young have to move away and find another territory.

Later when one of the parent birds die a young bird will move in with the surviving mate but due to loss of habitat the secondary territories are too far away and younger birds die before they can reach the older ones.

People can help by planting dense bushes which provide protection and nest sights.

This is also true for other small species which are often close to ground level.

Sean showed photographs of many species of the Macedon Ranges, explaining how they were suited to different habitats, food preferences, adaptations to European settlement, and how they interacted with each other.

Everyone left with a much greater appreciation of the many different local species and what we can do to help their survival.

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Bendigo Shopping and Dinning Guide released

Bendigo Council, in conjunction with Bendigo Tourism launched the 2015 Bendigo Dining and Shopping Guide just in time for the festive holiday season.

Bendigo Tourism Manager, Kathryn Mackenzie, said the handy sized guide was a fantastic resource designed to showcase the best shopping and dining experiences in Bendigo.

"We think it will provide great inspiration with Christmas and the holidays fast approaching.

"It also promotes the shop local and support small business campaigns supported by the City of Greater Bendigo," said Ms Mackenzie.

The guide features Bendigo CBD shopping and dining precincts including Bath Lane, Chancery Lane, Bull

Street, Hargreaves and Williamson Streets, Lyttleton Terrace, Queen Street, Mitchell Street, Pall Mall - High Street, and View Street, which have their own style, points of interest, and characters. It also features other local businesses in a Minutes Away section as well as a section on the Heathcote Region.

Information on local events, parking, the Bendigo Region App, Food Fossicking, Age Good Food Guide Trail, Artists Walk, with maps and a shopping and dining directory. The guide is available from the Bendigo Visitor Information Centre.

Or online at:- www.bendigotourism.com.au

Passing of Craig Aitken

Members of the Redesdale and District Association have expressed sadness at the passing of Craig Aitken. We are all profoundly saddened by the passing of Craig Aitken from Barfold

Estate Winery.

Craig, with his wife Sandra, was very active in the community for many years.

The District Association has been particularly grateful for Craig's volunteering time in managing the community website.

He did this with quiet efficiency and a great deal of grace and professionalism.

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From Oxford to egalitarian Heathcote - ya smile - and ya nod - and ya roff

By Louise Joy

The English language is awash with magnificent words.

In Heathcote, however, we could sometimes wonder if there were only 10.

'How ya goin' mate? And you? Good. Catch ya later'.

It would have been the same 150 years ago when gold was found on the McIvor diggings.

No need to answer with accuracy.

Just a greeting really.

Jack's as good as his master from the foundation of Australia.

People you know or don't know, whose names you have forgotten or never knew, deserve a greeting, better than a grunt, and almost as good as a wave.

There are the pedants who say: "I'm not sure if I'm good but I am well thank you."

'Good' is such a robust word and covers all contingencies.

'Egalitarian' is another word often applied to Australia despite the obvious differences in wealth, growing

more by the day we are told. It's not the differences that matter.

Everyone is dressed the same in tatty old jeans and boots so that high class dress shops could not survive in Heathcote.

There's no doffing a hat to superiors, even no hats in Heathcote, no feeling of respect for superiors, no attitude that anyone is superior to anyone else.

That is what counts as everyone jostles for a place in line to buy a pie in Gaffney's.

Easy words and difficult words

Well, this editor recently read of an interesting lesson on the meaning of words.

Two of the words were 'complete', and 'finished'.

No dictionary has been able to satisfactorily define the difference between the two.

However, an English newspaper report had it covered. During a recent linguistic conference in London, attended by some of the best linguists in the world, Guyanese linguist Samsundar Balgobin, was the presenter when he was asked to make the distinction.

The question put to him by a colleague in the erudite audience was: "Some say there is no difference between 'complete' and 'finished'"

"Please explain the difference in a way that is easy to understand."

Mr Balgobin's response was: "When you marry the right woman, you are 'complete.' 'If you marry the wrong woman, you are 'finished.' 'And, if the right one catches you with the wrong one, you are 'completely finished.'"

His answer received a sustained standing ovation."

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Allot 2: 371 acres	Allot 4: 119 acres	Allot 6: 160 acres	



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Church services

Catholic Church.

St Laurence, Redesdale. Service at 11am on second Sunday each month.

Uniting Church.

First Sunday.

Barfold.

Second Sunday.

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.

Diary Dates

Saturday 6 December.

Woodend Farmers' Market.

0487 444 090.

Saturday 6 December.

Kyneton Love Your Twilight Market.

4pm to 8pm. Piper Street.

Monday 8 December.

Early deadline for Bridge Connection.

Friday 12 December.

Riddells Creek Farmers' Market.

0419 523 324.

Saturday 13 December.

Kyneton Farmers' Market.

5422 1025.

Saturday 13 December.

Woodend Love Your Twilight Market.

4pm to 8pm in High Street.

Saturday 20 December.

Lancefield Farmers' Market.

0407 860 320.

Saturday 20 December.

Gisborne Love Your Twilight Market.

4pm to 8pm in Aitken Street.

Thursday 25 December.

Christmas Day Community Lunch. All

Seasons Hotel. Noon to 2pm.

2015

Monday 26 January. Australia Day.

Mia Mia Australia Day Breakfast. 8am Mia

Mia Hall.

Friday 30 January.

Kyneton U3A 2015 registration day. 34

Mollison Street.

Saturday 28 February.

The Rock'N'Roll Eagles at Hanging Rock.

Sunday 8 March.

Redesdale Bush Market. Stalls 0419 513 976

or 5425 3194.

Sunday 15 March.

Carlton versus Collingwood NAB Cup

Challenge game. 4.40 pm at QEO Bendigo.

Saturday 28 March.

Rod Stewart Concert at Hanging Rock.

Friday 3 April. Good Friday.

Monday 6 April. Easter Monday.

Saturday 18 April.

Australian DrillDance championships.

Bendigo Sports Centre.

Sunday 19 April.

Australian DrillDance championships.

Bendigo Sports Centre.

Sunday 25 July

National Tree Week.

October

State calisthenics championships - Bendigo

Editorial

A treasure chest

Nothing benefits a town or district more than people in a community working together. Redesdale and District Association (RADA) is an organisation in which community groups joined forces and the positive results are becoming obvious.

Planning has been good and this led to the district lining up for its fair share of civic money. The decision to create a community chest is a real winner and something from which district organisations must benefit.

Usually there is a target associated with such a fund raiser and people tend to react to targets positively, especially those thought to be worthwhile.

Advice from the council, and cooperation with the council, such as we are seeing, must benefit the district enormously.

Tuesday 6 October.

Elmore Field Day.

Wednesday 7 October.

Elmore Field Day.

Thursday 8 October.

Elmore Field Day.

Saturday 10 October.

Victorian Netball State Titles. Bendigo.

Sunday 11 October.

Victorian Netball State Titles. Bendigo.

November.

Redesdale Festival.

Thursday 26 November.

American Thanksgiving Day.

2016

Tuesday 4 October.

Elmore Field Day.

Wednesday 5 October.

Elmore Field Day.

Thursday 6 October.

Elmore Field Day.

Thursday 24 November.

American Thanksgiving Day.

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Rainfall

Mia Mia

2013

Jan 0 0	538.00
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
May 77.50	210.50
June 59.5	270.00
July 61	331.00
August 7.5	338.50
Sept 52.5	391.00
Oct 23.00	414.00

Redesdale

2013

Jan	00 00	514.90
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	

2014

Jan 10.50	10.50
Feb 1.00	11.50
Mar 57.00	68.50
April 85.00	153.50
May 46.50	200.00
June 72.00	272.00
July 71.5	343.50
August 3.5	347.00
Sept 67.00	414.00
Oct 22.00	434.00

Do not leave
children in cars
unattended.
Even for one
minute.

Annual firebrigade service at Metcalfe

Representatives from throughout the district met in the Uniting Church at Metcalfe on Sunday 9 November to celebrate the 26th annual Firebrigade Service.

Brigades, their trucks, equipment, and volunteer firefighters were blessed as they

prepared for what is promising to be a long, dry, and hazardous summer season.

The service was led by Paul Aleu Dau of the Uniting Church, with a message of always being ready and prepared and included the 'Firefighters Prayer'.

The late Reverend John Billington conducted the first of the services in 1989.

Last year a special service celebrated the 25th anniversary of the service.

This is an important event in the CFA and churches' calendar.

Representatives from Castlemaine, Chewton, Elphinstone, Harcourt, Langley - Barfold, Metcalfe, Sutton Grange - Myrtle Creek, Taradale, Redesdale, and Mia Mia, attended.

The service is open to all.

The Firefighters' prayer

*When I am called to duty, God,
wherever flames may rage,
give me strength to save a life,
whatever be its age.
Help me embrace a little child
before it is too late,
or save an older person from
the horror of that fate.
Enable me to be alert,
and hear the weakest shout,
quickly and efficiently
to put the fire out.
I want to fill my calling,
to give the best in me,
to guard my friend and neighbor,
and protect his property.
And if according to Your will
I must answer death's call,
bless with your protecting hand,
my family one and all.*

Stay cool in the heat

Macedon Ranges Council wants people to stay cool during the coming summer season.

More than 170 deaths were attributed to the heatwave in January this year.

Health authorities have identified temperature thresholds for Victoria, above which heat related illness and mortality increases substantially. Follow simple steps to stay safe during heatwaves:

- (i) Keep cool.
- (ii) Drink plenty of water.
- (iii) Stay out of the sun.
- (iv) Look after yourself and others.

Visit libraries.

Libraries are in Gisborne, Kyneton, and Romsey.

The key to staying healthy in the heat is to keep cool and stay hydrated.

During heatwaves the libraries will have free water, toys out for children, books, magazines, newspapers, free WiFi and internet access.

Further information is available at:-

mrsc.vic.gov.au/heatwaves

CFA Alerts

ADVICE

There is fire activity in the area and you should keep informed on its status through a range of sources including radio, smart phone, computer, and local networks.

You can also call the Bushfire Information Line on 1800 240 667.

WATCH AND ACT

Conditions are changing, you could be impacted in the next two hours and you should enact your fire plan. If your plan is to leave, then now is the time to leave.

Go to the place you have identified in your plan e.g. family, friends, Melbourne

EMERGENCY WARNING

You are about to be impacted by a fire and it is too late to leave.

The safest option is to shelter in place.

This means stay where you are indoors.

Redesdale Hall Bush Market

**Bookings are open
for stalls at the
Sunday 8 March 2015**

**Redesdale Hall
Bush Market.
More than 60 stalls
will be available
at \$20 each.**

**Please contact
Alwyn on
0419 513 976**

**Carolyn
5425 3194.**

**Business sponsorship
is available.**

Redesdale Website

www.redesdale.net

info@redesdale.net

Clear

Fire hazards

Away

Early December edition

We will publish an early December edition to allow for Christmas advertising and Christmas events. Deadline for the December issue is Monday 8 December.

Exciting drill dance championships for Bendigo

Bendigo will host the 2015 Australian DrillDance Championships and Bendigo DrillDance teams are preparing for the challenge.

Australian DrillDance Championships secretary Christine Haycock said the event would feature nearly 600 competitors over two days.

Teams of under 12, under 17, seniors, and masters will compete in spectacular dance, prop, and drill - team routines.

Christine said the event would not have gone ahead without the support of the Bendigo Council.

"Council sponsorship also means a great deal to the Bendigo DrillDance Club," she said.

Head coach Louise Rutledge

said the club was receiving many more inquiries since Bendigo was announced as the host city.

"Although our club is relatively new, the number of young people joining is very exciting."

Louise said DrillDance offered more fun, variety of group dance routines, and cost less than many similar activities.

"It is exciting to see such a niche activity stage a national championship in Bendigo," she said.

Bendigo Council's manager of major events, Terry Karamaloudis, said the city supported a wide cross section of events from mainstream fields like AFL, soccer and basketball.



A drill dance team

"This latest acquisition truly indicates how we are supporting diversity," she said.

The 2015 championships will be held at Bendigo Sports Centre on Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 April.

Further information is avail-

able about the Bendigo DrillDance Club, or classes for the Under 12 and Under 17 squads, on 0410 026 099 or:- drilldancevictoria@hotmail.com

Love your local twilight markets

Love Your Local Twilight Markets are held during Daylight Savings and offer local small businesses a platform to showcase their products.

With live music, food, local beer, wine, and kid's activities, it is more than a market; it is a night out.

This year's twilight markets will be held in the weeks leading up to Christmas. Locals and visitors to the region will be spoilt for choice with up to 90 stalls at each market.

A perfect opportunity to begin your Christmas shopping.

Support small businesses, enjoy a summer evening out, and celebrate the Macedon Ranges.

Markets are at Piper Street, Kyneton. Saturday 6 December. 4pm to 8pm.

High Street, Woodend.

Saturday 13 December. 4pm to 8pm.

Aitken Street, Gisborne. Saturday 20 December. 4pm to 8pm

Further details at:- www.loveyourlocaltwilightmarkets.com

Redesdale Hall community activities

Sunday 8 March.
Redesdale Bush Market.

Sutton Grange Hall community activities

Sunday 7 December.
6pm. Christmas tea. Details about BYO meals from Natalie 0419 799 987 or Jenny 0427 931 391.

Youth space ideas needed

Are you 12 to 18 years old? Do you live, study, work, play, or have a significant connection with the Macedon Ranges?

If so, we would love to hear from you!

Macedon Ranges Shire Council runs Youth Spaces in Kyneton, Lancefield, Gis-

borne, and Woodend. The council needs ideas to help its planning for youth activities. Head to:-

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/youth-programs-2015> to share your ideas, or:-

obtain a copy of the survey at:-

mgrundy@mrsc.vic.gov.au.

Macedon Ranges Farmers' Markets

Dates for Macedon Ranges December Farmers' Markets have been changed.

Woodend Community Farmers' Market is Saturday 6 December. 0487 444 090.

Riddells Creek Twilight Farmers' Market, Friday 12 December. 0419 523 324.

Kyneton Farmers' Market, Saturday 13 December. 5422

1025.

Lancefield and District Farmers' Market. Saturday 20 December. 0407 860 320.

Free face-painting for children.

Please bring your own bags baskets and trolleys.

Friendly dogs welcome on a leash. Shop local and support our farmers.

Free training nights for sports club volunteers

The City of Greater Bendigo will run five free information and training sessions to empower volunteers at grass roots sport and recreation clubs.

The first session will provide

information on key issues many clubs experience.

These include environmental health/food hygiene; community grants programs; capital works; facility management, playing surface

maintenance best practice; building compliance; healthy canteens; liquor licensing; and club development.

Clubs that attend three or more sessions could win a visit from a high achieving sports celebrity guest speaker.

The winning club will be able to choose from a list of Australia's top athletes including Andrew Gaze, Kevin Sheedy, or Anna Meares.

It is expected the club will then feature the speaker at a fundraising event, which its volunteers will organise and promote using the skills developed through the training sessions.

Manager Active and Healthy Communities Patrick Jess said the sessions would help ensure club long term viability.

"Volunteers have great passion and give their time generously but it is also important they have the correct skills to positively contribute to their sporting club," he said..

To RSVP email:- activeandhealthy@bendigo.vic.gov.au or phone 5434 6000.

Community Chest meat raffle winners

Redesdale and District Association would like to congratulate the first six winners of the Redesdale Community Chest meat raffle.

(i) Rio; (ii) Alwyn Charville; (iii) Rod Gibson. (iv) Chris Sargent; (v) Ronn Taylor; (vi) Ronn. Taylor.

"We thank community members for the enthusiastic participation."

Summer entertainment in Bendigo parks

Bendigo will stage its biggest annual Summer in the Parks Program so far with more than 40 free community events during December, January, and February.

Bendigo Council's Major Events Manager Terry Karamaloudis said parks and reserves across Greater Bendigo would come alive with outdoor cinema nights, walking, garden and nature tours, live music, Christmas celebrations, and art events.

"The City of Greater Bendigo is proud to present Summer in the Parks and this year we are excited to welcome Bendigo Telstra Business Centre as a major sponsor.

"This corporate sponsorship has allowed us to improve the program," he said..

The program starts in December with a range of Christmas celebrations.

The Christmas tree in Rosalind Park will be illuminated and this will be complemented with a range of Community Christmas Carol events. January features the popular live music in the parks on Friday evenings and a range of other activities including historical walking tours of Bendigo, Australia Day celebrations, evening tours to spot native animals, singing in the park, and play in the park events.

During February, outdoor cinema events can be enjoyed by the whole family each Friday evening, including two new locations, Queen Elizabeth Oval, and Strathdale Park.

Further information is at:- www.bendigsummerintheparks.com or pick up a program from the Bendigo Visitor Centre, 51 to 67 Pall Mall.

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