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Successful Kyneton business conference



From left: Macedon Mayor Roger Dukes, Small Business Victoria mentor Tony Kiley, workshop presenters Tim Gentle, and Mike McNamara, and Small Business Victoria information officer Sakin Boyaci.

Macedon Ranges Council and Small Business Victoria combined to present a new conference concept for Kyneton business people.

Nearly 150 business people attended the two day conference held on Tuesday 20 and Wednesday 21 May to learn about best practices for a range of topics.

These included marketing, social media, and finances.

Forty-seven businesses were represented with the majority booked into multiple sessions, including the networking night. Small Business Victoria presenter, Bruce Hall, said the conference concept was a first for Victoria and would

be replicated across the State.

“I am sure other councils will be keen to run their business events in this format.

“It is difficult for regional businesses to access quality professional development.

“A locally based conference format makes this much easier,” he said.

Macedon Mayor Roger Jukes said attendees provided positive feedback on the conference, with most saying they would like it to be an annual event.

“Some of the comments made were that it was an amazing experience.

“People appreciated the fact it was both affordable and easily accessible because

of its location in Kyneton,” he said.

Conference highlights included ‘hands-on’ social media workshops focusing on Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube.

Small Business Victoria presenter, Tim Gentle, said he was able to shine a flashlight into the digital world. He guided delegates through the potential, what was available, and how to work it.

Redesdale Community Plan.

Redesdale Community Plan has been updated with minor changes based on community consultation. The new version will soon be available in hard copy, but is at www.redesdale.net

Mia Mia Twilight Opera

The, becoming famous, Mia Mia Twilight Opera will be held in the Mia Mia Hall at 6pm on Saturday 11 October. A matinee will be held at 2pm on Sunday 12 October. Admission for Saturday night is \$40 with pre-performance nibbles and supper after. Admission for the matinee is adults \$25 and family tickets \$50 with afternoon tea after the performance. Singers are members of The Opera Studio 1, and the Gertrude Opera. They will present a full pro-

gram of arias and ensembles. These will include popular works by Mozart, Verdi, Massenet, Rossini, and Kalman. Bookings can be made after Tuesday 1 July at:- www.trybooking.com.

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Fencing around the Agnes Mudford Reserve

As part of facilitating elements of the Redesdale Community Plan pertaining to the Agnes Mudford Reserve, a 'Reserve Action Group' has been formed and met for the first time on Saturday 7 June. A new fence to surround most of the Reserve was identified as a near-term safety and visual necessity. There was discussion regarding how this fence should look and a number of issues arise.

- (i) Type of fencing. Should the fencing look similar to that at the front of the hotel? How should it look?
- (ii) Should the community go for the cheapest fencing option or should efforts be made to go for a more expensive but better looking alternative?
- (iii) Is there support for a feature wall at the corner of the Reserve, possibly bluestone, with the name Redesdale clearly incorporated?
- (iv) Are there any other features that should be part of the fencing design?

Fencing on the reserve is very much in the public eye and it is important there is input from the community regarding preferences. The Reserve Action Group is seeking your input regarding the fencing on the Reserve. Please contact one of the following members with your thoughts either by phone, email or letter:

Simon Hills : 0418 522 817.
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The bridge over the River Campaspe

City of Bendigo heritage planner Dr Daniel Orr said research into government records revealed no gazetted name for the iconic bridge over the Campaspe River between Redesdale and Mia Mia.

Dr Orr was speaking at a

Youth awards

Nominations are open for the Macedon Ranges youth awards to recognise high achievers in arts and sport. Closing date is 5pm on Tuesday 29 July for young people in the 12 to 25 age group.

Winners will be announced at the Youth Awards presentation night in Kyneton Town Hall, on Tuesday 26 August.

Award categories and nomination packs can be found on Council's website, mrsc.vic.gov.au/youth.

meeting of Mia Mia and Redesdale residents in the Mia Mia Redesdale School on Thursday 26 May.

Dr Orr said the former Metcalfe and McIvor councils combined to build the iron bridge, which was officially opened in January 1868.

This involved breaking a bottle of champagne on the structure and a declaration: "This bridge will be known as the Redesdale Bridge.

Dr Orr said, however, this was never gazetted.

She said the 150th anniversary of the bridge would be celebrated in 2018 and this could provide opportunity to register whatever name was chosen.

She said it was important the McIvor and Redesdale councils be recognised in the name, but noted it had always been known as the

Redesdale Bridge.

Many people at the meeting

appeared to favour the name 'Redesdale Bridge'.



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Zone Cross Country

On Wednesday, May 30th, the Grade 3-6's competed in the Zone Cross Country at the Bendigo Racecourse. All of our children ran in Red division.

Results as follows: 9 year old boys—Alex 11th, Connor 82nd, Ruben 83rd.
10 year old boys—Nick 43rd, Reegan 101st, Tim 103rd.
10 year old girls—Chelsea 31st, Zoe 105th.
11 year old girls—Chelsey 22nd, Isy 23rd.
12 and 13 boys—Bryce 28th, Brendan 35th.

PUMPED UP KICKS by Foster the People

Re-written by Grade 3-6, Redesdale-Mia Mia Primary School



Redesdale's got quick feet.
Mia Mia are throwin' in their hand
The kids have got rolled up socks
Getting' ready to go cross country
Yeah we found our running spirit
Inside of our hearts hidden underneath our skin
I don't even know what



But we're coming for you, yeah we're coming for you.

All the other kids, with the pumped up kicks
you better run you better run,
outrun our spirit



All the other kids, with the pumped up kicks
you better run you better run,
Faster than our feet.



It was a very tir-ing day
They said ready, set go. Yeah ready, set, go
And we got a big surprise

We got a secret weapon, our shoes are on our feet
and we're ready to run

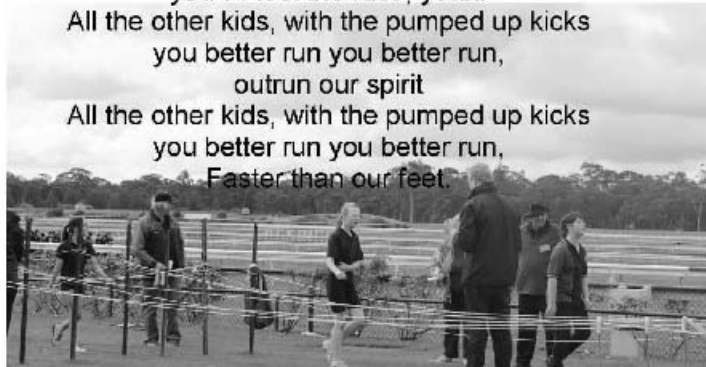


The slip of our feet are a quick pull trigger
We talk to other kids
and tell them our feet are on fire
you've lost the race, yeah.



All the other kids, with the pumped up kicks
you better run you better run,
outrun our spirit

All the other kids, with the pumped up kicks
you better run you better run,
Faster than our feet.



New look for Baynton Hall

Macedon Ranges Council has handed the keys of the Baynton Hall to committee members following the completion of upgrade works. Macedon Mayor Roger Jukes said the upgrade breathed new life into the hall, an important and central part of Baynton. "The upgrade makes it a warm and welcoming space to hold events, activities, and community gatherings," he said.

Mental health

A mental health awareness event will be held in the Bendigo Stadium at 4pm on Friday 11 July. Cost is \$60 with all funds donated to Lifeline. The theme is 'be brave, speak up'. Keynote speaker is leader and expert in resilience and positive psychology, Sam Cawthorn. Bookings:- www.bendigostadium.com.au

"The hall received a complete facelift, including new external stairs, cladding, insulation, window frames, and a rain water tank.

The upgrades were funded by a Macedon Ranges Council contribution of (\$20,000) and \$60,000 from the Victorian Government.

Fire fighter honoured



Long time Redesdale resident Andrew Campbell was awarded a Thirty Year Medal and Clasp for service to the CFA. Andrew has been a fire fighter since he was a teenager. He is a well respected and well known community member. Redesdale CFA commended his work and dedication to the team. Operations Officer Chris Jacobsen, left, presents the award to Andrew.

Trivia night at Woodvale

A trivia night will be held in the Woodvale Hall at 7.30pm on Saturday 12 July. Admission is \$10 on tables of six. BYO drinks and glasses, hot supper and nibbles provided. Further information is available from Ken Stent on 5446 9929.



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Rock'n Roll Eagles for Hanging Rock

International band, the Eagles will perform at Hanging Rock in February 2015 as part of the group's 'History of the Eagles' Australian New Zealand tour. Macedon Ranges Mayor Roger Jukes, said he was

looking forward to welcoming international rock 'n' roll royalty to the Macedon Ranges.

these international acts really highlighted what a world-class live music venue Hanging Rock has become.

Heathcote U3A activities

2014 Program

Email – u3a.heathcote@gmail.com

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

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

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

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

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

Luncheon Club. Third Friday. Ring Barbara Clement 5433 3278 for the venue and to book a place.

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

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

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

“The Eagles have been busy touring across Europe and the United States so we are very excited to know they will be coming to our very own Hanging Rock,” he said. The Eagles will follow in the footsteps of other international acts Leonard Cohen, Rod Stewart, and Bruce Springsteen, who have performed at the Rock.

The Rolling Stones will perform at Hanging Rock in November this year.

Ct Jukes said the calibre of

“Each of the previous concerts were a huge success for the region, especially for accommodation providers, restaurants, shops, and cafes. “The flow on benefit for the community and businesses after the two Bruce Springsteen concerts was estimated to be about \$9.7 million,” Cr Jukes said.

The event will be held at Hanging Rock on Saturday 28 February 2015. Details available at:- www.frontier-touring.com/eagles.

Violence is everybody's business

A prevention of violence against women conference will be held at the The All Seasons Motel and Conference Centre, 171 McIvor Road, Bendigo, on Tuesday 7 and Wednesday 8 October. Master classes will be held on Thursday 9 October.

This conference highlights violence as being everybody's business.

Key themes under discussion

will be what is prevention; preventing violence against women; unpack myths; role of community; the gendered nature of violence; and understanding the bystander approach to prevention.

Keynote speakers will be Mallika Dutt of Breakthrough; Victoria Police commissioner Ken Lay; academic Dr Michael Flood; commentator Dr Gael Jennings; Foundation to Prevent Violence Against Women and Children chief executive Paul Linossier; and advisor to YMCA Scott Holmes.

MC is Clementine Ford. To register or phone 02 8204 0070. Closing date for early bird is Friday 22 August.

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Consumer Affairs
Minister Heidi Victoria has asked people to watch out for button batteries around children and to keep them out of the reach of littlies.

Autumn supper dance had the right twist

Heathcote's second annual Autumn Twist supper dance was supported by 120 guests in the RSL Hall on Saturday 17 May.

Themed colours greeted the eye on entering the hall, with black tablecloths, black and orange balloons, flanked by red, purple, and yellow.

Intriguing glass balls held tiny candles dangling from a branch embedded in red pots as table centrepieces.

The basket supper was a great idea and kept ticket prices to \$20.

Such intricate slicing of cabana I have not seen.

My offerings of lemon slice with overflowing lemon icing, slightly burnt Anzac biscuits, and a pile of collapsing chicken sandwiches, definitely gave a homely feel to our table.

As we waited for the music, we saw familiar faces and actually remembered a few names.

Such a shock to hear that Kathleen and Malcolm Tubb, always at the forefront of volunteering in Heathcote, will be moving during July, to a second retirement in Renmark.

They have lived in our area for 15 years.

Along came 'The Griners' from Bendigo, three guitars and percussion, who played classics of the Rock'n Roll era.

The floor was soon crowded; no worries of wall flowers as in the old days of dancing.

Leaping and swirling, sometimes in pairs, often in groups, dancers responded to the clear rhythms.

Music softened and old

By Louise Joy

timers, who have been dancing together all their married lives, swept across the floor, bringing memories of Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers.

Frank, from Fetching Treasures, was seen 'dancing cheek to cheek' with his wife, snatching a very public kiss, as though in the days of early courting.

That's what it's all about. Refreshing nostalgia and present exuberance.

"I can't believe I'm turning 74 on Tuesday.", a sprightly 'young' man beside me said.

An Alice in Wonderland young woman in pale blue organza with puffy short sleeves, her tiny waist pinched with a luscious blue bow, herself a guitarist, moved gracefully over the dance floor.

Then suddenly there was bootscooting, again in the dark, as lines of dancers circled around and around. The lights turned off, black figures of dancers continued to bob, their heads framed against the strobic lighting of red, green and pale blue flashes.

Hands waved like Spanish flamenco dancers we had seen in the same RSL hall. There were cries of "Oh..Oh..Oh".

On and on the music played; some dancers tiring but returning again.

On and on and 'the band played on', giving every inch of effort and musical skill.

At our table, the highlight of the evening was our neighbour in pink top, gyrating every inch of her

body to the music, elbows rising and falling, arms twisting, all from her chair, then leaping up to take a partner swirling, twirling, and twisting to the music. 'You've made my night,' I said.

She smiled remembering her teenage years of dancing.

The lights came on for the raffle.

Fund raising committee members Sandy and Justine said the prizes were generously donated.

Everyone's a winner in a raffle.

There were shouts of approval as the table next to ours saw one of their number go up for a third time.

My partner exclaimed, "That is the first time I have won a meat raffle."

Vouchers for manicures, car repairs, plumbing; lollies, wine, CDs, jewellery, meal vouchers.

This was Heathcote business coming out in style. Some guests left after the raffle and others stayed on to dance till the last note was played.

HeathcoteHealth, chief executive, Dan Douglass, presided over the occasion, and as always, supported a wider notion of health in the community.

Redesdale and District Association annual meeting

The Redesdale and District Association will hold its 2014 annual meeting at 6.30pm in the Redesdale Hall on Thursday 17 July.

The meeting will be followed with supper and refreshments.

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Major works for Gilbert Gordon Oval

Macedon Ranges Council has awarded the contract for redevelopment of Gilbert Gordon Oval in Woodend, with construction due to commence in August.

Gilbert Gordon Oval is home to Woodend Heskett Football Netball Club and the Woodend Cricket Club. The oval is also used regularly by casual users.

Redevelopment will involve significant drainage works to ensure the oval remains playable all year round.

Macedon mayor Roger

Jukes said the oval was a community focal point, but could be unplayable during winter months.

“Council was successful in applying for a Victorian Government grant to fund this project, which will ensure it remains the showcase oval for Woodend,” he said.

Cr Jukes said construction was expected to start in August at the end of the football season.

He said the council allocated \$764,000 to the project from Victorian Government grants.

Black spots taken out

Macedon Ranges Shire Council has completed black spot projects to improve road safety along the Burke and Wills Track, Three Chain Road, and Romsey Road - Straws Lane.

The project at Three Chain Road included sealed shoulder widening and guard rail installation and the upgrade of the intersection with Donns Road. Total budget was \$814,000. The project along the Burke and Wills Track included sealed shoulder widening near Westcott Lane, guard rail installation and signage improvements. Total budget was \$98,000.

The project at Romsey Road/Straws Lane intersection near Heskett is nearing completion and includes

sealed shoulder widening and sight distance improvements. Total budget is \$178,000.

Council applied for the \$1 million funding from VicRoads' Black Spot - Black Length Program.

The works were designed by Council to Australian standards.

“These projects were a high priority for Council, due to accidents reported at various locations along these roads,” said Council's Acting Director of Assets and Operations, Anne-Louise Lindner.

“We always plan our road works to minimise any impacts on surrounding residents and motorists, and thank community for their patience while the works were completed,” she said.

Knitting and yarning at Woodend Library

Woodend Library has been yarn bombed as part of the ‘Get Knitted!’ project organised by Macedon Ranges Council and Goldfields Libraries.

‘Get Knitted!’ is made possible

by the efforts of an enthusiastic knitting group that meet at the library each Friday to knit and ‘upcycle’ donated materials for the project. Macedon Mayor Roger Jukes said art projects were a great way for people to become involved in their communities.

He said community art provided people with an opportunity to be creative, meet new people, and connect with others. Library staff welcomed new members as a result of ‘Get Knitted!’ and encouraged people to come and see the art installation or join the knitting group.

The group is turning its attention to knitting and crocheting poppies for next year's Anzac Commemorative Project 5000 Poppies.

For more information, contact Woodend Library on 5427 2074 or email woodend@ncgrl.vic.gov.au

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Hope for art event to highlight old bones

Artists will be asked to help discussion on the mystery of the megafauna species, prehistoric animals known to roam this area 30,000 years ago.

Macedon Ranges Council wants to stage a community art event during 2015 to focus on the massive beasts. The event will be held at Lancefield, where in 1843 well digger James Mayne discovered giant bones.

These were identified as megafauna with which most people are familiar because of well publicised animals such as the Mammoth.

Discussion about the type of art project will involve the lesser known Diprotodon, a giant wombat, or the Procoptodon, a giant kangaroo.

There is much debate around the eventual extinction of megafauna, but most agree it was due to climatic changes leading to reduced access to food. Theories as to why their smaller descendants survived include size, ability to maintain body temperature, and perhaps how they pouched their offspring to keep them warm.

Council coordinator of Arts and Culture, Robyn Till, said there was no straightforward answer to the extinction debate.

“We hope to recharge discussion and interest in this ancient and intriguing mystery,” she said.

Further information is available from Robyn on 5422 0319.

Excellence in business awards

Twelve businesses in the Macedon Ranges were recognised for excellence in their industry, after receiving business awards at the Kyneton Town Hall on Wednesday 11 June.

One hundred and eighty businesses attended the annual gala dinner event, dining on a delicious three course meal created by Kyneton's Monsieur Pierre. Woodend comedian Des Dowling, MC, kept guests entertained.

Macedon Mayor Roger Jukes said council sponsorship, and representation on the Business Awards Committee, led to small improvements to the program each year.

"This year we introduced a mentor program which proved very successful. Eighteen finalists and six winners took advantage of the program, a really good result," Cr Jukes said.

The Business of the Year was

awarded to Riddells Creek business, Construction Training International.

Business owners, Peter and Rae Patterson, participated in the mentoring program which helped them develop their submission.

Mr Patterson said feedback provided by the mentor was constructive, easy to follow, and really helped.

To recognise the significant contribution made by the agricultural sector, a Local Producer Award was introduced this year - an action in Council's Macedon Ranges Agribusiness Plan.

The Award was presented by representatives from the newly formed Macedon Ranges Agribusiness Forum.

The Local Producer Award went to Kyneton Ridge Estate. Business owner, Pauline Russell said introduction of this Award was a great way of recognising the many unique and varied agribusinesses in the region.



From left: Lisa Rundell, Macedon Mayor Roger Jukes, and Glen Rundell. Photo by Shantelle Images.

"When we were nominated we nearly didn't enter because, like most small business owners, we are time poor.

"But we are so thrilled that we did and to have won the Award is recognition of the years of hard work behind the scenes," said Ms Russell. Awards also included Excellence in Customer Service:- Charity's Secret Op Shop,

Riddells Creek.

Excellence in New and Emerging Business:- Rundell and Rundell, Kyneton.

Excellence in Retail:- Ethic Woodend.

Excellence in Local Produce:- Kyneton Ridge Estate.

Excellence in Food and Beverage:- Quintessence Cafe and Catering, Kyneton.

Excellence in Events and Attractions:- Riddells Creek Farmers Market.

Excellence in Accommodation:- Hedge Farm, Carlsruhe.

Excellence in Wellbeing Services:- Cobaw Community Health, Kyneton.

Excellence in Professional Services:- Construction Training International, Riddells Creek.

Trainee/Apprentice of the Year:- Emma Atkins, Bella Cut and Colour Salon, Woodend

Young Business Person of the Year:- Claudette Guedelha, Smallprint, Mt Macedon

Power Business of the Year:- Construction Training International, Riddells Creek.



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Call for nominations to the Victorian Honour Roll of Women

Nominations are open for the Victorian Honour Roll of Women until Friday 5 September.

The search is on for 20 outstanding women to be added to the Honour Roll of Women in 2015.

Women's Affairs Minister Heidi Victoria said the Honour Roll recognised and celebrated great achievements of inspirational women.

"We are looking for female leaders who have made a significant contribution to Victorian society.

"This year's inductees will join a long and prestigious roll of women across a wide range of fields such as science, engineering, arts and

community services.

"Those on the Honour Roll have contributed to real and lasting changes and reforms that have benefited the community and inspired future generations of young women to make a difference.

"It could be someone you work with, it could be a family member, a good friend, or it may be someone in the community you hold in high esteem," she said.

Five hundred and thirty eight women have been inducted into the Honour Roll since the award began in 2001.

Nominations can be made online at: www.dhs.vic.gov.au/womenhonourroll



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State award for Kyneton Swim teacher



Kyneton Toyota Sports and Aquatic Centre swim teacher Marie Noonan was awarded the 2014 Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety Award by Aquatics and Recreation Victoria.

The award recognises outstanding contribution by an individual to teaching of swimming and water safety, including teaching effectiveness, professional development, leadership, and commitment to excellence.

Marie received the award during the Aquatics and Recreation Industry awards dinner on Friday 13 June.

She has been employed by Macedon Ranges Council as a staff member at the centre since it opened in 2010.

Centre manager Jon Ground said Marie's commitment

and passion for aquatic education was evident to anyone who knew her.

"She is widely recognised throughout the industry as being a leader in her field. "This award is great recognition for both her and the centre.

"Winning this prestigious award is an amazing achievement for what the industry would classify a small to medium - sized rural recreation centre.

"It highlights the professionalism and quality of council staff and the successful operation of our Learn to Swim programs," he said.

Marie will represent Victoria as the state nominee in her category at the National Awards ceremony later in the year.

School holiday activities

Macedon Ranges Council has a range of activities planned to entertain children during the school holidays.

Creatures fantastical, fabulous, and from long ago, will be at local libraries.

There will be a range of dinosaur activities happening at each library including art, craft, trivia, movies and even a visit from a paleontologist!

Further information is available from the libraries, or visit :-

www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au

Gisborne Library 5428 3962; Kyneton Library 5422 1365; Romsey Library; 5429 3086; Woodend Library 5427 2074.

Puppets at the Kyneton Town Hall.

Using shadow puppetry and bits of rubbish, acclaimed Canadian performer Jeff Achtem debuts a gurgling new adventure about life in a swamp, with a stunning 3D finale.

Play in the dark, whether

you bring your kids or you are just a big kid yourself at 8pm on Friday 11 July at Kyneton Town Hall.

Admission is adults \$20, concession \$18, children under 15, \$15, and a family of two adults and two children \$55.

Join the school holiday program for primary school children at KTSAC with sports, craft, and aquatic games on Tuesday 1 and Thursday 10 July from 10am to 3pm.

Bookings are essential on 5421 1477.

Cost is \$35 for the first child, \$32.50 for a second child and a third child \$30.

Pool inflatable fun will be available at Gisborne Aquatic Centre on Thursday 3, Friday 4, Monday 7, and Friday 11 July, from 1pm to 3pm. And at Kyneton Toyota Sports and Aquatic Centre on Monday 30 June, Monday 7, Wednesday 9, and Friday 11 July, from 12.30pm to 2.30pm.

Cost: \$4.50 a child.

Children can improve their swim skills and confidence during the school holidays by joining an intensive Learn to Swim program in Gisborne or Kyneton.

These 30 minute classes are held over five days and are suitable for children aged three years and over.

Classes will run over the second week of the school holidays, from Monday 7 to

Friday 11 July.

Bookings are essential.

Contact the Kyneton Toyota Sports and Aquatic Centre on 5421 1477, or the Gisborne Aquatic Centre on 5421 1452.

Cost: \$72.50 a child.

Further information about school holiday activities is available at:-

mrrsc.vic.gov.au/school-holidays



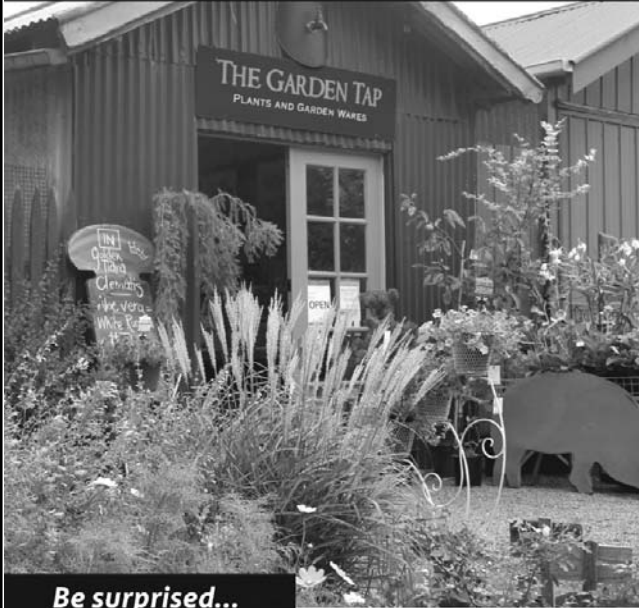
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Mental health first aid

A 12 hour mental health first aid training course will be held at the Guide Hall, Heathcote on Tuesdays 15 and 22 July.

The course is designed to help people assist others experiencing a mental health crisis, mental health problems, or the early stages of mental illness.

Instructors will be Mary and Ian Cutlack.

Training also involves giving help to people with mental health problems before a

crisis develops.

Topics include depression, anxiety psychosis, and substance abuse.

Participants learn the sign and symptoms of problems, where and how to get help and what sort of help has been shown effective.

The cost is \$50 and \$30 for concession holders.

Further information is available from Vicki Ford on 0431 328 421 or coordinator@heathcotecommunity-house.org.

TAFE and Kangan merger at Bendigo

Premier Denis Naphthine said the \$100 million package to merge TAFE and Kangan Institutes would transform Bendigo into a twenty first century education city. He said the investment meant 55 extra courses would come on stream with a focus on health, engineer-

ing, and management. "This is exciting for students in Bendigo and the North West, with a whole range of new education options for people to choose from. "This package includes \$25 million to revitalise the McCrae street campus. "The revamped McCrae street campus will be used to establish a Centre of Excellence for Health and Human Services.



"This initiative has strong local support, with the Bendigo Kangan Institute to work in partnership with La Trobe University and the Coalition Governments' \$630 million Bendigo Hospital to develop a Centre of Excellence. Higher Education and Skills, Minister Nick Wakeling said existing campuses would remain open under the same branding.



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 Kyneton Farmers' Market. Saturday 12 July. 5422 1025.
 Riddells Creek Farmers' Market. Saturday 19 July. 0414 913 337.
 Lancefield and District Farmers' Market. Saturday 26 July. 0407 860 320.
 Congratulations Riddells Creek Farmers' Market for winning the Business Excellence Award for Events and Attractions.

Church services

Catholic Church.

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

Uniting Church.

First Sunday. Barfold.
 Second Sunday. Metcalfe.
 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.

Macedon Ranges

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Diary Dates

Telstra Business Women's awards.

Nominations open until 14 July.

Victorian Honour Roll of Women.

Nominations open until Friday 5 September.

Monday 30 June to Sunday 6 July.

World Open Snooker Championships, Bendigo.

Tuesday 1 July.

Bookings for the Mia Mia Twilight Opera open at:- www.trybooking.com.

Friday 4 July.

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

Saturday 5 July.

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

Saturday 5 July.

Woodend Farmers Market.

Sunday 6 July.

Romsey fire recovery football afternoon at Romsey Park.

Friday 11 July.

Mental health awareness event in Bendigo Stadium.

Saturday 12 July.

Defibrillator operating tutorial/s. at Redesdale Mia Mia Primary School. 10am and 10.30am.

Saturday 12 July.

Trivia night. 7.30pm Woodvale Hall.

Saturday 12 July.

Kyneton Farmers Market.

Monday 14 July.

Telstra business women's awards nominations close.

Thursday 17 July.

Redesdale and District Association Annual Meeting. 6.30pm in Redesdale Hall.

Saturday 19 July.

Riddells Creek Farmers Market.

Saturday 26 July.

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

Saturday 26 July.

Lancefield Farmers Market.

Tuesday 29 July.

Nominations for Macedon Ranges youth awards close.

Friday 1 August.

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

Editorial

A name is important

Probably no discussion topic in the Mia Mia Redesdale area has had more words put forward than the name of the iconic iron bridge over the Campaspe River. And in nearly 150 years all to no avail because it still has no gazetted name. Neither do thousands of other bridges in Australia have a gazetted name because they are just bridges. But our iconic iron bridge is no ordinary bridge. Our bridge is just that, a bridge, but within the bridging structure is a work of outdoor art. And like other artworks, by old Australian masters such as Tom Roberts' 'Shearing the Rams', and 'The Big Picture', and by Fred McCubbin, with paintings such as 'Down on his Luck' and 'On The Wallaby Track', holds in its midst a story.

Our iconic iron bridge, no less, is special, and deserving of a name because of its place in the history of the region, and the stories it holds within. It is quietly characteristic.

Fisherman's Dawn

The boat is gently rocking.
We wait the dawning light.
Encircled by the darkness.
Of a brisk October night.
The eastern sky now brightens.
Outlining wooded hills.
The awakening sound of nature.
The air with music fills.
Clouds in gowns of colour.
Full curtsy to the morn.
We marvel at the splendour,
as another day is born.
Our journey not in vain,
tho the flathead didn't bite.
For we have seen the wondrous glory,
of a starry night in flight.

Bill Dickens.

Friday 22 August. Closing date for Prevention Against Violence conference.

Tuesday 26 August.

Macedon Ranges youth awards announced at Kyneton awards night.

Friday 29 August to Sunday 31 August:- Heathcote Film Festival.

Rainfall

Mia Mia

2013	538.00
Jan 0 0	
Feb 63.5	63.50
Mar 24.5	88.00
April 5.0	93.00
May 63.0	156.00
June 32.0	188.00
July 78.5	266.50
Aug 88.0	354.50
Sept 83.5	438.00
Oct 40.5	478.50
Nov 38.5	517.00
Dec 21.00	538.00
2014	
Jan 8.00	08.00
Feb 1.00	09.00
Mar 51.5	60.50
April 72.5	133.00
May 77.50	210.50

Redesdale

2013	514.90
Jan	00 00
Feb 54.0	54.00
Mar 28.5	82.50
April 4.7	87.20
May 24.3	111.50
June 65.0	176.50
July 63.0	239.50
Aug 94.0	333.50
Sept 79.0	412.50
Oct 32.9	455.40
Nov 50.5	505.90
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Angel to watch over new Bendigo Hospital

The fourth crane to tower over the \$630 million Bendigo Hospital Project will be named Lucy.

Lucy has a 57 metre reach and a 4.2 tonnes lift.

The first three cranes were named Ben, Maximus, and Cranium.

Health Minister David Davis visited the construction site with the fourth winner of the Name the Cranes competition, Victoria Scicluna, 9.

Victoria entered the competition run by Bendigo Health, and project partners Exemplar Health, and Lend Lease. Mr Davis said Victoria, and her twin sister, Lucy were born in Bendigo on Sunday 6 June 2004.

"Sadly, Lucy was stillborn," he said.

"Victoria entered the competition with the name, 'Lucy in the Sky', in memory of her angel twin sister, Lucy, who will be watching over the new hospital as it takes shape on Bendigo's city skyline," Mr Davis said.

Victoria's parents David and Anita Scicluna have been employed by Bendigo Health and part of the Bendigo Health community for 15 and 18 years respec-

tively.

Anita said they received great support and kindness from the hospital community, colleagues and health care professionals when their precious pair of girls were born.

"Victoria wanted to name the crane, Lucy in the Sky, so she could see her angel twin sister's name in the sky and have her watch over the hospital build.

"To have Lucy's name seen, spoken and remembered, is very special for our family and friends, especially so close to Victoria and Lucy's tenth birthday," Anita said.

"We are very excited to be part of Bendigo Health during the building of the new hospital, which is a fantastic project for Bendigo region." Mr Davis said the Victorian Government was building a healthier Victoria, with more than \$4.5 billion of capital investment at health services across the state, including the \$630 million Bendigo Hospital.

"Three levels of the new hospital are now being built simultaneously and around 15,000 square metres of concrete poured," he said.

Youth space activities

Romsey, Kyneton, and Gisborne Youth Spaces return for Term Three, from Tuesday 15 July, for people aged 12 to 18 years.

Programs and activities include Master Chef, stop-motion animation, scavenger hunts, games nights, movie marathons, Parkour, Mexican Fiestas.

Youth Spaces open weekly during school term at Gisborne on Thursdays, from 4pm to 6pm, at Man-a-aki on Aitken Street.

Kyneton on Tuesdays, from

4pm to 6pm, behind the Town Hall on Hutton Street. Romsey on Tuesdays, from 4.30pm to 6.30pm, at the Community Hub on Main Street.

Further information is available on:-

facebook.com/MacedonRangesYouth. Or from Mim on 5422 0296 or:-

mgrundy@mrsc.vic.gov.au

Youth Spaces groups are run by Macedon Ranges Council. They are fully supervised, drug, alcohol, and smoke free.

Telstra Business women awards

Nominations for the 2014 Telstra Victorian Business Women's Awards close on Monday 14 July.

Small Business Minister Bruce Billson asked community members to support their local businesswomen by nominating them for the 2014 Telstra Business Women's Awards.

Mr Billson said the awards recognised the important role women played, from the small business sector, through to corporate level.

"Communities around Australia are filled with vibrant, hardworking and innovative women who have worked hard to build livelihoods, support communities and promote women in the work-

force

"Women operate almost one third of businesses in Australia across all industries and many do this while raising children and running a household," Mr Billson said. Winners and finalists across Australia will share in a total prize pool of more than \$650,000.

The Awards have three qualifying categories for business owners, employees in the private and corporate sector, and employees in community and government agencies.

Entrants can also be considered for two specialist categories, innovation, and young business women.

Nominations can be made at telstrabusinesswomensawards.com or by calling 1800 817 536.

Nest boxes and cameras in wild life study

Nest boxes and remote wildlife cameras are being used as part of a program aimed at understanding and protecting native wildlife. The fauna monitoring program across Macedon Ranges will use a range of strategies to collect data about species in the region. Macedon Ranges councillor Jennifer Anderson said there was a need to know what animals were present in our environments in

order to protect them. Nest boxes will provide a refuge for canopy wildlife such as Sugar and Feather-tailed Gliders where there is a lack of hollows for nesting. They have been constructed by members of the Woodend Men's Shed, young people from Gisborne Secondary College, and the Malmsbury Youth Justice Centre. Motion-triggered cameras will capture images.

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Mia Mia Big Sing

By Louise Joy

Mia Mia Hall was alive with singers and supporters, chatting over wine, steak, and salad, on Saturday afternoon 21 June 2014.

Sounds of rehearsal greeted us as we arrived at this little wooden 1907 hall, lovingly cherished by the Mia Mia community.

This was our third year and we wouldn't miss 'The Big Sing' for the worlds.

The drive from Heathcote is always delightful.

Conductor of the Bendigo choir, 'Women of Note' and director of music at Girton College, Laura Euffeljee, greeted me like a long lost friend, such was the friendliness after a year.

Laura took 'Women of Note' to Pretoria and Cape Town last year.

Next year they go to New York.

MC Howard Nathan welcomed us as 'Brethren and Sistren' to 'the Opera House of Central Victoria'.

Woodend town plan adopted

Macedon Ranges Council adopted a new town plan for Woodend at the Wednesday 28 May 2014 council meeting.

The plan sets out a vision for development of the township to a population of 5000 people by 2036.

Macedon Mayor Roger Jukes expressed thanks on behalf of the council to residents, community groups, and the Community Reference Group for their valuable contributions to preparation of this plan.

Laura Euffeljee was hailed as a living legend to cheers from the audience who were defined as 'none so noisy'. The hall seemed on the edge of laughter, ready for Howard's jokes.

After an interval with Howard Nathan's offer for the men to go outside, "Women of Note" were on stage, 30 strong singers, starting with a children's song by Elena Katchachernan, Russian born Australian, winner a many accolades.

Then came a touching farewell song and the irony of the Shackleton expedition to the Antarctic, rescued men only to be mown down in the first days of World War One.

The WW1 Honour Board at the back of the stage showed three long lines of names from the farm boys in the Mia Mia region, adding to the poignancy of the song, with 1915 in everyone's minds because of the Anzac Cove centenary.

Then came a song respecting the knowledge of indigenous Australians followed by intriguing blends of songs: 'Swing Low Sweet Chariot' with 'Deep River' and 'I Believe' with 'Ave Maria'. The two women's choirs concluded the performances with a song in Hebrew, a universal language of peace. This was a stunning afternoon of song, value laden with simplicity and gentle humour.

We then had more laughs for the raffle and a singalong for all standing, while the hall was prepared for afternoon tea.

Efforts to reduce suicide

A group of Macedon Ranges residents affected by suicide have identified the need for a Suicide Prevention Action Plan.

During a community workshop in April organised by the council, people affected by suicide, or caring for someone who is suicidal, met to share their stories.

The workshop was facilitated by former Beyond Blue chief executive Dawn O'Neil.

Discussion aimed to identify how we can be more responsive and supportive as a community in suicide prevention. A key outcome of the workshop was a request for the council to help establish a Suicide Prevention Action Group.

This would be made up of community members and representatives from key service providers in the Macedon Ranges.

The group will then develop an action plan targeting better outcomes in suicide prevention, response and recovery.

Macedon Shire councillor John Connor emphasised the importance of collaborative work by the council and community.

"Suicide is the leading cause of death in Australia for people aged 15 to 44.

The rate of suicide is increasing in the Macedon Ranges, so it is crucial we work actively with our community toward prevention.

"The Suicide Prevention Action Plan is the next step for our community in tackling suicide prevention, response and recovery in a coordinated way.

"A key aim of the action plan will be to break the silence

on a topic rarely talked about," he said.

He said the council has worked with the community in this area for several years through the Live4life initiative, which promoted mental health awareness among young people.

"It also provides training to parents and teachers in Youth Mental Health First Aid.

"If there is someone you know who is not travelling well or you have not seen for a while, don't just think about getting in touch, make the effort to phone, visit or have a coffee," said Cr Connor.

For help or information contact Lifeline on 13 11 14 or:-

www.lifeline.org.au
Suicide Call Back Service on 1300 659 467 or:-

www.suicidecallbackservice.org.au
Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800 or:- www.kidshelp.com.au
MensLine Australia 1300 78 99 78 or:-

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Sutton Grange Hall community activities

July.

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

August.

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

September.

Sunday 14. Historical bus tour of region.

October.

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

Romsey footy match to mark fire recovery

A free community football match will be held at Romsey Park on Sunday 6 July to mark six months of fire recovery.

Grassfires swept through the Macedon Ranges in February this year causing enormous damage and personal trauma. Macedon Ranges Council with support from the Victorian Government and local businesses, is backing the event to give residents a break from repairing fire damaged properties.

Also, the afternoon will provide opportunity to socialise with family and neighbours. The football teams, Volunteers versus The Rest of the World, will be made up of players from emergency

services, affected communities, and community organisations.

Well known comedians, former AFL stars and other celebrities will take to the field or join in as team coaches or game commentators, who will broadcast live on site.

Anyone over 18 can volunteer to join either team by contacting Council on 5422 0333 or via: firerecovery@mrc.vic.gov.au.

The match is open to male and female players of all ages, skill levels, and fitness. With 30 players on each team, there will be plenty of opportunity for players to rotate on and off the field.

Macedon Mayor Roger Jukes said the event was open to all residents, not just those directly affected by the fires.

“We are hoping the whole community turns out to enjoy the spectacle.

“There will be children’s activities, live music, and a screening of a new community made short film on the fires.

The event will provide opportunity to thank emergency services and volun-

teers who have helped residents recover from the fires. “Volunteer ‘thank you’ posters made by school children will be on display, and CFA brigades and other agencies will attend to fundraise and spread awareness.

Cr Jukes said he hoped residents would take advantage of the event to acknowledge their work.

“CFA tankers you saw out fighting fires in February will be present.

“What better opportunity to say a personal thank you to the volunteers who protected hundreds of lives and properties over those frightening couple of days.

“Or maybe you would like to tell volunteers who fed and supported people after the fires, or who rescued our wildlife, how much they are appreciated.

“The high number of call outs by CFA brigades over the past summer took a toll on equipment and resources of the brigades.

“I encourage residents to open their wallets and buy a raffle ticket or make a donation to ensure our local volunteers are well equipped and ready to protect our com-

munities when the next emergency happens,” he said. Gates will open at noon and the football match will start at 1pm on the Romsey Park main oval at Park Lane.

Record response to planning survey

Macedon Ranges Mayor Roger Jukes said the council received a record number of responses with well over 1000 submissions to its survey on a draft localised planning statement.

The plan will guide development of a new State level planning policy for the Macedon Ranges.

The survey, which closed on Friday 6 June, asked residents what they valued most about the shire’s rural and regional landscapes.

Cr Jukes said the council thanked community members for their contributions.

“The feedback is extremely useful to this project, as it expresses how people use and value our environmental, recreational, and agricultural areas,” Cr Jukes said

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