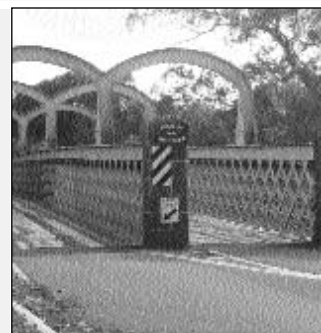


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Heavenly power lights up Redesdale



Installing solar cells on the Redesdale Hall.

Click Control from Bendigo were finally able to install solar panels on the Redesdale Hall on Tuesday 5 August after weather delays. The five kilowatt system is feeding electricity into the grid.

For the first time, the committee will be looking forward to the next power bill. Redesdale Hall is the hub of

local activity and is used for every major meeting and event. It is also used during fire fighting in the area and in the last fire season, the Redesdale Hall Committee provided hundreds of meals for fire fighters.

The hall electricity also provides power to pumps for two large external water tanks and the public toilets.

Increased electricity and insurance costs, the latter, over which the committee has no control, were the stimuli for instigating the solar project. This initiative reinforces the clean power environmental message, which the students have been learning in the Redesdale - Mia Mia Primary School. Strong letters of support

were received from the school, CFA, and the Redesdale Recreation Committee, in a great example of working together when an application was made to the Strathfieldsaye and District Community Enterprise (SDCE) for a grant to assist with installing solar power. SDCE provided a welcome \$2500 towards the project.

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Fines doubled for leaving children in cars

People who leave children unattended in cars will face up to six months jail, with fines increased from \$2214 to \$3690.

Ambulance Victoria is called to more than 1000 cases a year of children left unattended in cars.

Children and Early Childhood Development Minister Wendy Lovell said: "Despite a No Exceptions No Excuses awareness campaign with Kidsafe Victoria earlier this year, a significant number of parents still left children unattended.

"This is especially relevant ahead of months with extreme weather.

"Leaving a child in a hot car, even for a few moments, can have devastating results."

Ms Lovell said parents could lose track of time while shopping or unloading their car, or don't want to wake their child while they are

sleeping in the back seat.

"Whatever the reason, there are no excuses for leaving a child unattended," Ms Lovell said.

Ms Lovell said Ambulance Victoria found 29 degree days generated 44 degrees in 10 minutes and 60 degrees within 20 minutes in a locked car.

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Bendigo to look at sister city relationship with Haimen in Jiangsu Province, China.

Bendigo Council will send a delegation to China next month to investigate forming a Sister City relationship with the city of Haimen in Jiangsu Province.

Bendigo Mayor Barry Lyons, and Bendigo chief executive Craig Niemann will join the delegation.

Cr Lyons said such a relationship could deliver tangible benefits for the Greater Bendigo region.

"With a population of more than one million people, in one of the wealthiest provinces in China, Haimen presents Greater Bendigo with various economic development opportunities," Cr Lyons said.

"The delegation will enable us to determine what benefits will flow for our community if we proceed with

this relationship and assess a willingness of all parties to ensure it bears fruit for everyone involved," Cr Lyons said.

He said benefits arising from a Sister City relationship with Haimen could include growing business opportunities, including new markets for Bendigo produce; increasing the proportion of Chinese tourism to Bendigo; expanding already successful school exchange programs to include more education providers in Greater Bendigo; developing an active arts and cultural exchange program that might involve participation in the Bendigo Easter Festival; exhibition exchanges with the Bendigo Chinese Museum and classes in martial arts and Chinese music.

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Community support for Redesdale Revellers

Redesdale Revellers attracted more than 400 patrons to its five night 2014 season.

This was the group's twenty sixth season presented in the Redesdale Hall.

Audiences enjoyed a three course meal prepared and served by members of the Redesdale Hall Committee and their helpers.

Kyneton identity Arnold Jenkins led the cast.

Performers were John Barker, Phyllis Barling, Wilma Brentnall, Pip Elston, Val Ford, Dorothea Kriewaldt, Dennis Perry, Leigh-Anne Rogers, and Nicola Turner, with accompanist Mary Potton.

Songs, music, and comedy sketches delighted the audiences.

Many patrons are regulars who look forward to returning annually for this entertaining show.

Redesdale Hall Committee member, Dorothea Kriewaldt, also a cast member, was commended for her support and work for The Redesdale Revellers presentations.

Dorothea worked tirelessly before, during, and after the shows.

She worked behind the scenes, organised bookings, and helped with cooking.

Another cast member, Val Ford, helped Dorothea with



Front row. From left: Leigh - Anne Rogers, Dorothea Kriewaldt, and Wilma Brentnall; Back row: Val Ford, and Nicola Turner.

bookings and cooking.

The Redesdale Hall Committee expressed thanks to the Revellers for ongoing support, which helped financially with improvements and maintenance to the hall.

The committee also thanked people who volunteered time in various ways.

Seniors Week program

The free Victorian Seniors Festival's 128 page program is available at all Coles stores, libraries, council offices, neighbourhood and community houses, and University of the Third Age premises.

For more information on the

festival call Seniors Information Victoria on 1300 135 090 or visit Seniors Online at:-

www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au

The Seniors Festival will be held from Sunday 5 to Sunday 12 October.

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Mitchell Thompson

We are very pleased to have former student Mitchell Thompson working with us at Redesdale Mia Mia P.S. Mitchell who was a student here from grade prep to six, graduating in 2002, is currently doing teaching rounds with us. Mitchell attends La Trobe University where is undertaking a Dip. Ed after studying Archaeology. It has been delightful to listen to Mitchell's stories about his childhood days here and wonderful for the children to see one of our students going on to be a teacher.



Polly Woodside and Aquarium



Kids Teaching Kids

Redesdale Mia Mia P.S. is hosting a kids teaching Kids event on September 11th. On this day our students will teach students from Langley, Elphinstone and Taradale about our Envirocentre. Students will learn about ponding, water testing, recycling and composting rubbish, planting trees and creating a drainage system. The latest area of our Envirocentre to be built is a desert and the children will be laying drainage in this area.

The students will also serve a lunch of quiche, made from eggs laid by our chickens. This will be followed by fruit and cake for dessert.

If you are free on this day pop in and see all of the action!



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To find out more about Kids Teaching Kids visit www.kidsteachingkids.com.au



Term 3 Theme ~ "Ocean"

Fitness fun at Buffalo Sports Centre

Buffalo Sports Stadium, Woodend, and Macedon Community Centre have a range of exercise classes to help get people back in shape for summer and to keep children active.

Both centres are managed and funded by Macedon Ranges Shire Council.

The intensive one hour indoor bootcamp program in Term three runs on Monday and Fridays from 9.30am - 10.30am.

Kindergym is one way to keep youngsters active during cooler months.

There is soft equipment for the children to climb over and tumble on, tunnels to

crawl through, hoops, and more.

Strength for Health is a popular progressive strength training program designed specifically for older adults. Classes are held indoors in a heated room.

Class times are Tuesday 1pm - 2pm and Friday 9.30am - 10.30am.

The mixed volleyball competition and ladies netball competitions have started.

Registrations are available as a team or individual.

The centre needs one more team for ladies netball competition and has a vacancy for another volleyball team.

Come along on a Thursday night and watch the volleyball teams in action.

Macedon Ranges Basketball Association is calling for registrations for its summer season at the Buffalo Sports Stadium to run during Term four and Term one.

Further information is available on 5427 3411 or email buffalo@mrsc.vic.gov.au

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Annual
Meeting
Redesdale Hall
4.30pm on
Monday 6 October.
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Extensive consultation on a best plan for little children

Bendigo Council has begun consultations with families, children, professionals, and community, toward development of an Early Years Plan.

The plan will provide a strategic direction to improve outcomes for children aged zero to eight.

Consultation will help form community partnerships and assist in developing a vision for the plan.

A range of consultations will be undertaken with schools, early education services, playgroups and other services and activities, where families and children attend.

Public consultations will be held throughout the city, including markets and shopping centres where children will be asked their favourite place, community events, safety, and to draw their 'dream' Bendigo.

Families will be consulted on health, safety, and activi-

ties for families as well as what would make Greater Bendigo 'a greater place to live'.

Professionals who work with young children and families will also have their say, discussing whether they feel families they work with have access to services, costs involved, and the opportunities families have to meet other families.

Surveys are available at:-
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WQ9585Z>

Family / Community Survey:-

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WXV282T>

Provider's Survey:-
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Hard copies can also be requested by contacting Angela Harper on 5434 6481.

For public consultation dates please see diary dates on page 13.

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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.

Current affairs discussion group. Second Monday. 1.30pm. Convenor Win Jeavons. 5433 2887.

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 5433 2925

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

First Friday. Coffee Morning. Guide Hall. Organiser Stephanie Bastock 5443 3649.

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.

Docklands on show for Victorian Seniors Festival

Senior Victorians will be invited to explore Docklands when the harbourside community is showcased for the first time during the 2014 Victorian Seniors Festival.

Minister for Ageing David Davis said the Victorian Seniors Festival, now in its 32nd year, celebrated the contribution of older people to Victoria, with more than 1500 events planned around the state during October.

“We encourage as many older Victorians as possible to get out and about at festival time, and enjoy the rich array of cultural, social, learning and active living events available.

“Docklands will become a hive of activity for seniors, with traders offering discounts and special events across the precinct, including a free ferry ride on Victoria harbour,” he said.

Events at Docklands include a short ferry tour of Victoria Harbour departing every half hour, Mission to Seafarers tour of the historic mission, an art show, and morning tea.

Free for Seniors Card holders; Wonderland Fun Park Grandparents Day on Sunday 5 and 12 October.

Grandparents can take rides free with children; Spiegelent spectacular jazz festival, featuring Pearly Shells and other jazz artists on Friday 10 October.

Mr Davis said the Docklands Age Friendly Partners Program was an exciting new three way partnership between the Melbourne City Council, the Docklands Chamber of Commerce, and the Victorian Seniors Card Program to make the Docklands precinct more age friendly.

“This program will promote Docklands as an age-friendly shopping environment, where older people enjoy better customer service, improved facilities, and access to a wide range of Seniors Card discounts from local businesses,” the minister said.

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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.

Council wants to cut waste with improved recycling

Bin collection services are well used, extension of recycling services to rural areas in Macedon Shire, and introduction of green bins, have been well received.

These points were found in a survey, and review, of the shire's 2007 Waste Management Strategy.

Waste going to landfill from the shire is higher than it should be for the population and services provided.

There is also a high amount of potentially valuable materials being sent to landfill that could instead be recovered for recycling.

A high level of contamination by wrong things going

in bins, was also identified.

This means bins containing recyclable materials or garden waste, plus contamination, could not be accepted for processing, further contributing to landfill and the cost of services.

The aim of the new Waste Management Strategy will be to reduce the amount of waste generated, and to increase the proportion of materials recovered for reuse or recycling.

The draft strategy will be available later in the year for public comment.

Further information is available at:- mrsc.vic.gov.au/waste - or call 5421 9660.

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Redesdale Revellers in action



on the boards for season 2014



Page 8. Top. From left: Arnold Jenkins, Phyllis Barling, Dorothea Kriewaldt, Wilma Brentnall, Pip Elston, Nicola Turner, Val Ford, Leigh-Anne Rogers, and Dennis Perry.

Second row, left: John Barker, Phyllis Barling, Val Ford, Dorothea Kriewaldt, Arnold Jenkins, Centre. John Barker. **Right:** Arnold Jenkins, Dennis Perry, and Pip Elston.

Third Row. Leigh-Anne Rogers, John Barker, Dorothea Kriewaldt, and Phyllis Barling.

Right. Seated: Dorothea Kriewaldt, John Barker, Arnold Jenkins. **Standing:** Wilma Brentnall.

Fourth row. Dennis Perry, and Nicola Turner.

Right: Wilma Brentnall, Nicola Turner, Leigh-Anne Rogers, Val Ford, and Dorothea Kriewaldt.

Page 9. Top. Left row: Pip Elston, Wilma Brentnall, Dorothea Kriewaldt, John Barker, Val Ford, Arnold Jenkins, Dennis Perry, Nicola Turner, and Phyllis Barling.

Right side. Val Ford, Nicola Turner, Dorothea

Kriewaldt, and Wilma Brentnall. **Centre:** Dennis Perry. **Right:** Pip Elston, Nicola Turner, Wilma Brentnall, and Leigh-Anne Rogers.



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Macedon farmers' markets



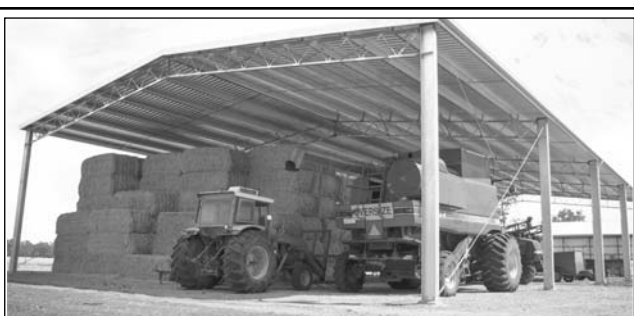
Left: Redesdale walnut grower, Mark Jankelson, explains all about walnuts to Alice and Lilly Bromley of Romsey.

Right: Fiona Buchan with the Wildings line of goodies produced by her and friends, with a jar of beetroot relish.



Right centre: Cuddly, cosy, and comfortable. Margaret Fry of Stepping Stone Romney Stud, Seymour, with a beany made by Margaret from sheep on the property.

Right below: Connie Gaucie was all smiles when coordinator Meg Hannes called around the stalls.



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Above: A country farmers' market. Left: Sarah Wilkinson was at the market promoting her CD 'Sarah Wilkinson'. Sarah's contact is on Facebook 0431 711 953.



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Anglican Church volunteers John Stevenson, and Katherine Wilson, were kept busy all day, ensuring everyone had something tasty to eat.

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Bendigo Hospital cancer bunker completed

Bendigo's new world class integrated cancer centre is a step closer with the completion of the cancer bunker structures in the \$630 million Bendigo Hospital project.

This is one year after the hospital project began on ground.

Health Minister David Davis said the Victorian Coalition Government was delivering on its \$630 million commitment to build a bigger and better hospital in Bendigo.

Mr Davis inspected the site on Friday 22 August.

He said the visit marked completion of the concrete bunker shell designed to house radiotherapy equipment for Bendigo's new

Integrated Cancer Centre.

Northern Victoria Region MP Wendy Lovell said the new Bendigo Integrated Cancer Centre would ensure local cancer patients could access the best possible care closer to home, reducing the need to travel to Melbourne.

"The centre will include 22 treatment chairs for patients and cutting edge equipment including new linear accelerators and a CT scanner," Ms Lovell said.

Mr Davis said each chair would be connected to a range of interactive technology.

"While being treated, patients will be able to connect to the internet - so they can get the weekly shop done,

stay in touch with family and friends, or learn more about the best ways to recover from their cancer experience.

"Chairs will also be fitted with entertainment, helping patients relax as much as possible while receiving

treatment," he said.

Four levels of the new Bendigo Hospital are now being built simultaneously and around 42,000 square metres of concrete have been poured.

There are 270 workers on site.

Money to stop family violence across diverse cultures

A new Government initiative will assist culturally and linguistically diverse communities to raise awareness of the harm caused by violence against women and children.

Community Services Minister Mary Wooldridge said expressions of interest were open.

Ms Wooldridge encouraged agencies to submit plans for prevention programs specific to the needs of a culturally and linguistically diverse community (CALD).

"This project, led by The National Foundation to Prevent Violence Against Women and Children, builds the capacity of CALD communities to undertake family violence prevention, which delivers a message saying violence against women and children is never okay.

"There are many inhibitors to speaking up about violence in culturally diverse communities.

"We are seeking to empower community members to speak out," Ms Wooldridge said.

Expressions of interest are invited from agencies with a strong history of working with CALD communities

and the ongoing infrastructure to support sustainability of the work beyond the life of the project.

"We know that sometimes a one-size-fits-all approach doesn't work. We are seeking to develop innovative approaches that work for specific cultural communities in a way that best benefits them," Ms Wooldridge said.

Expressions of interest close on 22 September 2014.

Further information is available at:- www.preventviolence.org.au

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.

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Friday 5 September.

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Friday 5 September.

Kyneton Antique Fair.

Saturday 6 September.

Kyneton Antique Fair.

Saturday 6 September.

Growing seasonal produce with Vasili Maresi. Gisborne. Details 9218 5455.

Saturday 6 September.

Early Years Plan consultation.

At Longlea Ride for Dad event. Angela Harper 5434 6481.

Sunday 7 September.

Kyneton Antique Fair.

Saturday 13 September.

Early Years Plan consultation.

Bendigo Farmers Market. Angela Harper 5434 6481.

Saturday 20 September.

Early Years Plan consultation.

Gravel Hill Market. Angela Harper 5434 6481.

Tuesday 23 September and

Wednesday 24 September.

Early Years Plan consultation.

Bendigo Market Place.

Angela Harper 5434 6481

Monday 29 September.

Early Years Plan consultation.

Hargreaves Mall Bendigo.

Angela Harper 5434 6481.

Sunday 5 October.

Early Years Plan consultation.

Bendigo Showgrounds Market.

Angela Harper 5434 6481

Sunday 5 October to Sunday 12 October.

Seniors Week celebrations.

Tuesday 7 and Wednesday 8 October.

Prevention of violence conference. All Seasons Motel, Bendigo.

Thursday 9 October.

Early Years Plan consultation.

Mobile consultation in Heathcote and Raywood. Angela Harper 5434 6481.

Saturday 11 October.

Mia Mia Twilight Opera. 6pm.

Bookings www.trybooking.com.

Sunday 12 October

Mia Mia Twilight Opera. Matinee 2pm.

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Editorial

Cooking children in cars is not on

It won't happen to me. So thought at least 1000 parents in Victoria during last year. This figure represents only those children left in cars and attended by Ambulance Victoria. See page two. Many more went unreported. Despite the enormous cost in promoting a no exceptions no excuses campaign, uncaring parents still leave their children in cars and go off shopping. A writer could be safe to say at least five children a day in Victoria are sitting in a car alone, subject to heat stroke, bitter cold, and or abuse by a stranger, plus stress caused by isolation in a strange place.

Friday 17 October.

Redesdale and District Association barbecue.

Thursday 30 October.

Mia Mia Flower Show.

Sunday 2 November.

Mia Mia Open Gardens.

Saturday 8 November.

Garden workshop. Choosing the right plant for the Macedon Ranges. Facilitator - Simon Rickard. Details 9218 5455.

Thursday 27 November.

American Thanksgiving Day.

Saturday 29 November.

Mia Mia Sheep and Dog Trials.

Sunday 30 November.

Mia Mia Sheep and Dog Trials.

2015

Saturday 28 February.

The Rock'N'Roll Eagles at Hanging Rock.

Friday 3 April. Good Friday.

Monday 6 April. Easter Monday.

Sunday 25 July

National Tree Week.

November.

Redesdale Festival.

Thursday 26 November.

American Thanksgiving Day.

Rainfall

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Dec 21.00	538.00

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June 59.5	270.00
July 61	331.00

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June 65.0	176.50
July 63.0	239.50
Aug 94.0	333.50
Sept 79.0	412.50
Oct 32.9	455.40
Nov 50.5	505.90
Dec 9.00	514.90

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Kyneton Antique Fair

The 18th consecutive year of Kyneton's Antique Fair will include an eclectic range of collectables, including antique furniture, militaria, fine chinaware, glassware, vintage clothing, jewelry, home wares, and silverware.

Opportunity will be available for dealers and collectors interested in vintage items.

The venue is Kyneton Town Hall, Mollison Street.

Admission is \$7 with no cost for children accompanied by an adult.

Opening times are 5pm to 8pm on Friday 5 September; 10 am to 5 pm on Saturday 6 September; and 10 am to 4 pm on Sunday 7 September.

Light lunches and refreshments will be provided by the Rotary Country Kitchen. The Kyneton Antique Fair, featuring vintage, is a major fundraiser for the Friends of Kyneton Museum.

All money raised aids conservation of the Kyneton Museum collection as well as assisting with development of Museum projects.

Further Details:- www.visit-macedonranges.com

Contact is with fair coordinator Hanne Juul on 0428 87 8048:-

friendsofkynetonmuseum@gmail.com

Running concurrent with the Antique Fair will be the Kyneton Museum 'Freemasonry Unlocked' exhibition exploring the history of Freemasonry.

The exhibition draws on objects from the Museum collection and Masonic lodges within the Macedon Ranges.

Refer to:-

www.mrsc.vic.gov.au

Also, at 2 pm on Sunday 7

September a 'Walk, Talk and Tea' visit to the Zetland and Kyneton Lodges will be conducted to discover some of the mystery and history of these Lodges. Refreshments will be provided at the Kyneton Museum following the walk and talk. Cost is \$10. This Friends of the Kyneton Museum project is held during the Kyneton Daffodil and Arts Festival:- www.kynetondaffodilarts.org.au

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0407 116 899.

Channel 31 garden expert to attend sustainable gardening workshop

Vasili from Channel 31's Vasili's Garden to Kitchen will be at New Gisborne for a sustainable gardening workshop on Saturday 6 September.

The workshop to be held at the Gisborne Church of Christ, Saunders Road, will cover soil preparation, composting, organic pest control, plus hints to help get your garden ready for spring.

Sponsors are the Macedon Ranges Council and Western Water.

Western Water Managing Director Neil Brennan said Vasili's approach to gardening was all about traditional food growing and preparation for a healthier lifestyle.

"We are pleased to be supporting this workshop to help encourage people to garden in a water-wise and sustainable way," he said.

Macedon Ranges Mayor Roger Jukes said this was a great opportunity for residents to learn how to grow their own produce and lessen their carbon footprint.

"Sustainable gardening is

becoming increasingly popular and for good reason because there is no fresher or more environmentally friendly produce than what you grow in your own backyard," he said.

The workshop is part of a series funded by the council and Western Water to encourage sustainable and waterwise gardening for healthy communities.

Participants can also browse information stalls and visit the new community garden being developed at the site. The 1st New Gisborne Scout Group will hold a food stall fundraiser, providing morning tea and lunch.

The workshop is open to anyone interested in learning and is free to attend.

Places are limited, and bookings can be made online at www.westernwater.com.au or by calling 9218 5455.



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New leaders meet parliamentarians

Participants in the 2014 Loddon Murray Leadership Program (LMCLP) met several key Legislative Council members of parliament in Parliament House Melbourne on Tuesday 19 August. The meeting was part of a three day visit to Melbourne to study matters on Metropolitan Communities and Urban Fringe.

Minister for Sport and Recreation, Northern Victoria MP Damien Drum (National Party); Bendigo East MP Jacinta Allan (Labor Party); and Northern Victoria MP Amanda Miller (Liberal Party) invited the participants for separate sessions to discuss matters related to Health, Employment and Education in regional Victoria.

They also shared insights on their journey and life as members of the Victorian

Parliament.

Ms Allan emphasized how important it was for community members to be opportunistic towards potential leadership roles in regional areas.

She commended the participants for taking part in the LMCLP program.

Ms Miller drew on memories from her involvement in Hanging Rock Action Group activities and said maintaining links with communities was highly important for leaders.

Bendigo delegate Paolo Riggetti said it was sometimes hard to believe politicians had normal lives, similar to most people in society. The team also received exposure to the emerging sector of social enterprises, as Daniel Flynn co-founder/ managing director of Thank-you.co shared his inspirational story.

He said if an idea was good enough, money would always find it.

Members met Carlton Football coach Mick Malthouse who spoke about his approach to leadership.



The team at Parliament House Melbourne

oach to leadership.

They also experienced Melbourne's food, culture, and community, as they joined with the Loddon Mallee Leaders for a networking dinner at Lentil-as-anything in Abbotsford Convent.

The program was supported

by Hugh DT Williamson Foundation, Macedon Ranges Council, and La Trobe University. LMCLP moves to Swan Hill next month where participants will focus on the region's economic development, tourism, law, and Justice.

Macedon Ranges markets for September

Saturday 6 September.

Woodend. Corner High and Forest Streets. 0487 744 090

Saturday 13 September.

Kyneton. St Pauls Park, Piper Street. 5422 1025.

Saturday 20 September.

Riddells Creek. Primary School. 0419 523 324.

Saturday 27 September.

Lancefield and District. High Street. 0407 860 320.

Bring your own bags, baskets and trolleys.

Friendly dogs are welcome on a leash.

Free face painting for children.

Buskers welcome.

Community survey to choose arts and entertainment

Residents can earn a chance to win lunch for two at the Hanging Rock Café, including a vehicle pass to the rock reserve, by completing a council survey on preferred events and performances.

Macedon Ranges Council is conducting the survey to gauge community preferences for the types of arts, cultural, and community events and performances.

Complete the survey online

by visiting Council's website:- mrsc.vic.gov.au/your-say. Closing date is Sunday

Redesdale Hall community activities

September.

Sunday 14.
Afternoon Tea Dance.

Sutton Grange Hall community activities

September.

Sunday 14. Historical bus tour of region.

October.

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

December.

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

Vote on Bridge name



The Redesdale Bridge

Redesdale and Mia Mia residents will soon vote their choice of a name for the iconic iron bridge over the Campaspe River on the Kyneton Heathcote Road.

This is a prelude to having a name for the bridge gazetted. One voting form will be sent to each household in the Mia Mia Redesdale district.

Permanent residents over the age of 18 are entitled to vote. Extra forms will be available at the Redesdale Post Office. This is an opportunity to officially name what is one of the districts most iconic structures.

The Redesdale Bridge has a long history, being built in 1868 and is the oldest Iron

Truss Bridge in Australia.

Its story is local folklore, with the ship carrying it catching on fire and sinking in Hobson's Bay after making the long journey from England.

Many setbacks confronted those building the bridge.

The engineer used two thirds of the original bridge, which has led to much speculation as to where the rest of the structure is located.

Most reports say it was sold for scrap metal, but some claim it is located in Keilor, Yarrowonga, or even Queen-

sland. Feedback from the community and the naming process is expected to generate promotion of the area by the City of Greater Bendigo. The Council has expressed interest in funding a story board and picnic table, near the bridge, as well as contributing to the 150th celebrations in 2018. Naming the bridge and the 150th celebrations create an ideal platform for businesses to launch advertising and promotional activities. Producers can link their goods to the Redesdale Bridge Icon.

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