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From tragedy to triumph

Make a Wish Foundation on the right note

By Jim Mynard

Redesdale father of twin teenagers, Dino Tomisic, has warmly thanked the Make a Wish Foundation for supporting his twin son, Leigh, after a sudden medical accident in Leigh's brain, during a trip to Sweden.

The boys had pressed their Dad for a few years to take them back to his homeland.

"They wanted to see where I ran around as a kid," he said.

Dino was born in a little village about 20 kilometres north of Pula on the Peninsula of Istria in the south coast of Croatia, about one hour by boat from Venice.

When he was eight years old his parents moved to Sweden in search of a better future, and to escape communist oppression.

"My elder sister, Anna, still lives in Sweden with her husband of almost 50 years, and their children and grandchildren.

Dino and his younger brother came to Australia with their parents during 1968 when he was 15.

"Our plan was to spend three weeks visiting Sweden, Croatia, Venice, and Milan.

"Due to school holidays

and work commitments there was a time limit," he said.

The holiday trio set off during July 2012, but on the morning of the fourth day Leigh collapsed with no warning, throwing up bile and was in spasms.

The Swedish medical system went into action, with an ambulance arriving within 15 minutes and Leigh was taken to the Lund University Hospital 130 kilometres away.

"They are second to none in the world," said Dino.

He was placed on life support for nearly four weeks and Dino, with Leigh's twin brother, Cody, made the 260 kilometre round trip from Anna's home every day for six weeks.

This was a family in crisis. They sat with him from 9am to 8pm every day.

Dino said the boys were living with their Mum, who had made a new life with her husband at Warragul, but she was able to come to him.

Dino, and his new wife, Jenny, run the Redesdale Servo.

Leigh is back at school, but still in the final stages of recovery, although Dino says he is nearly there.



Leigh Tomisic proudly displays his new Dave Ellefson base guitar, specially autographed by the famous musician.

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"We also received wonderful support from Anna, her husband, and their children with everyone alternating with driving and cooking.

"And the neuro surgeons at Lund Hospital are recognised as among the best in the world, if not the best.

Without their skills we would have lost Leigh," he said.

Dino speaks of 'that golden hour' the time crucial for Leigh to benefit from their life saving work.

"Leigh had been living with a ticking time bomb because of a malfunctioning vein in his brain.

"It was always going to burst," said Dino, still shaken from his concerns.

The brilliant surgeons had done their work well, but a twin brother by Leigh's side created a trigger for his re-sponse.

During the five weeks Leigh was in a coma, Cody was a solid rock and refused to

accept a scenario of his mate not making it.

His belief was unshaken, even when his brother's brain swelled to a critical level.

Dino watched on: "Cody would sometimes go for a long run for obvious reasons.

"I just consulted my psychologist and good mate, Johnny Walker," said the father who might lose his son.

Cody called on the spirit of Leigh's favourite guitarist, Dave Ellefson, from the Jackson Dave Ellefson Signature CBXV group, and placed his own iphone against Leigh's ear, with Dave Ellefson's music coming through.

Leighs left hand began to move as if he was was working the strings.

Dino said staff in the intensive care unit erupted in applause.

Dino then knew there was hope for his boy.

"He began after a few days to recognise me," he said.

But there were emergency

operations before he could be brought home.

Besides triumphing over his illness, Leigh had a wish to own a Dave Ellefson base guitar.

The Make a Wish Foundation presented Leigh with the guitar during a special function.

Leigh has trouble with his short term memory, but it is all there when it comes to making music, and it is probably not hard to guess, just what he will be playing.

Maybe there was just enough Johnnie Walker to ward off dehydration, but Dino also had other things to consider, so not too much consultation with Johnnie.

"We had daily phone calls

back and forth to Australia, to his Mum until she was able to come to him, and to the insurance company in London.

"Whatever you do, please do not leave home without travel insurance.

"Without our insurance I would now be bankrupt because there was no change from \$1million," he said. Leigh was flown to Melbourne with a doctor and nurse and admitted to Monash Hospital where he spent six months in slow recovery. He regained his balance, his speech, most of his memory, and is back at school in Warragul; still doing some rehabilitation. And playing lots of music.

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Profits from the Bridge Connection
are
returned to the community



Leigh Tomisic, left, with twin brother Cody, after the Make a Wish Foundation presentation.

A 'party planned' for Redesdale

Redesdale and district residents are invited to a launch party for the revised community plan and new website. The party is set for 6pm in the Redesdale Hall on Sunday 8 September. Admission is free and refreshments are free. For catering purposes please RSVP if you are coming - by email on info@redesdale.net or by phone on 5425 3272 with a message.

Strong future for Mia Mia history project

By Kate Hicks

We've had a good response to our call for people with Mia Mia family connections to share their stories with us.

We know there are many more of you out there who have not yet contacted us.

We are keen to have all Mia Mia families, both present and past, represented in the book.

The area we are covering in the book includes the parishes of Spring Plains, Glenhope, and Langwornor, including Meadow Valley.

These are all Dalhousie County, some in City of Greater Bendigo and some in Mitchell Shire, and all are now included in the Mia Mia CFA brigade area.

Several people have asked what we are seeking as contributions.

We want the stories that you might tell your children, grandchildren, or great grandchildren about growing up in this area; the stories you have heard from current and former residents of the area, the stories about why people came to Mia Mia, the joys and the sorrows of their time here, what they did here, and, if they are no longer here, why they left.

We'd like to have as many family stories as possible, not complete family histories, just those family stories that relate to Mia Mia.

We are able to access many official records such as rate books and school records, as well as old newspaper stories, but we want to include the stories of the people who helped make our community.

The official content is relatively easy to obtain, although very time consuming.

The personal stories can only come from you.

If you have contact with any Mia Mia residents, past or current, please ask them to contact us, they can email us at

miamiasocial@gmail.com or phone Kate on 5425 5565.

We'll be following up all those who have already contacted us later in the year. Coming soon to an Internet address near you is the new Mia Mia website. It should be operational by the start of September.

We will provide the website address in the next Bridge Connection. The website will allow us to keep you informed of progress on the history project.

Desperately seeking Mia Mia people

Mia Mia community is compiling a history of the Mia Mia District. Already excellent and treasured information has been gathered, but the team wants to hear from anyone with any information passed down through families. Diaries and letters are valuable. A history display in July moved the project forward enormously.

Please send any information to Kate Hicks at miamiasocial@gmail.com or phone Kate on 5425 5565.



Above. From left: Sheila Madden, Kathie Smith, Phillip Anderson, Rosalie and Michael McKenzie-McHarg. **Below.** The Bennett family. From left: Tom, Peter, Helen, Brooke, Laura, and Mary.



Left: Howard Nathan and Jenny Dempster. **Above:** Three generations - descendants of Michael Moroney.

Letters

Recently, a disgusting break in occurred in Redesdale.

The owner returned to his holiday home to find a back window had been forced, and the house in a mess with even human excrement in one corner.

This kind of activity usually leads to a lengthy spell in a youth training centre, where the culprit/s can learn many more unlawful activities, and become a burden on society for the rest of their lives.

Wendy Hanbury,
Redesdale

Australia leads Alzheimer research

By Louise Joy

"We are the best in the world at Alzheimers' Disease Research", said Rob Williams, Chief Research Technologist Melbourne Brain Centre Imaging Unit (Parkville), speaking at the U3A "Understanding New Technologies" monthly meeting in The Guide Hall Heathcote on Thursday 1 August 2013.

The Melbourne Research Team has won the de Lyon prize two years in a row.

To an interested group, including scientists, Rob gave a scholarly exposition of Brain Imagery techniques.

He spoke of the 1700 volunteers being studied and invited more, ready to join in by the end of the session [HTTPS:// 1 BrainPet.Org](https://1.BrainPet.Org) or phone Rob on 9035 8217 or 4103 47 661.

Barbara Kneebone was already in the program which was how she came to arrange for Rob to

speak to Heathcote U3A.

"What is the event?" asked Gail Casey accustomed to arranging poetry, music and film events at the Mona Lisa Gallery, Heathcote.

Rob's event was the collision of anti-matter with conventional matter when they annihilate each other and produce energy, Einstein's famous equation: $E = MC^2$.

The event is the collision of positive and negative electrons which the Position Emission Tomography (PET) scanner tracks.

The PET scanner can do more than the Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) scan tracking chemical changes in the brain which can be observed in Alzheimers, Obsessive Compulsive Disorders and Addictions. A long way to go but Melbourne is still first in the race.

The Boer War and the Castlemaine Kyneton residents

The Boer War and Castlemaine Kyneton residents is a 463 page book, the tenth by the co-authors, and researched and written to honour 156 men with a connection to the Castlemaine and Kyneton districts who served in the Boer War.

It has been largely done through the use of items from the Castlemaine Leader, Mount Alexander Mail, Kyneton Guardian, Kyneton Observer, Maldon News and the Newstead newspaper, The Echo, in which reference was made to those who served

who were born in and/or lived in and/or had family members and/or other connections with the Castlemaine and Kyneton districts from the localities of Barfold, Baringhup East, Barkers Creek, Blackwood, Campbells Creek, Castlemaine, Chewton, Drummond, Emberton, Edgecombe, Fern Hill, Fryerstown, Glenluce, Glenlyon, Green Hill, Green Valley, Guildford, Harcourt, Kyneton, Lauriston, Maldon, Malmsbury, Metcalfe, Mia Mia, Myrtle Creek, Newstead, Pipers Creek, Redesdale, Redesdale Junction, Spring

Hill, Sutton Grange, Taradale, Tarilta, Trentham, Tylden, Wesley Hill, Vaughan and Yapeen.

Appendix A contains the names of those who served who had a connection in some way with one or more of the above localities while Appendix B contains the names of those who served organised by the Unit/s they served in. Copies are available at \$43 (\$30 + \$13 packaging and postage) from Ken James, 18 Lofty Avenue, Camberwell, 3124.

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Come and try bowls

Strathfieldsaye Lawn Bowls Club will hold a 'Come and Try' day on Sunday 25 August at Uxbridge Street, Strathfieldsaye.

All ages are welcome.

Tryers must wear flat soled shoes and bowls will be supplied.

Players are invited to bring their family and friends to the club to enjoy a free sausage sizzle. Details are available from Adrian on 0429 943 080.

To include items of news in Bridge Connection, please send to Jim Mynard
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Keeping pets healthy and happy with kindness and care

Victorian Premier Dr Denis Napthine wants people to be aware of responsibilities in being pet owners.

Victoria has established a pet owners' protocol and also provided a course of study to assist owners. He said this was because some pets were not receiving the care they needed.

"The Bureau of Animal Welfare and La Trobe University surveyed 1600 pet owners to measure how well they understood the needs of their animals.

"Sixty three per cent of dogs were not walked daily and 40 per cent of cats were overweight.

"Pet owners have a duty of care to protect the welfare of their animals and this includes providing suitable diet, keeping them healthy, and meeting their environ-

ment, behavioural and social needs," he said.

The campaign encourages pet owners to visit www.depi.vic.gov.au/pets for information on responsible ownership for all types of animals, including dogs, cats, rabbits, birds, fish, reptiles and amphibians. There is also information for those thinking of buying a pet.

Agriculture and Food Security Minister Peter Walsh said the Bureau of Animal Welfare developed a free online course about care and welfare of dogs and how to deal with nuisance canine behaviours.

"The Responsible Dog Ownership Course is a highly useful tool for new dog owners.

"The course covers four main topics, rights and responsibilities, welfare and

management, behaviour and training, and includes a test at the conclusion.

"When pet owners are better informed, they can make better decisions about their pets' health, environment and diets," Mr Walsh said.

The Responsible Dog Ownership Course is available at

www.dpi.vic.gov.au/responsible-dogownership-course
Free information for pet owners is available at www.depi.vic.gov.au/pets.

Watch out for lottery scams

Consumer Affairs Minister Heidi Victoria warned people to avoid lottery scams after victims were duped out of thousands of dollars. Ms Victoria urged Victorians to be suspicious of emails, texts or letters claiming they have won or could win money and other prizes. Last year, Consumer Affairs Victoria recorded 360 cases of lottery scams and recent reports included consumers who lost as much as \$50,000.

"Lottery scams often use names of legitimate overseas lotteries, so they seem genuine.

"Scammers tell victims they've won something such as a large amount of money or a holiday,

and that all they need to do is send money to claim the prize; often labelled as tax or administration fees.

"Once the victim sends the payment overseas, the scammer pockets the fee and the prize never arrives.

"Once money has been sent overseas it is very difficult to get it back. These types of scams can cost people a lot of money and cause a heartache," Ms Victoria said..

Ms Victoria said fighting scams was difficult due to their international nature, so educating consumers was the best way to prevent people from being cheated.

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City of Greater Bendigo grants available

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be applied for under the following categories:- Community Assistance; Recreation; Environmental Sustainability; Community Newsletter; Arts and Culture; Healthy Community; and Community Events. A group may submit multiple applications, however the total amount of funding sought across all categories may not exceed \$5000. Application kits are

available at the City Of Greater Bendigo Municipal Offices in Lyttleton Terrace, Bendigo, City of Greater Bendigo Heathcote office, Main Street, Heathcote or online. For further information please contact City of Greater Bendigo's Community Grants Officer, Narelle Lyle on 5434 6214 or email: grants@bendigo.vic.gov.au

Sculpture grant to Bendigo outdoor gallery

Bendigo Art Gallery has received a \$100,000 Victorian Government grant to extend the iconic indoor exhibition into the outdoors.

Arts Minister Heidi Victoria said the grant would support the Gallery to commission a major new public artwork to be installed on Rosalind Park.

"In recent years Bendigo Art Gallery contributed significantly to Victoria's arts scene by bringing stunning and exclusive international exhibitions to Bendigo.

However, just as impressive is the Gallery's commitment to collecting and showcasing contemporary Australian art.

"This grant will support Bendigo Art Gallery to commission a major public sculpture by a Victorian artist," Ms Victoria said.

Bendigo Art Gallery Director Karen Quinlan said the grant represented an important step for the Gallery.

She said the sculpture would become a signature piece for the Bendigo Collection.

Ms Victoria said artists had an important role to play outside of the gallery - they can transform and enliven our public spaces, reflect the concerns and interests of our communities, capture our attention and make us think and look at the world around us differently. "This project not only marks a new step for Bendigo Art Gallery, but also for the role and profile of art in the Bendigo community," Ms Victoria said.

Caring for carers

Bendigo Community Health is running a free program, 'Carer Wellbeing'. This provides a comprehensive health and well being assessment and follow up health coaching sessions for carers. Further information is available from Bendigo Community Health Services on 5434 4300.

New railway station sign for O'Keefe Rail Trail

A new replica 19th century railway station sign has been installed on the O'Keefe Rail Trail, at the site of the former Axedale Racecourse station.

The station was once popular for Bendigo and Melbourne citizens getting off the train and having a day out for a picnic, or attending the horse races in Axedale.

The Friends of the Bendigo-Kilmore Rail Trail group have been busy, with this sign being the latest project to be completed on the O'Keefe Rail Trail.

The final sign design attempted to replicate the original Victorian Railway's late 19th century railway station sign design, a sign type most stations displayed. President of the Friends Group, Garry Long said the original signs were made of timber, some with painted and later cast

iron letters.

"Our final design used modern materials to create a striking outcome similar in appearance to the original signs.

It is expected the choice of materials will provide for a much lower maintenance for the future," he said.

This station, separate to the main Axedale Station, was not on the original railway plans when constructed by railway contractor Andrew O'Keefe in 1888. It is understood Victorian Railways were pressured by the public into building a racecourse station during 1905, about 16 years after the line was opened.

Funding for the new sign was provided by a City of Greater Bendigo Community Grant, and many hours of volunteer time.

Mr Long said the community

appreciated receiving these relatively small grants that provided big outcomes, a result much greater through the efforts of volunteers.

"Also generous support from local business people enabled other projects to be completed along the trail.

"One such project is at the same site, where a replica station platform facing wall has been constructed.

"With assistance by Powercor Bendigo and V/Line Bendigo, this platform facing wall project has been completed with some heavy work carried out by our volunteer members.

"So a piece of history returns to its exact site, now on the rail trail" Mr Long said.

Bendigo Women's Football Club dinner

Bendigo Women's Football Club has asked football supporters to come out and show their colours at a dinner to be held in the Capital Theatre, 50 View Street, Bendigo on Friday 6 September.

Guest speaker will be Western Bulldogs Football Club vice president and businesswoman Susan Alberti. Please dress in your football club colours.

Cost is \$65 for main course, deserts, tea and coffee, with drinks at bar prices.

Enquiries to Kerry Anderson, 5470 5122.

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Redesdale and District Association

By Kathy Hall

Although not obliged to hold an AGM until September 2014, 18 months after incorporation, in the interest of public awareness and accountability, the Redesdale and District Association (RaDA) decided to hold its first AGM on the chilly night of Thursday 18 July in the Redesdale Hall.

Twenty seven residents participated, which was a good attendance for a winter's night.

At the start of the meeting, president Jo Smith-Sargent spoke about the short history of RaDA:

"I would like to give you a brief history of how and why a few of us felt the need for an Association.

Back tracking a little, Chris and I moved up here permanently in 2005.

We loved it immediately and got to know many people.

Over time, as we talked to people at various events it became apparent that some in our community had great ideas or they felt a need for certain things, whether that was for themselves, their children, or the community as a whole.

For me, it wasn't until after the 2009 fires that I realized some of these things were actually achievable, if one had the time to source and apply for the grants.

There was a lot of money floating around after the fires.

I know the school benefited from certain grants and I know the Bridge Connection were successful in their application for their photocopier.

But the fact remains that grant offerings come up all the time and we, as a community could benefit from them.

Anyway, to cut a long story short, in the latter part of 2012 several of us, over informal conversations, came up with a few ideas that we would like for the community.

Whilst speaking to the City of Greater Bendigo about these ideas, a constant question came up.

"Is it in your Community Plan? If it isn't then we wouldn't even consider it".

So at that point we looked at the Community Plan.

It was last reviewed in 2008 and definitely needed updating.

That is when the "Redesdale and District Association" was born. We recognised that we needed to take some responsibility to help shape the community we lived in. The plan has been put together following two community consultation workshops.

One on Sunday 3 February when 60 people attended and one on Sunday 28 April when 40 people attended.

Everything in the Community Plan 2013 is at the suggestion of the community.

Everybody has had the opportunity to have their say.

We were successful in obtaining a \$3600 grant, for the establishment of a website and development of the Community Plan, from the City of Greater Bendigo's "Small Township Funding".

This so far has supported the two workshops, the development of the website, and will fund the launch of both on Sunday 8 September.

As the "Community Plan" is in its final stages, you may be asking, 'what is the purpose of the Association now?'

Our purpose is to see the launch of the Community Plan and over time, to implement and action everything that is in that plan, to get the ball rolling.

To act as a central point of contact for residents, local government and other groups wishing to communicate to Redesdale and District residents.

To provide a common communication place where all representatives of existing groups and committees can discuss and support each other with activities and improvement of facilities in the region.

So far we have a representative from the School, CFA, Bridge Connection, Hall Committee, and the Reserve Committee. The meetings provide a time and place for us all to catch up with each other, learn about what we are all doing and support each other in any way we can, and:-

To develop and maintain a website; this too will be launched on Sunday 8 September.

During one of our committee meetings we came up with a

Mission Statement, which was displayed at the second workshop.

We display this on all our forms and letters to remind ourselves and everyone else what we are aiming for.

You will all agree that we all want a safe, good looking town, with fantastic facilities, great services and events, where we all get to socialise," Jo said.

Jo was pleased to inform the meeting that several expressions of interest in joining RaDA had been received on typed forms. She said that while she didn't know who had organised the forms she thanked them for their initiative.

Jo pointed out that the more members that joined the Association the better the outcome for our community.

She invited all interested people to take an approved membership application form and complete it. There is also a joining and subsequent annual membership fee of \$20 which is necessary to help cover administration costs and entitles members to 20 per cent off event prices and to regular updates. Membership forms were available at the meeting and can be obtained through emailing info@redesdale.net, writing to PO Box 7 at Redesdale or by phoning 0407 116 899.

After the introduction, Sam McGregor, Head of Human Resources at the Bendigo Bank, was welcomed.

Sam enlightened the gathering about the "Strathfieldsaye and Districts Community Enterprise Program", how it operated and how it came into being.

She talked about the grants avail-

able to community groups in our area and how to apply for them; she invited everyone to arrange to have their Bendigo Bank accounts tagged to the Enterprise, which earns more money for distribution.

Rod Gibson gave the treasurer's report and talked of the financial success of the cricket match in March, donations from the Australian Open Gardens events, and the grant from the CoGB.

Kathy Hall gave the secretarial report including a summary of the year's events and those to come in the future.

Following these reports, the committee positions were declared vacant. It was pointed out that only existing members of the Association were able to vote at this time. After the membership drive, all general members will have the opportunity to vote for committee members at the next AGM. Jo was re-elected as President and Les Pocock as Vice President. Rod Gibson resumed his position as Treasurer to be ably assisted by Lisa Campbell as Vice Treasurer. Kathy Hall was re-elected as Secretary with Gloria Pocock assisting as Minutes Secretary. The existing non-office-bearing committee members were confirmed; Jill James, Joyce Newton, Graham Newton, Hilary Jankelson, Janette Johnson, Suzie Williams, and Don White, as continuing on in their positions except for Kate Hicks who, due to many other commitments, will become a general member. Several applications for General Membership with accompanying joining fees were received on the night, which was a healthy sign for the support of the Association.

Redesdale plan locked in print

The Redesdale Community Plan is now complete and is being printed by the City of Greater Bendigo. The website is almost ready and, as you know, websites are always a work in progress.

The launch for the plan and the website is being held with a celebration for all residents to attend on Sunday 8 September in the Redesdale Hall from 6pm. Part of the grant RaDA received for the development of the website and plan is earmarked for this occasion and we hope you will all come.

Food and refreshments are complimentary.

The main emphasis of the RaDA work from now on will be the "Discover Redesdale Festival" to be held on Melbourne Cup weekend,

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1,2, and 3 November.

It will start with the opening of the Hall Committee sponsored Art Show at the Hall at 6.30pm. Other events will include food and wine, school art show, open gardens, a sculpture exhibition, cricket match on the Sunday, a photographic exhibition, scarecrow competition, artists open studios, and many other attractions.

The other main issue for the

Association is general membership.

It has been decided that general membership of RaDA should be actively sought, encouraged and promoted and that there be a formal membership application form and a \$20 joining fee.

The fee will go some way to covering administrative expenses.

At the moment, RaDA circulates everyone who has expressed an interest in keep-

ing in touch with emails and by posted letters, where residents have no email address. From now on, only those who have joined the association will receive the email or posted updates.

There are advantages in becoming a fully paid up member in that members will be able to receive a 20 per cent discount on all ticketed RaDA events and other discounts on food and wine served at events. Apart from

receiving updates, members will receive forwarded information about other local events as they land on RaDA's desk. Members of RaDA will also have the right to vote at General and Annual General Meetings. We are determined to follow through with the community plan and to try our hardest to implement the ideas put forward by the community. Action groups will need to be formed and we hope you will be part of this.

Horse owners warned of scarce feed

Hay for horse feed may become increasingly scarce through the rest of winter, according to the Department of Environment and Primary Industries (DEPI).

DEPI's Naomi Friede, who works with the Department's Bureau of Animal Welfare, said horse owners should be thinking ahead now.

"Some feed providers are already rationing their hay sales and owners need to calculate the quantity and cost of the feed needed until spring.

"Planning should take into account that a horse requires at least 1.5 per cent of its bodyweight in fibre from sources such as hay or pasture each day, which means a 500 kilogram horse needs 7.5 kilograms of hay."

Ms Friede said hay must be suitable for horses and new owners should not be lulled into a false sense of security when winter rains lead to paddocks tinged with green shoots.

"Owners must be aware of what has been termed 'the green drought illusion' where new, green pastures may not in fact contain enough feed and nutrition to meet horses' needs and supplementary feed may still be required," she said.

"The important message here is that owners should be real-

istic about their situation and, if they can't afford to buy sufficient hay for their horses, they need to be considering their options now.

"They may need to consider agistment, sale, rehousing and, if their horse becomes unwell, seeking veterinary advice.

"Everyone's aim should be to avoid an outcome where a horse becomes so unwell euthanasia is a possibility.

"No one wants that.

"When it comes to ensuring your horse stays healthy, hop-

ing for spring is not an option and, if the decision is made to transport a horse, it has to be in good enough condition to take that journey, or 'fit-to-load', as it's termed in the industry.

"An owner has a legal responsibility to ensure a horse does not starve or become distressed at any time, including during cold winter conditions when feed is scarce.

"Some ideas that have worked well in the past include ordering hay in bulk, from outside your region if necessary - it

may turn out to be cheaper too.

"Owners can also consider sharing the purchase and storage of hay with a neighbour or pony club member," Ms Friede said.

Changes for Heathcote film festival

Following the second Heathcote Film Festival held last year, the committee invited filmgoers to provide feedback on the event.

The feedback was positive, suggesting some areas where improvements could be made.

Changes were made for this year's Film Festival: the Master Class Q and A is now a stand alone event to offer greater flexibility and we have included a separate matinee session to suit people's needs.

The Festival, will feature a diverse mix of Australian and International short films and will be shown at the Heathcote RSL Hall, on Saturday 31 August 2013.

This year's Meet the Film-maker question and answer session is with award winning filmmaker and director, Lucy McKendrick who will talk about the making of her film Toombaworth, which won the 2013 "Best Young Australian Filmmaker" Award at the Byron Bay International Film Festival. Last year's 2012 Festival sold-out! So get in early and book your seat for this year's event. For Bookings please visit <http://www.trybooking.com/55187>.

Kyneton Daffodil and Arts Festival for September

Kyneton Daffodil and Arts Festival and the Kyneton One Act Plays Festival will be held between Wednesday 6 and Friday 15 September.

As the Antique Fair will be a lead pre-festival event from 30th August to 1st Sept, this means the Kyneton Town Hall will be available for the One Act Plays Festival on the first weekend of the Daffodil and Arts Festival.

The Town Hall was the venue for the One Act Plays Festival in the years before the Kyneton Congregational Church became the Bluestone Theatre.

The U3A Kyneton Drama group will perform the play, 'A Box for Mr Baxter', written by U3A member Leigh

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Kyneton U3A welcomes you

By Doug McIvor Secretary

A highlight of U3AK activities includes its weekly Friday @U3A program at 2pm in the Kyneton Community and Learning Centre (KCLC), 34 Mollison Street, when presentations are made by members and visiting speakers.

As well U3AK provides the following activities: art for fun, bird observation, board

games, coffee mornings, computing, drama, excursions, lifeball, monthly luncheons, music for listening and tai chi. Lecture series are also organized

Membership enquiries to Pam Newton 5423 5223.

General enquiries to Doug McIvor 5422 3828.

The U3AK website <www.u3akyneton.org.au> provides additional information.

U3A Kyneton welcomes retired folk, and those not in the full time work force, to participate in its activities in a safe, friendly environment.

U3A activities are provided to stimulate intellectual, social

and physical wellbeing in retirement.

No educational qualifications are required or given.

U3A Kyneton (U3AK) is an affiliated member of the U3A Network-Victoria Inc.

<www.u3anetvic.org.au> which aims to promote a continuing lifetime of learning and wellbeing.

Some jobs 'just happen' don't they?

I have not had the privilege of yet meeting the president of the Kyneton U3A.

But he is a man after my own heart and having looked at one of the most recent Kyneton U3A newsletters I have to agree with his president's pen.

This is what he had to say in his August - September message.

From The President's Pen

I was reading the last U3A newsletter and it occurred to me

what a fine job everybody was doing to produce this newsletter.

I know a lot of people contribute, but when it comes down to it, the majority of the work is done by Jan. It seems to me that a lot of our members do not realize how much effort she puts in to producing our newsletter so it is high time we showed our appreciation.

Well done Jan! I am sure this issue is up to the high standard that we have grown accustomed to.

Les Rodgers
President U3AKyneton
Good on you Jan.
Editor BC.



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Dates

Thursday 12 Sept
Thursday 10 Oct
Thursday 14 Nov
Thursday 12 Dec

ALL WELCOME

Council survey on transport

The City of Greater Bendigo is developing an Integrated Transport and Land Use Strategy (ITLUS).

The council wants to work with the community to identify a vision for the city's future by looking at transport and how it should relate to where people live, work and play.

It will host community workshops as well as conducting a city wide survey.

Information is available in the council's Community Bulletin

on its website www.bendigo.vic.gov.au/transportplanning.

The council wants to hear from people of all ages who drive and those who take public transport, those who choose to walk or ride their bikes, and those who don't; those who live in the city and those who live in the Greater Bendigo townships.

For more information, visit www.bendigo.vic.gov.au/transportplanning.

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History Snippets

SPRING PLAINS

State School Christmas Concert: - At the Spring Plains State School on Wednesday evening, 19 December 1935, a very successful concert and Christmas treat were enjoyed by the parents, friends and pupils of the school.

The pupils repeated the success they achieved at their last concert, and the large audience appreciated their items. The programme was: - Introduction, The First Nowell, It Came Upon a Midnight Clear, The School; O, Come All Ye Faithful, Everybody; poems, Christmas, Geoffrey Burt; The Squirrel, Laurie O'Sullivan; The Christmas Pudding, Stuart Colyer; song. The Little Eskimo, Carmel O'Sullivan; poems, Christmas Shopping, Gordon Knight; The Toad and the Frog, Barrie Knight; monologue, Polonius's Speech from Hamlet, Joan Pigdon; songs, The Linden Tree (Schubert), Funiculi Funicula (Danza), Fair Shines the Moon (Verdi), The School; poems, Castles in the Air, John Colyer; Father Christmas and the Mouse, Joan Pigdon; round, Three Blind Mice; carol. Silent Night, Holy Night. Father Christmas, who was passing the school, was attracted by the children's items, so he came in and distributed from the gaily decorated Christmas tree, toys to the younger children and books to the seniors. After an enjoyable supper kindly provided by the ladies, Mr R. Knight moved a vote of thanks to the head teacher (Mr R. H. Bennett) for his work with the concert and his preparation of the Christmas tree. Mr Bennett responded and thanked the audience for

From Sutton Grange historian Noel Davis

their splendid support. A collection to defray the expenses of gifts, etc., was very successful.

We should like to compliment the teacher and pupils of this school on the fine standard set in this Christmas programme. - Ed. K.G.).

**The Kyneton Guardian,
24 December 1935**

DEATH OF MR JOHN TOOK.

At about 9 o'clock yesterday morning Mr John Took, an old and esteemed pioneer of the Redesdale district, joined the great majority, after an illness of about nine weeks duration, death being due to heart disease.

Nearly two years ago Mr Took underwent an operation in Dr Fitzgerald's private hospital, Melbourne, for the removal of one of his legs above the knee on account of a malignant growth from which he had been a sufferer for years.

On that occasion the weakness of his heart aroused some fears on the part of his medical advisers as to whether he would be able to successfully bear an operation, but he came through the ordeal successfully, and it was not long before he was able to be about again, apparently in renewed health and vigor.

During his last illness the greatest solicitude was displayed on all sides by his neighbours and friends regarding his condition from day to day, and Rev Father O'Dea, of Heathcote, was most constant in his spiritual ministrations.

Mr Took, who was 74 years of age, was a native of Devon,

England, and came to Victoria from Newfoundland, North America, in 1848, and worked at farming and then as a carrier for Mr Halliday, and also carted stone for the erection of some of the principal buildings in Kyneton, including the post office and the Bank of New South Wales.

After a trial of life as a miner on the Forest Creek diggings, he occupied for five years the farm now owned by Mrs Geo. Grant, of Green Hill, and which then belonged to the late Mr H. Glass.

About 35 years ago he took up land in the Redesdale district, and has resided there ever since, holding at the time of his death considerable landed interests there.

His wife and three children, all married - Mr Geo. Took, Mr C. Westblade, of Mia Mia, and Mrs Morrissey, wife of Mr John Morrissey, M.L.A. survive him. Mr Took was ever an ardent supporter of the Redesdale Racing Club.

He was one of its original promoters, and at the time of his death was one of the trustees. Funeral particulars are advertised.

Improving: - The friends of Mr Girvan, of Lyal, who has been very ill in Dr Duncan's private hospital, will be pleased to learn that his health is improving.

**The Kyneton Guardian,
21st July 1900.**

GOLDEN WEDDING McAULIFFE

Mr and Mrs J. McAuliffe, of Redesdale, who were married at St Mary's Church, Kyneton, by Dean Geoghegan, on May 28, 1859, celebrated their golden wedding on

Friday last.

Owing to the death of Mrs McAuliffe's brother recently the function was only a family gathering, and nine out of a family of twelve were present, including Miss L. McAuliffe, Mrs T. H. McMahon, and Mrs A. L. Anderson, of Castlemaine, and Mr J. L. McAuliffe, of Sutton Grange.

Mr and Mrs McAuliffe, who have resided at Redesdale for the past 46 years, were made the recipients of many nice presents and congratulatory telegrams.

During the afternoon the family group was photographed.

**Mount Alexander Mail,
1 June 1909.**

Hay struck by lightning

During the heavy thunder storm on Thursday afternoon, a stack of hay; standing in one of Mr D. Matson's paddocks at Metcalfe, was struck by lightning and destroyed.

**The Kyneton Guardian,
16 January 1904.**

Enormous Thistles

The Metcalfeshire Council, at their meeting on Tuesday, discussed the question of thistle eradication for a considerable time. Several Councillors complained that many farmers were shirking their responsibilities, and were thus neutralising their neighbours' efforts to cope with the nuisance. The president paid a high tribute to the surveillance exercised in the eradication of the pest in the Shire of Kyneton, against which Metcalfe compared very unfavourably when viewed from the boundary road.

He also complained that, though the carried motion at last meeting that some star thistles on the reserve near Gray's bridge be cut, it had

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not been done, and they had grown to such an enormous extent that they reached high over the fence and if one sat on them "he would not sit long."

They had also encroached on the road to such an extent that it was difficult to get along with a horse and buggy, and if one drove a pair he had no chance at all.

Altogether the president's description of the thistle was awe inspiring as to girth and stature that it is difficult to see how they can be cut without the limbs falling on the workman or some other accident of an appalling nature.

However the president carried a motion that the giants are to be felled.

**The Kyneton Guardian,
4th February 1904.**

During last week a species of small fly has been attacking the grubs of the codlin moth at Sutton Grange.

The fly is in appearance something like a black ant, only somewhat larger, and of a very quick and energetic disposition.

The fly lays its eggs on the backs of the grubs, which are caught in the bandages.

In about four days the eggs are hatched and small grubs come out, and in two to three

days they eat the codlin grub. As soon as the grub is totally eaten they form into cocoons, and in about 14 days they change into flies.

As many as five and six flies have been discovered in one bandage, and the grub in most cases all destroyed.

**The Mount Alexander Mail,
7th February 1904.**

Two months have elapsed since the Metcalfe Shire Council resolved to pay a bonus of 5s for fox skins produced at the shire hall.

At the March meeting of the Council 30 skins were produced and yesterday no less than 122 skins were paid for. The rodents are killed chiefly in the vicinity of Mount Alexander and Redesdale.

**The Mount Alexander Mail,
7 April 1892.**

LYAL

Death of

Mr Jas. Kennedy

Quite a gloom was cast over the district on Wednesday last when it was learned that Mr Jas. Kennedy, of Lyal, had died that day of blood poisoning, at Nurse Atkinson's Private Hospital in Bendigo. Mr Kennedy had only been ailing a week, having had his foot injured and, unfortunately blood poisoning set in.

The symptoms did not be-

come serious until Monday last, when he was taken to Bendigo and admitted to nurse Atkinson's Private hospital.

On Tuesday evening his condition became alarming and he passed away before any of his family were able to see him.

Mr Kennedy, who was a native of the district, was 63 years of age.

He was a man of strong physique and was of a kind, genial nature and greatly respected by all his fellow men.

His remains were interred in the Bendigo Cemetery on Friday last, when a large assemblage followed the cortege.

Mr Kennedy leaves a widow to mourn his sad loss, also three daughters, namely Miss Mary Kennedy, who is a teacher at Euroa; Mrs J. Noonan, jun., of West Brunswick, and Miss Lily Kennedy, who is also a teacher at Black River, South Gippsland, and one son, James.

Mrs. Quinlan, Mrs. P. Taafe, Miss Bridget Kennedy are sisters of the deceased.

**The Kyneton Guardian,
3 July 1923.**

A sad case of accidental poisoning occurred at Greenhill

on Saturday, the victim being a little girl not quite three years of age, the daughter of Mr Wm. Little.

Some months ago, Mr Little purchased some arsenic to destroy ants with which one of the cupboards was infested. Portion of the arsenic was mixed with sugar, and placed in a saucer in the cupboard.

On Saturday evening Mr Little came into the room and seeing the child coming away from the cupboard, his suspicions were aroused, and he soon ascertained that she had taken and swallowed some of poisonous mixture.

Dr Geary was sent for, and in the meantime emetics were administered by Mr Little.

The doctor arrived about nine o'clock, and found the case quite hopeless.

The child was in a state of great prostration, and almost pulseless.

The extremities and face were cold. The deceased lingered till between twelve and one o'clock on Sunday morning when she expired.

An inquest was held by Mr J. C. Thomson and a jury of twelve, on Monday afternoon, and a verdict returned in accordance with the facts above stated.

**The Kyneton Guardian,
5 April 1871.**

Heathcote Memorabilia

In Heathcote 2013, the vanished tents and gold of 1853 are not hard to imagine.

The wide High Street is full of memorabilia: the squat 1854 Christ Church of stone, now "Buddies", a flourishing Opportunity Shop, the financial backbone for St. John's Anglican Church designed by Bendigo (Sandhurst) goldfield architects Vahland and Getzchmann.

On Monday 11 May 1868 the foundation stone for the new Church of England was laid by the Right Reverend Charles Perry, D.D., Bishop of Melbourne, in the reign of Her Most

By Heathcote Newshound Louise Joy

Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria. In between is "Johnnie's House", the former vicarage now open for community groups, a surprise it would be to the Rev. Theodore Budd (1856 -1867), whose busy Ministry of baptisms and burials of babies with their young mothers and young men dying from injuries, disease or exhaustion on the goldfields.

"St. John's Anglican Church The First Fifty Years" Patricia Reynolds (1989)

Page 13 -14 Rev. Theodore Budd Page 14 baptisms, burials and deaths on the goldfields.

Page 18 Vahland and Getzchmann Architects; Lord Bishop of Melbourne. Women look different now from 150 years ago but the chiselled faces of farmers cannot have changed.

Dairy farmers, retired to Bendigo, chuckled to tell their grandchildren of walking to school after milking the cows and then again in the evening.

Women cooking for funerals have surely not changed.

The camaraderie of women making sandwiches, bringing in the sponges, setting out the slices, having a cuppa together before

starting work, joking about men ("Do you think I could get it out of his mouth without murdering him?"), apologies for rearranging another's plate, and remembering their aprons. From different eras, food for the Wake comes together at Heathcote funerals: date loaf, fruit cake, scones and jam and cream, oat biscuits, lamingtons, snowballs, pink jelly slices, lemon slices, caramel slices, chocolate ganache of melted chocolates and cream like a hedgehog with honey. Always ready with a joke against themselves, hedgehog with honey.

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The 2012 Festival sold out very quickly, so get in early and book your seat for this year's Festival. Agenda:- the matinee session will show the same films as the evening program.

Doors open at 1.30pm with screening from 2pm – 3.30pm Tickets: at \$13.00.

Meet the Filmmaker: Q and A Session with Lucy Mckendrick from 4.30pm – 5.30pm.

No charge for this Session, but bookings are essential.

Book when purchasing tickets.

Evening Session – doors open at 5.30pm, screening commences

at 6.30pm to 8.30pm.

Tickets: \$26 for adults and \$16 for under 18's.

Supper is \$26 each.

Cheese Boxes are \$16, pre-ordered when purchasing tickets.

For information: Website: <http://www.heathcotefilmfestival.com.au>

Mobile: 0499 252 196.

Bookings: <http://www.trybooking.com/55187>

Email:

heathcotefilmfestival@gmail.com

Saturday 7 September 2013

Bush Market – 8am – 1:30pm.

Contact Ian Owen on 0431 733

109 for bookings for stall at the market Venue: Barrack Reserve High St Heathcote.

Saturday 21 September 2013

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For details visit website: www.heathcote.org.au

Sunday 22 September 2013

Willow Room Sunday Session – 3pm – 6pm every Sunday.

Enjoy \$5 craft beers with snack menu available. Venue: Willow Room 187 High St Heathcote

Tuesday 1 October 2013

Elmore Field Days- More details go to the website www.elmorefielddays.com.au

Wednesday 2 October 2013

Elmore Field Days - More details go to the website www.elmorefielddays.com.au

Thursday 3 October 2013

Elmore Field Days - More details go to the website www.elmorefielddays.com.au

Saturday 5 October 2013

Bush Market - 8am-1:30pm contact Ian Owen on 0431 733 109 for bookings for stall at the market Venue: Barrack Reserve High St Heathcote.

Saturday 26 October 2013

The second Tooborac Oktoberfest – 11am until 7pm. A little bit of Bavaria in Tooborac. There will be music and dance with a chance of romance. We will have a raft of music and slap dancing to boot. The event will feature the main attraction, a specially brewed German Dark lager that has been brewed for five months. The day is about fun and family. Tooborac Hotel and Brewery, Northern Highway Tooborac



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Pet welfare an issue

The City of Greater Bendigo is sending out fines to pet owners who have failed to pay their pet registration fees. Manager of Parking and Animal Services Neville Zimmer said pet owners had been given plenty of warning to register or re-register their pets by the deadline of April 10.

“Pet registration renewal letters were issued in January, a reminder notice was sent in May and caution notices were sent in June,” Mr Zimmer said.

“It is very irresponsible for pet owners not to register or re-register their pets.

If a registered pet goes miss-

ing and is found, its owner can be notified immediately.

“Registration is a safe guard and I would encourage pet owners to pay their pet's registration before the fines are issued.

“If pet owners fail to pay their fines their name will be forwarded to the infringements court and additional costs levied,” he said.

There are approximately 1000 pet registration fees outstanding and owners will be fined \$289 for each unregistered pet from August 12. There are more than 25,000 dogs and cats on the City's registration database and under the Domestic Animals Act 1994 all dogs and cats over three months of age must be registered. Pet owners who no longer have an animal or have changed address should advise the City on 5434 6000.

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Diary Dates

Fri 6 Sept DyslexiClever (Dyslexia Support Group)
9am at Ethic Cafe, Woodend. Marg 0409 550 238
Sat 7 Sept Heathcote Bush Market. 8am to 1.30pm.
Ian Owen 0431 733 109

Wed 11 Sept Bridge Connection AGM.

Thur 12 Sept Rural Women's Morning Tea.
10.30 Redesdale General Store.
All welcome.

Sat 7 Sept Federal Election.

Mon 16 Sept Japanese Respect for the Aged Day.

Sat 21 Sept School holidays to 6 October.

Sat 21 Sept Heathcote Region Farmers Market.
9am to 1pm. Sherrie Coote 0417 598 460

Tues 1 Oct to Thur 3 Oct Elmore Field Days.
www.elmorefielddays.com.au

Fri 4 Oct DyslexiClever (Dyslexia Support Group)
9am at Ethic Cafe, Woodend. Marg 0409 550 238

Sat 5 Oct Heathcote Bush Market. 8am to 1.30pm.
Ian Owen 0431 733 109

Sat 5 Oct Heathcote Wine and Food Festival.
www.heathcotewinegrowers.com.au/festival

Mon 7 Oct School Fourth Term to 20 December.

Thur 10 Oct Rural Women's Morning Tea.
10.30 Redesdale General Store.
All welcome.

Sat 19 Oct Oral History Night.
6pm Sutton Grange Hall.
Sue 5474 8271/Nat 0419 799 987.

Sat 19 Oct Heathcote Region Farmers Market.
9am to 1pm. Sherrie Coote 0417 598 460.

Wed 23 Oct Porcelain Punch
8pm Heathcote RSL Hall.
Presented by Engine Room.
Maree Hingston 5433 3802.

Fri 1 Nov DyslexiClever (Dyslexia Support Group)
9am at Ethic Cafe, Woodend. Marg 0409 550 238.

Sat 2 Nov Heathcote Bush Market. 8am to 1.30pm.
Ian Owen 0431 733 109.

Sat 2 and Sund 3 Nov Discover Redesdale festival.

Wed 6 Nov Women of the 60s. 8pm.
Heathcote RSL Hall.
Presented by Engine Room.
Maree Hingston 5433 3802.

Thur 14 Nov Rural Women's Morning Tea.
10.30 Redesdale General Store.
All welcome.

Sat 16 Nov Heathcote Region Farmers Market.
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Thur 25 Apr Anzac Day.

Mon 10 June Queen's Birthday.

Tues 5 Nov Melbourne Cup Day.

Tues 5 Nov Islamic New year.

21 December School holidays.

Editorial

Women's Honour Roll

The State Government has called for nominations to the prestigious Victorian Women's Honour Roll. (See page 15).

Women's Affairs Minister Heidi Victoria said the Honour Roll, established in 2001, celebrated achievements of Victorian women in a wide range of fields including science, social justice, community services, disability, aged care, arts and the media, law and health.

Past inductees include Nobel Prize winner Professor Elizabeth Blackburn; philanthropists Betty Amsden and Jeanne Pratt; High Court Justice Susan Crennan, and community leader Marion Lau.

The best among our women struggle to be selected because of the high standard of those on the roll.

So be it. But when a community nominates one of those best among women, be they successful or not, they are honoured among their peers in their own communities.

One woman said, 'just to be nominated, caused me to feel so very proud'.

So. Is there a good reason for communities to have their own Honour Rolls for women?

Many thanks to everyone who responded with contributions for our first efforts to return the Bridge Connection to a monthly newspaper. This is a challenging, but exciting time for those of us involved in the project, made much easier and fulfilling because of the encouragement and help we have received. The Bridge Connection has become a community icon and an important guardian of district history.

25 December Christmas Day.

26 December Boxing Day.

31 December New Years Eve

2014

1 January New Years Day

30 January Chinese New Year's Eve. (Horse)

14 February Valentine's Day.

8 March International Women's Day.

10 March Labour Day

30 March Easter Saturday.

1 April Easter Monday.

5 May Japanese Children's Day.

21 June Winter Solstice.

4 July American independence Day.

Rainfall

Baynton

Jan	Year
47.0	47.0
Feb 112.2	159.2
Mar 106.2	260.4
April 15.8	276.2
May 42.2	318.4
June 86.0	404.4
July 87.6	492.0

Eppalock

Jan	Year
49.6	49.6
Feb 109.4	159.0
Mar 78.3	237.3
April 18.5	255.8
May 18.5	274.3
June 48.8	323.1
July 64.6	387.7

Mia Mia

Jan	Year
28.5	28.5
Feb 84.5	113.0
Mar 106.0	219.0
April 11.5	230.5
May 29.0	259.5
June 63.0	322.5
July 63.5	386.0

Redesdale

Jan	Year
33.0	33.0
Feb 83.0	116.0
Mar 87.5	203.5
April 13.5	217.0
May 26.5	243.5
June 59.0	302.5
July 82.5	385.0

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Nominations open for Women's Honour Roll

Women's Affairs Minister Heidi Victoria has called for nominations to the Victorian Honour Roll of Women 2014. Nominations close on Friday 27 September 2013.

The Honour Roll, established in 2001, celebrates achievements of Victorian women in a wide range of fields including science, social justice, community services, disability, aged care, arts and the media, law and health.

Past inductees include Nobel Prize winner Professor Elizabeth Blackburn; philanthropists Betty Amsden and Jeanne Pratt; High Court Justice Susan Crennan and community leader Marion

Lau.

Ms Victoria said the Roll recognised and celebrated women who have made an extraordinary contribution to Victoria through their vision, leadership, commitment and hard work.

"More than 500 Victorian women have been inducted on to the Roll and I'm delighted more will be joining them soon.

"If people know of a Victorian woman who is an exceptional role model and who has made or is making an outstanding contribution to the Victorian community, then nominating them for the Victorian Honour Roll of

Women is a tremendous way of saying thank you," Ms Victoria said.

Online application forms and guidelines are available at www.women.vic.gov.au or by contacting the Department of Human Services on 9096 2582.

Nominees must either have been born in Victoria, have spent a considerable part of their life in Victoria or have made a significant contribution to Victoria.

Inductees for 2014 will be announced in March next year as part of the celebration of International Women's Day.

Redesdale Arts Festival on Cup weekend

The Redesdale Hall Committee will hold an art show during the Redesdale Festival to be held on Melbourne Cup weekend Friday, Saturday, and Sunday 1, 2, 3 November.

The art show will feature an exhibition of works by local artists as a feature of the 'Discover Redesdale' weekend.

Other activities include - Open Gardens, a cricket match, scarecrow competition, photographic show, school art show, and an artist's open studio.

Redesdale and District Association members save 20 per cent on admission fees to events. Enquiries to C Boyd 5425 3194.

Kyneton Croquet Club open day

Kyneton Croquet Club is starting its new season with a free open to the public day during the Daffodil Festival. Come along to our beautiful grounds at the corner of Ebden and Donnithorne Streets on Saturday 7 September any time between 10am and 4pm, for fun and coaching in the challenging game of Golf Croquet. Don't forget to wear solid flat shoes but please no thongs, those croquet balls are

heavy! The barbecue will be there for anyone who'd like to bring lunch. Tea and coffee will also be available.

From September to May each year, we play on Saturday and Monday afternoons from 1pm onwards.

New members and those who would like to give the game a go will be made very welcome. For more information contact Len Baker on 5422 7094



Banking on a community grant

It takes a lot of sausage sizzles to raise thousands of dollars; just ask president of the Heathcote Tennis Club, Mary Beadle.

"We needed to come up with a hefty financial contribution for the resurfacing works on the courts," Mary said.

"The club decided to apply for funding from the Heathcote and District Community Bank.

"We applied for \$2500, not

thinking we'd get it.

"We were thrilled; so many community groups run on the smell of an oily rag, so a source of funding like this is invaluable."

The Heathcote and District Community Bank is calling for more potential grant recipients to step forward with their applications, as the grants process is in progress. Drop into the Heathcote branch for more information.



Farmers work on Banksia restoration project

Thirty one landholders from Mia Mia, Glenhope, Baynton, Sidonia, Pastoria, and Langley, volunteered to plant and look after some banksia marginata tube stock as part of the Baynton

Sidonia Landcare's project, 'Saving Local Species'.

Banksia marginatas are not rare nationally, but at a local level, we know of only seven sites where indigenous banksias exist.

These sites are isolated from each other, which means there is a high possibility of inbreeding.

On most of the sites, no young plants are germinating, usually because they are now surrounded by European grasses that out compete the seedling banksias for moisture.

And, as we saw on Black Saturday, fire can wipe out

stands of trees in an instant. For all these reasons, Baynton Sidonia Landcare Group has undertaken a program to mix the genetics of local banksias and simply to grow more of them, to lessen their vulnerability.

The Group has collected seed from each of the known sites and had tube stock grown and planted.

Drought, fire, and then the very wet summer of 2011 have taken their toll of previous plantings, but the Landcare group has not given up, and has also been accumulating local knowledge of how to ensure plant survival.

Banksias are lovely small trees. They flower in autumn and winter when few other plants do.

Nectar feeding birds love them - particularly honey eaters and parrots.

When there is a breeze, the leaves display their very attractive silvery undersides. And once established, the trees, being indigenous, need no watering. They are a great addition to both farm

windbreaks and to the home garden. The Landcare Group thought 2013 would be the last year it would need to distribute banksia seedlings because all the known sites had had seed collected, grown on and the resultant plants distributed throughout the district. And then in autumn last year, a member of the group spotted yet another site with banksia flowers glowing above an eroded gully! Seed was collected in February from this site and the resultant tube stock distributed to volunteer landholders next winter for planting on their properties. The group will then turn its attention to other local plants in danger of disappearing.

OBITUARY

RIDDALL, Michael:-
3rd October 1930 to 7th July 2013. The Members of the Bridge Connection Inc. committee acknowledge with sadness the passing of Michael Riddall of Mia Mia. Michael was a long-time supporter of Bridge Connection. Sincere sympathy to his wife Christine and family.

Weeds travel in stock food

Department of Environment and Primary Industries (DEPI) officers are warning farmers to be aware of the risk of weeds spreading through the use of stockfeed from outside their properties.

DEPI Biosecurity Officer, Mark Doueal, said poor seasonal conditions in the south west and a late autumn break had created an opportunity for new weeds to invade.

"With pressure on feed availability, more farmers are looking further afield to source and purchase hay or grain to feed animals.

"Care should be taken to not only avoid introducing new weeds on to their own properties, but also to prevent the spread of weeds on to road reserves and adjacent land.

"Vehicles should be cleaned after deliveries of feed and this should happen in a designated area to prevent weed dispersal and enable any new infestations to be contained."

Mr Doueal said farmers

should check the origin of hay or grain stockfeed and adopt some basic measures, including, if possible, to inspect the feed before purchasing; ask if the feed came from a known weed infested area; ask the supplier for written certification on any potential weed threats; where possible source locally grown feed to reduce the chance of introducing new weeds.

Keep records of purchased hay or grain, including content, location sources, producer, date purchased, transporter and feed out area.

Feed out in a confined area away from drainage lines, such as a feed lot or stock containment area; monitor feed out areas regularly for unfamiliar plants.

Use the DEPI website to help identify or report suspect plants. Mr Doueal said attention to detail and some small actions on the part of landholders now to prevent weed spread could save them a lot of time, effort and money in the long run.

Level Two first aid course at Heathcote

A Level Two first aid course will be held in the Heathcote Community House, 55 Hospital Street, Heathcote, from 9am to 3.30pm on Saturday 12 October. Enrolment form and booklets must be completed and returned with payment by Thursday 26 September. Bookings can be made on 5431 0930.

Cost is \$120 each, but cheaper if more than eight people enrol.

Light lunch supplied.

Bridge Connection AGM

**The Annual General
Meeting of the
Bridge Connection
will be held in the
Redesdale Hall
at 11am on**

Wednesday 11 September 2013.

ALL WELCOME

Sutton Grange Hall Calender of events 2013

**Saturday 19 October
6pm**

Oral history night. Bring along your old stories about Sutton Grange.

**Monday 2 December
6pm**

Sutton Grange annual Christmas Tea.

Please bring a plate of food to share on these nights.

**Enquiries
Sue on 5474 8271
Nat on 0419 799 987**

The Fence

Mary Bennet from Mia Mia found this piece of wisdom in the Leprosy Mission.

There once was a little boy who had a bad temper. His father gave him a bag of nails and told him that every time he lost his temper he must hammer a nail into the back of the fence. The first day the boy had driven 37 nails into the fence. Over the next few weeks, as he learned to control his anger, the number of nails hammered daily gradually dwindled. He discovered it was easier to hold his temper than to drive those nails into the fence. Finally, the day came when the boy didn't lose his temper. He told his

father about it and the father suggested the boy now pull out one nail for each day he was able to hold his temper.

Reflections

The days passed and the young boy was finally able to tell his father that all the nails were gone.

The father took his son by the hand and led him to the fence.

He said: "You have done well, my son, but look at the holes in the fence.

"The fence will never be the

same.

"When you say things in anger, they leave a scar just like this one.

"You can put a knife in a person and draw it out.

"It won't matter how many times you say

I'm sorry, the wound is still there.

"A verbal wound is just as bad as a physical one.

"Friends are a very rare jewel, indeed.

"They make you smile and encourage you to succeed.

"They lend an ear, they share a word of praise, and they always want to open their hearts to us."

Playground revamp for Heathcote Preschool

The Heathcote Preschool play area has been transformed into an engaging and stimulating environment for preschool aged children.

Public Space Design Coordinator Aaron Lindsay said the new play area would provide a variety of active, sensory and imaginative play experiences.

"A colourful snake path, created out of rubber soft fall weaves around a large sand pit, timber decking, a play bridge and a teepee cubby house," Mr Lindsay said.

"A timber seating platform has been constructed in the shade of an existing tree and a range of scented and textured plants will provide shade and colour later in the year."

The Heathcote Volunteer Parent Committee contributed \$50,000 to the project and the City of Greater Bendigo gave \$25,000.

Loddon Mallee Preschool Association Early Years Manager Belinda Schultz said the Volunteer Parent Committee was to be congratulated on its fundraising efforts.

"They worked very hard to ensure the new play facilities could be built and have been squirreling money away from various projects over many years," Mrs Schultz said.

"The old playground at the preschool was past its used-by date but City of Greater Bendigo officers, our staff and parents all worked together to come up with a modern but natural design," she said.

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

Local calls for humane treatment of refugees

Refugee support groups of central Victoria met recently in Bendigo to listen to key, expert speakers and workshop new approaches to Australia's treatment of asylum seekers.

More than 200 people attended the all day forum.

They overwhelmingly rejected the government's harsh treatment of refugees and asylum seekers, and called upon it to respect Australia's obligations under the United Nations Convention on Refugees.

This ensures non discrimination on method of arrival, not returning asylum seekers to danger, and acceptance of them as citizens after identity, health and security checks.

The forum was held prior to the recent announcement of even more inhumane federal government measures – sending them to poor, and often dangerous countries such as Papua New Guinea, where they have even less

chance of recovery from the traumas they have already experienced.

Central Victorian refugees groups are now committed to widespread action, and have instigated a campaign to urge churches, community and commercial organisations and individuals to protest to all political parties about the inhumane, expensive and ineffective treatment of refugees and asylum seekers.

The Bendigo, Daylesford, Castlemaine and Maryborough Rural Australians for Refugees (RAR) and the Ballarat Australian Refugee Association (ARA) Circle of Friends are using their combined membership to circulate a Statement calling for leadership that is committed to relieving the suffering of asylum seekers; resources going to UNHCR processing, not offshore prison camps; no mandatory detention beyond identity, health and security checks; proper

community support and the right to work while claims are checked; closing all offshore detention centres; an end to the 'no advantage' policy and 'enhanced' screening of new arrivals.

Further information is available from Ms Gillian Wells email: jandg@wellsoz.net, or 5439 6240/ 0429 396 242

Bridge Connection AGM

The Bridge Connection annual general meeting will be held in the Redesdale Hall at 11am on Wednesday 11 September 2013. Members of the community are invited to attend the meeting of the community owned newspaper. Apologies can be made to Regina Bennet on 5425 5402. Please bring a plate of goodies to share during morning tea and fellowship.



REDESDALE - MIA MIA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Reflections of Term 2

P.E was one thing I liked in Term 2. P.E was fun because we got to practise for netball because we were going to do netball competition in Term 3. I also liked P.E because it is fun to do in the morning because it gets you up and active.

I like story writing because I get to use my imagination to create a story. Story writing is fun to do because I make the story myself. I like story writing because I get to make pictures for my story.

I liked puppet making because I got to make the puppet how I liked for the play. I like puppet making because I got to choose my character. I like puppet making because I got to make a Minotaur.

Bryce

One of my favourite parts of Term 2 was writing my story. I liked it because it was my first story that wasn't science fiction. It was also my best story because it was my longest. It was 9211 words long and was actually a novel. My second favourite part of Term Two was Healthy Eating Day. My favourite meal was probably the main, the lasagne. It had a creamy sauce and the meat was really great. I also liked the carrot and ginger soup and it went really well with the scones.

Hamish



The School Council would like to thank members of the local community for their support of our annual Trivia Night held on the 27th July. You helped raise \$3084.00 that will be put towards creating a permanent barbeque area. This area is used each week to help raise money to subsidise camps and excursions. We look forward to seeing you again next year.

Last term I liked puppet making and performing the puppet shows. My puppet has a BIG smiley face and a light pinky coloured dress with dark brown. On my favourite list of things to do, story writing was number 1 especially illustrating my story. Healthy Eating Day was good too because when we got into groups. I was with Chelsey and Tianna and we were making scones. Everybody said they liked the scones so Chelsey and Tianna and I decided to tell them, the secret ingredient was..... a whole tub of margarine!!!

Isy



Last term we made puppets and it was fun. I enjoyed making puppets. I made a princess puppet. She had purple hair and a gold crown with flowers, a pink dress with sparkles and a flower.

Chelsey

What I liked about Term 2 was making the puppets because it was really fun especially when we were paper mâchéing the balloons for the puppet heads because it was really messy and smelly!

Zoe

Dates for the Diary

14 September

September 14th
**Open Garden
Melbourne Cup
Weekend
ART SHOW**

Please contact the school if you would like further information about these events.

Phone (03) 5425 3155

Last term I liked making the puppets and doing the puppet show. When we were making lines for the puppet show we had to change it a lot. When we finally got it right we made plans for what our puppets looked like then we made them. Ms Gill said that I needed more decorations on the dress so that's what I did. I liked camp as well, we went to the beach and it was fun even though it was a miserable day. We did rock wall climbing and games inside and a bike ride. When we were bike riding we got muddy from riding in the puddles and the two people that were with us said let's have a competition of who is the muddiest and the person with the cleanest bike and who is the wettest. Isy won the wettest and Sky won the muddiest and Mr Sheen won the cleanest bike.

Tannia



What is acupuncture?

Most people these days have either tried acupuncture themselves or know someone who has. For a rapidly growing number of people, it provides relief from pain or improvement of their troublesome condition, without the need for drugs or surgery.

Their practitioners puncture them with very fine needles, massage them, burn odd-smelling heat sticks (moxa) over them, suck their skin up with glass cups, and "scrape" them with china spoons (guasha).

Everything, you might say, except waving a fish over them.

So, how does this ancient form of medicine really work?

Is it really that bizarre?

Has it been scientifically proven?

To answer the last question first, acupuncture has a 2000 year old history.

Chinese medical practitioners have been testing and carefully observing the effects it has on the body for all this time.

If this isn't scientific, then I'm taking up fish waving.

In recent years there have been controlled clinical trials.

One way or another, the experience of the overwhelming majority of people who try it is: "It works!"

How does acupuncture work?

The concept of Qi

To understand how acupuncture works involves taking a slightly different view of the body from the one western medicine holds.

That is, in addition to the blood and nervous systems, there is also the qi (pronounced chee) system. The concept of qi, quite foreign to western minds, forms the basis of chinese medical theory and practice.

It has been measured as a type of electro-magnetic current, flowing through the body along particular pathways or channels which run from the skin deep into the body, connecting with the organs. By stimulating particular areas or 'points' along the channels, the circulation of qi can be invigorated. The function of the connected organs can be regulated, the

blood circulation improved, blockages of qi or blood dispersed, inflammation reduced, pain relieved. The person often experiences an increased sense of well-being, alongside the improvement or elimination of their symptoms. They often sleep better, appetite and digestion improve, they have more energy, and feel more relaxed.

In other words, there are Positive side effects.

Does it hurt?

The needles are extremely

fine. (The ones I use most are 0.22mm in diameter.) Some points will be more sensitive than others and sometimes there's a little brief discomfort when the needle is inserted, but most of the time you don't even know they've gone in.

People are relieved to find that the whole process was much easier than they'd expected, even the ones who really hate the thought of needles.

And what's more, most people actually find the effect of the needles very relaxing. During the 20 to 25 minutes that they're left in place, while they're lying warm and snug on the treatment couch, it's not uncommon for people to doze off.

Add the penetrating and soothing warmth of moxa and some of my patients practically purr! However, if the prospect of needles, however fine and friendly, turns you pale, there is always the light stimulator which can be used in their place, as well as massage (including acupressure), cupping, and guasha (which remove stagnation and toxins), and moxa (which warms and improves circulation).

For more information phone Elizabeth at Kyneton Acupuncture & Allied Health on 0403 753 221, or email

bethan.acup@westnet.com.au
Next month.

Does it always work?



Barfold Beading

10.30am Thursday 12th September

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Marie 54234153

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Care needed with change to feeding grain

Department of Environment and Primary Industries (DEPI) Senior Veterinary Officer, Mike Jeffers, said many livestock producers were now using or thinking of using grain or grain based pellets to feed stock in the drier conditions in the last nine months.

He urged caution when making the switch to grain feeding by introducing supplementary feeds slowly to avoid health problems from a sudden switch in diet.

"This can be a good option, especially for ewes in the late stages of pregnancy as they require greater amounts of energy to avoid pregnancy toxemia.

"It is important to remember that a sudden switch from pasture based feed to grain can cause grain poisoning - problems associated with digestion which can reduce production and even lead to death if stock are not used to grain feed and are not fed correctly, Dr Jeffers said.

Kyneton Agricultural Show tradition has a family focus

November is show time at Kyneton

Kyneton will open its 2013 agricultural show with a carnival night on Friday 15 November.

The show will follow with a full day of action and displays on Show Day Saturday 16 November.

Kyneton Agricultural Show Society secretary Josie Rutledge recalled last year's show and said it enjoyed a large crowd

If you were at the 2012 Kyneton Agricultural Show you will probably remember the large crowd, the amazing pavilion, the much talked about Free Zone for Kids and the stunning animal nursery. With record gate takings and increased entries in almost every section, the show was a huge success.

The preparation for the 2013 Show is well underway.

The Kyneton Agricultural Society is a group of volunteers who want to maintain

the 152 year tradition of holding a show in Kyneton.

The aim each year is to provide a forum for community members to showcase their products and skills, in such things as cattle, knitting, jam making, and dressage.

The society also aims to provide individuals and families with the opportunity to attend a local country show where they can connect with the wider community and with country life.

A significant focus will be on families and children at the show. A free community section is dedicated to community groups and free activities for children. Some of these activities include pony rides,

the animal nursery, flying fox, wood work, and painting. This year the society will conduct a Bike Emporium within the community section, which is a celebration of bikes both standard and unique.

This interactive display will engage the audience in a range of activities, demonstrating the benefits of bikes, their history and design.

Patrons will see amazing bikes and some totally crazy bikes.

Children and adults will be invited to test ride some of the bikes.

People will also be able to make their own smoothies on a bike at the Kyneton Show this year. The society has invited members of the community to become involved in the show, by sponsoring a section, donating a prize, entering a jam, or showing your lambs.

There is something for every-

Garage Sale Trail a good fun fundraiser

The City of Greater Bendigo will participate in the Garage Sale Trail on Saturday 26 October.

The sale promotes recycling and sustainability, and brings local residents and community groups together or fellowship and fun.

The council wants to provide opportunities for people to become involved in an event

Deadline

We plan to publish the September issue of Bridge Connection in the third week. We would be pleased to receive copy for the edition by Saturday 14 September. Thanks for your support.

that is all about the local community, while raising funds to support the great work of community organisation.

If the 2012 Garage Sale Trail is anything to go by, there will be pop up record stores, art shows, bike sales as well as your classic clothes and bric-a-brac sales.

By getting involved in the Garage Sale Trail, you will be given the opportunity to further connect with community members.

By participating in the Garage Sale Trail you will also have the opportunity to raise funds and get some publicity for your cause and to have a little fun!

The Garage Sale Trail can be used as an opportunity to bring communities together, and to host a combined Garage Sale on your group's premises. For example, what if every member brought along three unwanted items to create a "mega Garage Sale", with all proceeds raised going to your organisation.

If you would like to hold a Garage Sale on Saturday 26 October, register your sale on garagesaletrail.com.au site.

For enquiries, or to share your thoughts and Garage Sale ideas, please contact Glynn Jarrett Community Development Officer on 5434 6480 M 0428 991601 F5434 6262

Fosterville Gold Mine grants available

Applications are open for Community Grants offered by Fosterville Gold Mine. Submissions close on Thursday 26 September 2013.

The program aims to assist community groups to undertake a wide range of activities that contribute to the social, educational, recreational and environmental aspects of local communities. Guideline and application forms are available by calling 5439 9000 or emailing FGMCommunityGrants@crocgold.com.au

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Kyneton Antique Fair

Kyneton's 17th Antique Fair will be held at the Kyneton Hall on Friday 30 August from 5pm to 8pm, Saturday 31 August from 10am to 5pm, and Sunday 1 September from 10am to 4pm. Opening night, will provide opportunity for buyers to see, and purchase, while enjoying a Hanging Rock Wine, light refreshments, and jazz music from local musos. The event will provide a pleasant family outing for Father's Day. Further information from Fran on 0411 208 448.



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