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Kyneton, Langley, Mia Mia, Metcalfe, Redesdale, Sidonia, Sutton Grange.



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A community owned newspaper

Steph Ryan in the remote corner

Redistribution of electoral boundaries created considerable discussion and confusion in Redesdale during the 2014 State election.

Redesdale now sits in the south west corner of the new electoral district of Euroa.

Many people were unaware of this until they went to cast their vote.

Deputy Leader of the National Party, Steph Ryan, who easily won the seat, became aware of concerns held by the community about representation because they lived on the edge of the electorate. Ms Ryan is the Shadow Minister for Training, Skills and Apprenticeships and Shadow Minister for Young Victorians.

Ms Ryan contacted the Redesdale and District Association during January with a request to meet residents.

The round table discussion, which started at about 4.30pm on Friday 16 January was a lively event.

Miss Ryan asked to be introduced formally to everyone and she took copious notes while people were talking about their hopes for the community.



From left: Heather Carmody, Don White, Deputy Leader of the National Party Steph Ryan, Les Pocock, and Mark Jankelson.

Talks continued informally over tea.

Miss Ryan asked residents to put their concerns in writing to assist her with follow ups. The following main points were made.

(i) Creating a community hub.

Following the revision of the community plan in 2013, we moved towards a consultant-driven feasibility study funded by the City of Greater Bendigo.

The association is keen to improve hall facilities, the recreation reserve, and the township landscape.

Applications will be made to the State Government to assist with funding.

(ii) Water.

Redesdale and district has no water or sewerage supply. There is little or no chance of sustainable growth for Redesdale unless there is access to town water.

The aquifer beneath Redesdale township is noticeably diminishing, and more and more residents are buying water for domestic use.

The population of Redesdale township could diminish unless there is access to a town water supply in the near

future.

(iii) Telecommunications and Internet Access.

Telephone reception for mobile phones is very patchy in this fire prone area.

Some residents do not have mobile telephone reception. Internet access is similarly variable.

Some have good, fast broadband access, some absolutely zero.

Satellite access is overloaded and slow. Access to websites and mobile phone usage is mandatory in areas prone to fire and flood.

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Redesdale Bush Market

Redesdale Bush Market will be held at the Agnes Mudford Reserve, Kyneton Heathcote Road, Redesdale, on Sunday 8 March.

The Redesdale Hall Committee said the day would offer something of interest for all ages.

The 'Bendigo and District Band', and Bendigo entertainers 'Jordy Waldron' and his friends, will help provide a fairground atmosphere for people at the market.

Children's entertainment includes an Animal Farm, Jumping Castle, and Face Painting. The market begins at 8.30am and finishes at 2pm. Enjoy a wide selection of stalls, ranging from local produce including wine and beer tasting, olives, apples, honey, jams, chutneys, preserves, cake stall and plants,

through to clothing, fishing tackle, tools, photography, various craft items including stained glass sun-catchers, and fused glass wind chimes, crochet, wooden roses, glassware, crockery, toys, and bric a brac.

A barbecue lunch and great coffee will be available.

Why not invite your family and friends along to explore this very picturesque area in Central Victoria and make a day of it?

Bring along a picnic rug or chair, enjoy music, and take in the local surroundings.

Who knows about the weather so bring a mac and a sun hat to be sure.

Outside Stalls cost \$20.

Bookings and Enquiries: are with Alwyn on 0419 513 976 or Carolyn on 5425 3194.

'Got a light mate?' - 'sorry youngster'

None of Bendigo's 28 tobacco retailers selected in the city's latest Tobacco Test Purchasing program were found selling cigarettes to people under 18.

Manager Environmental Health and Local Laws Susannah Milne said findings from the latest round of tests were posi-

tive. She said the City undertook tobacco test purchasing on behalf of the Department of Health, which involved a person under the age of 18 attempting to purchase a tobacco product from a retailer.

"Asking the question and restricting the supply of cigarettes to minors prevents young people taking up smoking.

"City Environmental Health Officers also conduct tobacco education visits to retailers to inform them of their obligations under the Tobacco Act 1987," Ms Milne said.

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Andrew and Lisa Campbell at the building site

Kylie Munro is redesdale.net manager



From left: Stef Forbes, Kylie Munro, and Lisa Campbell.

After the tragic passing of Craig Aitken, who ran Redesdale's website, the hunt was on for a new website manager.

Kylie Munro accepted the position.

Kylie brings youth, energy, experience, and a huge amount of enthusiasm to the job.

Not only has Kylie just produced her fourth child, Callum, but with Lisa Campbell is busily organising activities for the Redesdale Rocks Festival From Thursday 29 October to Saturday

31 October this year.

It is the usual case of 'ask a busy person'.

Lisa and Kylie attended the Green Graphics office in Castlemaine for a run down from Stef Forbes on how to manage the website.

Within minutes they had added a festival page.

The Redesdale website is a great way to keep up with local events and read the Bridge Connection or the Mia Mia Messenger. Past and present editions are on the site in colour.

Kez's hideaway retreat for breast cancer sufferers

After two years of planning, the Otis house has finally begun the building process.

The slab has been poured on Andrew and Lisa Campbell's property in Redesdale. This is a purpose built luxury retreat for people and their families suffering from the horrible disease that is breast cancer.

The Otis foundation currently have a number of holiday homes with times allocated for retreat use.

Kez's hideaway will be available all year round

with potentially one hundred families staying in a twelve month period. The building will be overseen by Paul Gray, the driving force behind the project. Kez's hideaway will be built in memory of Paul's late wife Kerry who sadly passed away from breast cancer.

The Redesdale site is seen as a quiet, relaxing location with visitors able to sample the best of district dining, wineries, and events, or simply have a break and get away from it all.

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Website - <http://www.redesmiaps.vic.edu.au>

Welcome



This year Redesdale-Mia Mia Primary School begins with 20 students. We have one new prep student with us, Jayden. We also have a new Principal, Mr Joe Sebire.

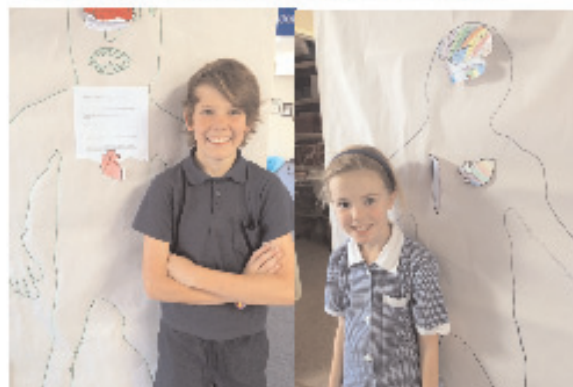
Sun Tour

We enjoyed watching the Sun Tour pass our school. We made a large poster to support the riders.



Term 1 Theme "The Human Body"

This term we are learning about the human body and we have made some clever little skeletons and have traced life-size shadows that we are marking out parts of the body each week. We are also continuing our environmental work in our Enviro Centre.



Playgroup

All families with preschool children are invited to come to Playgroup which is held every Friday morning of the school term at 10:00am at the school. Cost is \$2.00 per family. Come along and join us.

Trivia Night

Calling all quiz fans,

RaDA and Redesdale-Mia Mia Primary School are joining together this year to run a huge trivia night. Join us for a fun filled quiz night with good friends and good laughs!

Organise a table of your friends, or give Jo a call and she can organise a table for you. It is sure to be a great night with fantastic prizes, which include massage vouchers, wine, hampers, art, nights out at local establishments and much much more.

But wait there is MORE!!!!

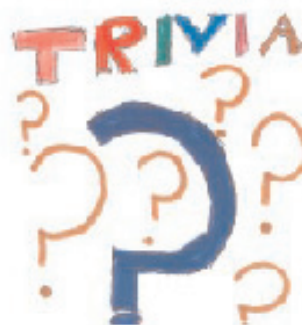
For those who have kids there will be a kids fun night with pizzas for dinner held at the School at the same time.

Trivia: \$20pp includes supper. BYO drinks.

Kids fun night: \$5 per kid or \$10 per family

Contacts: Jo Smith 0438 879 908 or joanne@mtlofty.com for bookings.

Or Joyce Bartlett at Redesdale Mia Mia Primary School on Wednesdays and Thursdays for bookings or more information. 5425 3155



Country chit chat and manners plus

There are some beautiful families in Heathcote; some living here, and some passing through.

"Excuse me, Dad," said a boy not more than 10, making his way to the soft drink cupboard, while his father paid at the counter.

"Mum, the lady wants to talk with you," called another.

We had been watching the children, so well mannered and well dressed, standing with their parents in Segafredos.

"Your children are a credit to you," I told their mother. "Thank you so much.

"The children make it all worth while," she replied. Soon we were chatting about their thousands of acres 200 Kilometres north of Hay.

We had seen an old Digger dropping off to sleep at the next table, his lapel badge identifying him.

In a while we saw him with his wife joining our favourite family at a front table.

As we were leaving we stopped to congratulate the father of the beautiful children.

"All my wife's work," he laughed modestly.

Then I congratulated the grandparents. Waving her arm around the table, she said proudly: "The credit for all of them is due to me."

Her son laughed and we ended up talking of kangaroos. Nothing like a close knit country family.

Conversation is the 'spice of life'

With Louise Joy

Heathcote is full of lively laughing conversations.

A group of men meet regularly outside Segafredos interspersing their meat pies with conversation, local and perhaps one suspects sometimes ribald.

Groups of women are generally inside full of liveliness in their conversations over cream cakes and coffee.

Even those on their own are waving in conversation to the next table.

As this is the 21st century, there are tables of people not talking with each other, but busy with their heads down texting messages, today's version of conversation.

On ABC I am responsive to the conversational style of announcers conversing with me on a Brahms Symphony while my mate is conversing with the television presenta-

tion of David Attenborough, who is in deep conversation with the other mammals.

All the walkers with their little or large dogs can be sure they will be stopped in their tracks for a talk with their dogs.

Groups of walkers are in conversation, but those on their own striding to beat their own records, or so it seems, and keep their weight down, have no truck with conversation.

On Tuesday and Thursday mornings at Vivienne Dunlop Arnott's Aqua Aerobics

classes in the Heathcote pool, so beautifully situated among the gum trees, figures can be seen in the water bobbing up and down as they engage in spirited conversation before the hard work of Vivienne's: "Now move it," starts.

If conversation is the spice of life, then Heathcote is very spicy indeed.

The CFA has asked people to check for fire hazards

Church services

Catholic Church.

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

Uniting Church.

First Sunday.

Barfold.

Second Sunday.

Metcalf.

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Louise Smith's prize art collection on show and sale

Noted art consultant, Louise Smith, of Castlemaine will present a powerful collection of 60 works covering 25 years of her personal and family collection, in her historic 1860 home, 'Houghton Park'. The collection includes works by Olsen, Friend, Pugh, Boyd, plus other

leading Australian artists, potters, and sculptors.

Louise is recognised as one of Australia's leading fine art consultants and has more than 36 years experience in Australian fine art. She worked with private collectors, Holmes a Court, VW Tait, Besen, Durack, and Rodney Davidson of

the National Trust, art investors, institutions, and corporates.

Louise advised them in the area of modern and contemporary Australian, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island art, paintings, prints, ceramics, and sculpture.

Louise comes from the long established art family of MacRae and Smith whose legacy spans five generations and has provided her with a rich history of the Australian art market.

Her life experience provided her with a cultural and aesthetic engagement with the works of many leading Australian artists.

This prestigious collection will be exhibited for sale from Sunday 8 to Sunday

22 March in her 'home' gallery at 43 Odgers Road Castlemaine. Her superb property, 'Houghton Park' presents an insight into the aesthetic Louise developed as a participant in the Australian art world.

Louise Smith has a degree in Arts and Business Administration.

She was a director of Greenhill Galleries - Adelaide and Perth, and director of BMG Art Sydney, as well as manager of Leonard Joel Art Division Melbourne.

Louise Smith is a Commonwealth Valuer under the Cultural Gifts Program in Australia and a member of the Art Consultancy Association of Australia.

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Monthly activities

Book Group; Beginners Conversation French; Beginners Recorder; Chair Based Exercises; Current Affairs Discussion Group; Garden Club; History Group; Lunch Club; Music Appreciation; Science and Technology; Theatre Group; Walk and Talk.

Monthly Coffee Mornings are held at a local Café or at the Guide Hall if we have a Guest Speaker

The U3A newsletter is available at the council offices, or the Library.

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Founders Berni and Brett Campbell.

International Women's Day celebrates 'women in emergency services'

International Women's Day, Sunday 8 March, will be celebrated with a special afternoon tea at 2pm in Bendigo for women across the North West Region who work or volunteer for emergency services.

The theme is 'Staying Safe – Making it Happen' and the free event at Lake Weeroona, 2pm on Sunday 8 March, brings the whole community together to recognise the important role women play in keeping our communities safe. Special guests include the Minister for Emergency Services, Jane Garret, Emergency Services Com-

missioner Craig Lapsley, and Barfold resident Professor Elaine Murphy.

Professor Murphy is a serving CFA volunteer and Black Saturday survivor. Her property and livestock were significantly impacted in the 2009 fires.

Elaine was also a member of the Redesdale Community Recovery Committee, set up to support post-fire recovery. For further information or if you would like to book a seat on the bus please contact CFA Brigade Sustainability Coordinator Beth Taylor on 0428 271 052 or email beth.taylor@cfa.vic.gov.au

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Oh what a feeling!

Redesdale Bridge turns 147



A party on the Redesdale Bridge

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(iv) Walking and Riding trails.

Economic, health, and social benefits would result from developing a walking and cycle trail linking Kyneton, Redesdale, and Bendigo, including links to existing trails such as Axedale and Heathcote.

A project to mount a feasibility study is required.

Economic benefits would include bringing tourist groups through the area and health and social benefits are obvious.

(v) Roads.

Roads feeding into and out of the Redesdale area are in poor condition.

They suffer because of the heavy haulage trucks constantly passing through.

One area of concern is between the roundabout at Lyell Road and Bendigo. There is a stretch of road here on which a 60 kmh speed limit has been imposed for approximately 400 meters for 18 months.

Residents feel it is completely inappropriate and should

be fixed.

It has been brought up at more than one Small Town Engagement meeting with the council.

There seems to be no good reason for this situation to persist and it sets residents up for speeding fines.

(vi) Lake Eppalock

Because most tourists travelling from Melbourne to Lake Eppalock pass through Redesdale, the lake is important socio-economically to the area.

Most residents would like better management of the levels in the lake that fluctuate according to water sold for irrigation downstream.

When the water is very low, measures should be taken to clear hazards such as dead trees which can be dangerous for holiday-makers.

It was pointed out that far from being a whinging group about our district and the facilities RADA is an enthusiastic, diverse and energetic group of people.

Sixty members of the Redesdale and District Association from a town of

300 are committed to making things happen.

For example, in 2015 the group has planned the second Redesdale Festival for November 2015, an Art Show at the Hall, The Redesdale Revellers show, a bush market, trivia night, Robbie Burns night, dinners with talks, a proposal to make a three panel quilt to be made by Mia Mia, Redesdale, and the School, to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Redesdale Bridge.

Other activities include cricket matches, a book club, a weekly raffle at the store, and Redesdale's first path, between the school and the general store.

The new café is flourishing.

All Redesdale needs now is the hotel to reopen!

RADA is hopeful Steph Ryan can be part of Redesdale and District's journey over the next few years. The committee expressed gratitude that she has already agreed to open the Art Show on Friday 30 October.

Redesdale's iconic Bridge turned 147 on Friday 23 January 2015.

Residents celebrated the 'community' birthday with a get together, drinks, and nibbles.

The day was hot, but a road accident meant one side of the bridge was blocked off and party goers were able to celebrate on the structure.

Informal discussions evoked numerous suggestions for a 150th birthday function in 2018.

One hundred and forty seven years ago, a ball was held on the bridge after the naming ceremony, but it is very unlikely the whole bridge could be used in 2018. As the date approaches, a group will be formed to organise the celebrations.

Put Saturday 23 January 2016 in your diary for the 148th birthday party.

Hopefully beside the bridge because by then the bridge will have been mended?

Path for Redesdale

Redesdale now has its first pedestrian pathway.

Residents have for many years been asking for a path between the school and the General Store, but to no avail. After representation by councillors, particularly Cr Rod Campbell, the Bendigo council allocated funds for the path. The light sand-coloured, crushed road-base is easy on the eye and now pedestrians, and especially those with prams and pushers, will be able to walk more safely between the two spots.

Heed the risks in self managed super funds

By Cara Hall

Self managed superannuation funds (SMSF) play a great part in retirement for many people as well as great risk.

Complications may arise upon death of a member or loss of capacity.

The trustee is responsible for administering the fund, if the member did not make a binding death benefit nomination (BDBN), the decision on how to pay death benefit is generally left to the trustee's discretion.

In the case of a 'mum and dad' fund, the remaining spouse is left to run the fund. They will have discretion as to how to manage the fund and pay out any death benefit.

In most cases this is acceptable although members should be aware of this discretion and take appropriate action if they would like to ensure direction of their superannuation benefits and who has control in the event of loss of capacity or death.

If you have a corporate trustee as the trustee of your SMSF, you may wish to have a trusted person 'stand in

your shoes' as your successor director.

To do this requires planning in advance and amongst other things, the following matters need to be considered:

- Is a successor director appropriate and who would it be?
 - Does the constitution of the corporate trustee allow for successor directors at all?
 - Consider whether your will and enduring power of attorney ('EPoA') nominates the appropriate person you want to stand in your shoes?
 - Ensure to examine the voting and decision provisions of the relevant SMSF deed and constitution.
 - The constitution of a corporate trustee is the first port of call in the decision making and not what is in the SMSF deed even though many deeds seek to cover this.
- In most constitutions, directors usually have an equal vote regardless of the number of shares they hold or their account balance in the fund.

This is important as the constitution and/or the SMSF deed may need amending if it is not appropriate for your personal situation.

There are numerous advantages for using a corporate trustee compared to individuals as trustees although a well-designed SMSF deed is also required.

In many SMSF deeds, the majority of members 'hire

and fire' the trustee.

Under this type of deed, the trustee company could be removed by the majority of members, leaving your successor no entitlement to involvement in the future of your SMSF decision making. It is crucial that SMSF members and trustees have full understanding of who will have control of each members account balance upon death or loss of capacity.

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Beyond Blue chief to speak at CWA conference

Chairperson of Beyond Blue, Jeff Kennett, will be keynote speaker at the Country Women's Association (CWA) Victorian State Conference at Bendigo. The conference will be held from Wednesday 27 to Saturday 30 May. Delegates will discuss social issues around mental health and suicide prevention. Also, agricultural and environmental issues, including the impact of bushfires. More than 800 women and many partners are expected to attend the seminar.

Injured wildlife number

People in the district who find injured wildlife are asked to ring the Macedon Ranges number.
0476 158 080.

A Great Night outfor you and the kids!!!

Once again our Trivia Night is on.

Joint Kids and Adults Trivia Night

Drop the kids off at the Redesdale Mia Mia Primary

School. **5.30pm.** Pizza/Movie Night and their own

Trivia Quiz run by qualified teachers and carers.

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And then.....head over to the Hall where you can
enjoy your own evening with friends and family.

Date: Saturday March 21st

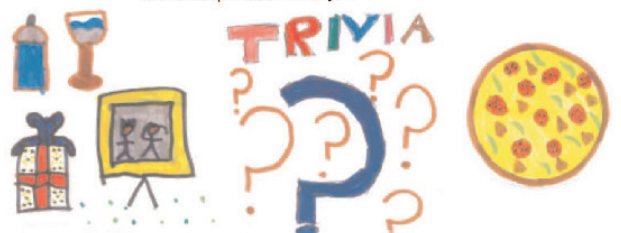
Time: 6.00pm

Venue: Redesdale Hall

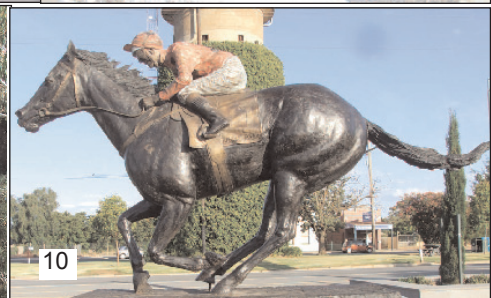
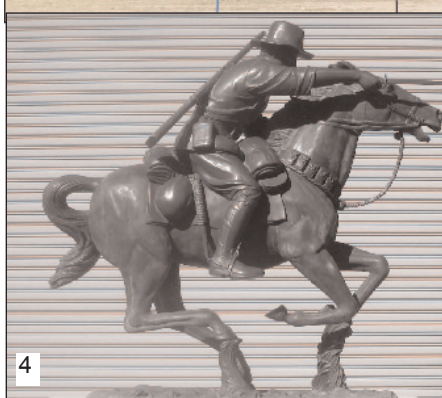
Book a table of 8 or we can find you a table to join.

\$20 per person, includes supper.

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Limited spaces so hurry!!!



Do you know where these district icons are?



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Win a \$50 shopping voucher

Win a \$50 shopping voucher of your choice by naming the sites these district icons are situated.

All icons are within 75 kilometres of Redesdale. The winner will be the entry with the most correct names.

In the event of more than one correct answer the winner will be selected by ballot.

Please send replies by email to:-
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Closing date:-
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 High and Forest Streets.
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 Kyneton Farmers' Market - Saturday 28 March
 Saturday 14 March
 St Pauls Park, Piper Street.
 Veronica Manifold 5422 1025.
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Specified associations are the Redesdale and Mia Mia School Committee, Redesdale Hall Committee, and the Recreation Reserve Management Com-

mittee. Cost of hire to residents for private functions is a \$50 bond, repaid when roaster is returned cleaned with a full bottle of gas, plus \$75 for RADA committee members; and \$100 for non members.

Further information is available from RADA assets man-

ager Ronn Taylor on 0429 336 763; or yalookaridge@gmail.com or RADA vice president Les Pocock at lapocock2@gmail.com

Butterflies and moths

"Who does not love butterflies?" is the question ecologist, Julie Whitfield, poses before she enumerates all the other reasons that we should value butterflies. Among them, pollination services they provide; being part of the food chain for birds, some other insects, frogs; and simply being beautiful.

Julie will speak at the first Baynton Sidonia Landcare group seminar for 2015 on Sunday 29 March from 1.30pm to 4pm at the Baynton Hall, Darlington Road, Baynton.

Julie's illustrated talk will start with an exploration of the differences between moths and butterflies. Contact Clare on 5423 4152.

Malmsbury to launch 'A History of Green Hill'

Malmsbury Historical Society will launch 'A History of Green Hill' by Ken James and Noel Davis at the Malmsbury Mechanics Institute at 2pm on Sunday 26 April.

The book is thermal bound, 340 pages, made up of 22 chapters, appendices, surname index, and lots of photographs, stories, and local colour.

Cost of the book is \$30, plus \$14 posted.

Copies will be available for sale at the launch.

Why not pre-order and pre-pay to ensure you get a copy because numbers are limited.

Pre-purchased copies can be picked up at the launch.

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RSVP is to: -malmsbury-historical@gmail.com or to Sue Walter on 5423 9383 by Friday 17 April.

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International Women's Day morning tea. at Axedale Tavern. Bookings 5443 0233.

Sunday 8 March.

Redesdale Bush Market. Stalls 0419 513 976 or 5425 3194.

Sunday 8 March.

International Women's Day afternoon tea. 2pm Bendigo. Bookings 0428 271 052.

Sunday 15 March.

Carlton versus Collingwood NAB Cup Challenge game. 4.40pm at QEO Bendigo.

Sunday 15 March.

Kyneton Aquathon. Details 5422 0333.

Friday 20 March.

Spanish Festival Heathcote.

Saturday 21 March.

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Redesdale Mia Mia trivia night.

Redesdale Hall. 6pm. Bookings 0438 879 908.

Sunday 22 March.

Spanish Festival Heathcote.

Saturday 28 March.

Rod Stewart Concert at Hanging Rock.

Sunday 29 March.

Baynton Sidonia Landcare seminar. Contact Clare 5423 4152

Friday 3 April. Good Friday.

Sunday 5 April.

Daylight Saving ends.

Monday 6 April. Easter Monday.

Sunday 12 April.

Gisborne Aquathon. Details 5422 0333.

Saturday 18 April.

Australian DrillDance championships.
Bendigo Sports Centre.

Sunday 19 April.

Australian DrillDance championships.
Bendigo Sports Centre.

Wednesday 27 to Saturday 30 May.

State CWA conference, Bendigo.

Sunday 25 July

National Tree Week.

Wednesday 19 to Sunday 23 August.

Inaugural Bendigo International Squash Championships.

September 2015 (12 days)

National Gymnastics festival - Bendigo.

October

State calisthenics championships - Bendigo

Editorial

Take a bow

Redesdale and District Association members can rightfully, as 2015 gets underway, take a collective bow.

Things are happening in Redesdale and Mia Mia, and as RADA settles into action driven by a well thought out community plan more is to come. This is a plan largely supported by the City of Greater Bendigo and obviously a large section of the community, albeit a small community. Functions such as festivals and art shows, even opera (well established), and birthday celebrations for the the now fairly famous Redesdale Bridge, a cricket challenge match that might grow to something much more interesting, bring communities together and there is their strength.

Tuesday 6 October.

Elmore Field Day.

Wednesday 7 October.

Elmore Field Day.

Thursday 8 October.

Elmore Field Day.

Saturday 10 October.

Victorian Netball State Titles - Bendigo.

Sunday 11 October.

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Thursday 29 October

to Saturday 31 October.

Redesdale Rocks Festival.

Friday 30 October.

Redesdale Art Show.

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More feral cats mean less native birds



Dumped in Wombat State Forest

Macedon Ranges Council has asked cat owners to desex, microchip, and register cats they own to help curb the number of unwanted litters and roaming cats. Council officers responded to a report of a dumped cat

and kittens in January this year and found a tame, unidentified mother cat with five kittens, abandoned in a sealed cardboard box.

The cat and kittens are being raised by volunteer foster carers at a council cat shelter until they are old enough to be available for adoption.

Council Manager of Community Safety Anne-Louise Lindner, said 90 per cent of cat owners elected to desex

their pets, but the remaining 10 per cent created a stray cat population problem.

"This can grow at a rate of 50 per cent a year.

"Desexing cats is the only way to prevent them from producing repeated litters of unwanted kittens.

"If your cat has already produced unwanted kittens, the kindest thing to do is surrender them to council or another animal welfare agency.

"They receive a vet health check, are desexed, microchipped, vaccinated, and wormed, giving them a chance of being placed with families," she said.

People found responsible for abandoning animals face fines of more than \$70,000 or up to two years imprisonment.

For enquiries to the animal shelter or to volunteer as a cat carer, contact the Local Laws Unit on 5422 0333.

CFA Alerts

ADVICE

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

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

WATCH AND ACT

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

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

EMERGENCY WARNING

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

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Redesdale Hall Bush Market

Bookings are open
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Redesdale Rural Cafe is the place for a real country cuppa

Redesdale Rural Cafe is located in the original building from which a butcher, baker, post office, and general store, provided produce and services to the early gold rush population in the district.

Proprietors Elizabeth and Shane provide great coffee and home cooked food in a friendly atmosphere.

Dining can be alfresco complemented by country views, in house, or take-away.

Open hours are 8am to

6pm. The Rural Cafe is a great spot for a breather and provides a chance to enjoy the ambience and history of Central Victoria.

Renowned Australian landscape artist Ray Ellis is in residence and always happy to discuss his work.

Patrons could be lucky enough to enjoy his other talent if he gets his guitar out for a spell of country blues.

Budding entertainers could also enjoy the opportunity of sharing the microphone with Ray.

Phone 5425 3271.



Hosts Elizabeth and Shane

Visitor Guide

The 2015 Heathcote and Bendigo Visitor Guide featuring nearly 200 tourism businesses is available from the Bendigo and Heathcote Visitor Centres.

The guide will also be distributed to other visitor centres in Victoria, Melbourne Airport, Federation Square, and major events.

Redesdale Hall activities

Sunday 8 March.
Redesdale Bush Market.
Sunday 12 April.
Afternoon tea dance.

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Sideshow no show for Bendigo Easter Festival

The fairground carnival at Tom Flood Sports Centre will not be part of this year's Bendigo Easter Festival.

Bendigo Easter Festival Advisory Board Chair Cr Rod Fyffe said while he was disappointed, the BEF could no longer continue to subsidise the Victorian Showmen's Guild commercial operation. "This year the BEF increased the fees payable by the Showmen's Guild by approximately \$4000 to recoup actual costs to the festival of staging the carnival.

"The BEF was not trying to profit from the increase.

"We just wanted the guild to cover the actual logistical costs at Tom Flood, such as power, security, fencing, generators, electrical services, waste management, and site management.

"After long discussions the

Showmen's Guild said it was no longer viable for its operators to continue coming to Bendigo at Easter because of declining patronage."

Cr Fyffe said the Bendigo Easter Festival was growing in numbers and parade attendances remained strong.

He said the number of people visiting the carnival, however, declined over the years.

"Like most things change is inevitable and the BEF has over the past 140 years been an evolving festival.

"In 2009 the carnival was moved to the Tom Flood Sports Centre from the central business district due to safety and other concerns.

"There has also been many other changes to the festival over the years and it still remains as popular as ever.

"The festival now features many more affordable low or

no cost family friendly activities, including more music and entertainment, hands on interactive activities, displays and markets, centred around the picturesque Rosalind Park and Chinese Precinct.

"There is still the traditional torchlight and gala parades and the wonderful activities and displays provided by the Bendigo Chinese Association, which really epitomise Easter in Bendigo.

"While it will be sad to see

the end of the carnival component the BEF will now look at introducing some alternative activities to entertain youth.

"So watch this space," he said.

The Bendigo Easter Festival is funded by Bendigo Council along with cash contributions from sponsorship arrangements with Hazelton, Bendigo Bank, Bendigo Easter Fair Society, Bendigo District RSL, and Bendigo Advertiser.

Last chance for say on urban sprawl

Bendigo Mayor Peter Cox wants people to have more say on a planned strategy to prevent urban sprawl.

He said considerable community engagement had taken place, but the plan was entering its formal statutory exhibition phase.

"Council's aim is to halt urban sprawl by facilitating up to 15 years of residential development within existing urban growth boundaries," Cr Cox said.

"If landowners, residents, community groups and other interested parties want to have their say on this impor-

tant plan for their city, then I encourage them to do so in writing before the formal exhibition period closes on Friday 20 March."

Written submissions should be sent to the City of Greater Bendigo, PO Box 733, Bendigo 3552 or emailed to strategyunit@bendigo.vic.gov.au Further information is available from Andrew Cockerall on 5434 6292 or via email to:-

a.cockerall@bendigo.vic.gov.au. Copies of the strategy can be downloaded at www.bendigo.vic.gov.au/residentialstrategy

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