

# Mia Mia Messenger



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## A brief district summary of 2014 to date

Too many fires, too little rain, too much wind with lots of trees down across roads and in paddocks. The Jan/Feb total rainfall was a mere 17ml in Glorious Glenhope compared with the 100-year average of 70ml. But, there was another wonderful January performance of Shakespeare in the Vineyard at Rowanston on the Track in January.

The annual Australia Day Breakfast gathering of people in the district at the Mia Mia Hall, attended by both City of Greater Bendigo and Mitchell Councillors, saw the official launch of the Mia Mia Community Plan for 2014-2016. We are grateful to both these shires for distributing the new plan to our district residents, which resulted in some new additions to the email list for this newsletter.

When asked about the status of the replacement for the burned down Kilroy's bridge on Spring Plains Road, our Mitchell Councillor said that it was designed, plans were about to be approved and work should commence by the end of February. Alas, however, as at the end of February 2014 nothing has happened at the bridge site.

The other happening is that we received excellent contributions from many current and past residents of the district for our history book. Our most pressing need is to finalise what we want to include on the map of our district to be included in the book.

The primary map, in colour, will fill one page in the book. We need to identify the important geographic elements for this primary map by the end of March. We'll then develop additional "overlays" of this map to show things like the early pastoral runs, schools and such.

## You are invited

to

Drop in and review  
the second draft  
of our Mia Mia and District map  
on

**Wednesday March 19th**

at

**Mia Mia Hall.**

**Drop in between 5.30PM and 7PM and**

give us your feedback and suggestions.

We don't mind if you are still in your working clothes.

If you are able to attend, please email  
[miamiasocial@gmail.com](mailto:miamiasocial@gmail.com),  
or call Kate at 5425 5565.

It's useful to know that something is wrong, but it's even more useful if we get information about what would make it right. Road names are a challenge, but for the draft we've decided to go with what's on the physical road signs erected on the roads, as opposed to the varying names allocated on different maps. Where the name has changed over the years, and we know so, and it is relevant for the reader to know the old name, we'll include the old name in the legend details for that primary map.

Here's a summary of what the primary map draft currently contains- schools, for example, will appear on a later map. Where Major Mitchell crossed the Campaspe near Redesdale is up for discussion

**Historic markers:** Major Mitchell's Track, Duigan flight memorial, Iron Bridge, Church, Hall.

**Major roads:** Burke&Wills Track, Valley Road, Spring Plains Road, Watchbox Road, Heathcote East Baynton Road, Dairy Flat Road, Mia Mia Derrinal

Road, Meadow Valley Road, Kyneton Heathcote Road, McDonalds Road, Taylors Lane, Wickhams Lane..

**Rivers, creeks, dams:** Campaspe River, Coliban River, Pohlman Creek, Back Creek, Shepherds Creek, Wild Duck Creek, Mia Mia Creek, Lake Eppalock, Meadow Valley Reservoir, Native Dog Creek.

**Places:** Pat's Hill, Lavender Hill, Flower Hill, Old gold workings at Langwornor.

## What's Going to Happen

For the past two years the Mia Mia Opera happened in February. There will be opera in 2014, but it will happen in October, with more information in the next newsletter.

A most enjoyable fund raiser for the Mia Mia CFA is the BBQ lunch and Big Sing at the Mia Mia Hall. Its 6th year is scheduled for June 21st, with more details in the next newsletter.

## Music Month at Burke & Wills winery

This is the most immediate happening, lots of choice about what to attend through the month of March. It is one of the best kept secrets in the district, great entertainment and excellent value, and so easy to get to.

**March 7th to 10th: The Burke & Wills Folk Festival.** It is an intimate, casual and relaxed affair in the garden at Burke & Wills Winery, just the one marquee stage and venue with three and a half days of great music and entertainment including: The Beez; Kavish Mazzella, Andy White from Ireland; Two Canadian songwriters Scott Cook and Faye Blais; Martin Pearson; Paul Wookey and new wife Philmona Carroll; Rory Ellis & The Devil's Right Hand; Peter Anderson; Salvation Jane; Bill Jackson & Peter Fidler; David O'Connor; David and Leah Rothberg; Penelope Swales; Totally Gourdeous; The Little Stevies Duo.

For this long weekend festival there are weekend tickets and day tickets, inexpensive food day and night, great wine of course, and free camping with decent showers and toilets.

**March 15:** The annual **Peter Russell-Clarke Wine Dinner**, with Peter presenting a 4 course gourmet dinner accompanied by eight wines.

**March 16th:** Lunch followed by a concert with one of America's greatest exponents of **Delta Blues Guitar, Stefan Grossman**, who learned from the greats, like Mississippi John Hurt, Son House, Skip James, and most of all the great Rev Gary Davis. He has played with Eric Clapton, Paul Simon, Bert Jansch and John Renbourn. He makes it look easy; his laid back humour abets his brilliance and one is apt to forget that the man on stage is playing some of the most difficult pieces.

## March 22nd at 4PM: Classic '60s Folk and Bluegrass.

Late Saturday afternoon, the 22nd, **Suzette Herft** will present her fabulous show '**Shining - A Diamond In The Rust**'. This is the story of **Joan Baez** in words and songs, all those glorious and timeless classics Joan recorded.

## March 23rd at 12.30: Lunch & show with PETER ROWAN BLUEGRASS TRIO

**To book for these events**, phone (03) 5425 5400 or email [wineandmusic@bigpond.com](mailto:wineandmusic@bigpond.com). You don't need to pay when you book - pay on the day, but promise to advise if your numbers change or you have to cancel.

March 7-10 **BURKE & WILLS FESTIVAL**  
Weekend ticket \$120,  
Day tickets \$45

March 15th, 6.30pm **WINE DINNER** with  
**Peter Russell-Clarke** \$85,

March 16th 12.30 **STEFAN GROSSMAN**, Lunch & show \$75, Show only \$45.

March 22nd 4.00pm **SUZETTE HERFT 'Shining - A Diamond In The Rust - The Joan Baez Story.**  
\$30, optional 6.00 pm BBQ dinner afterwards \$25.

March 23rd 12.30 **PETER ROWAN BLUEGRASS TRIO**, lunch & show \$75, Show only \$45.  
**More information on Burke & Wills Winery is at [www.wineandmusic.com.au](http://www.wineandmusic.com.au)**

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If you are organising an event in or around Mia Mia. let us know.

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