



Mia Mia Messenger

Spring 2014

The Mia Mia Matinee Opera

There are a few tickets remaining for the Sunday matinee on 12th October. This issue's banner image shows the emerging opera stars who are providing this year's Mia Mia Opera performance, sponsored by the Alice Amy McDonald Scholarship Trust.

Book now at www.trybooking.com/91827.

The ticket price of \$25 includes afternoon tea at Mia Mia Hall. You will have an opportunity to meet the winner of the 2014 Travelling Scholarship. Come along and enjoy the program of 2 linked sets of arias and ensembles which highlight the beauty and power of song and the music of Handel, Mozart, Rossini, Massenet, Offenbach, Strauss, Verdi and Wagner.

The Mia Mia Flower Show

Always a special day with many regular attendees who enjoy the tradition of the Show, the skill of our local gardeners, the company of friends and neighbours, and a great lunch at Mia Mia Hall. Details about the Flower Show are on the attached Flower Show poster which provides you with all the details you need, and which you might like to forward to friends who are yet to experience a Mia Mia Flower Show. Perhaps you can display it at your workplace.

Inaugural Mia Mia Open Gardens

For many years there have been demands for Helen Bennett to open her garden and share the secrets that have led to many Flower Show awards for Bennetts over three generations. We are delighted to announce that the inaugural Mia Mia Open Gardens afternoon will be celebrated on Sunday November 2nd.

Three gardens will be open, each distinctive, and different. All are accessed from the Burke & Wills Track.

The three gardens that will be open are:

1. Rowanston on the Track at 2710 Burke & Wills Track, Glenhope, near the intersection with Watchbox Rd and Anderson's Lane. As well as its glorious garden, Rowanston has the added bonus of the Baynton Sidonia Landcare Native garden as you enter.

Sunday 2 November Gardens Open 1-4PM Afternoon tea 2.30PM to 4.30PM

2. The Bennett garden at 100 Burke & Wills Track, north of Rowanston, close to its intersection with the Heathcote-Kyneton Road. Your newsletter writer had a bit of trouble understanding the numbering on the Burke&Wills Track but there is a bit of logic to it. The Bennett property is in Mia Mia which means its numbering starts at the Heathcote-Kyneton Rd. Rowanston is in Glenhope which is in Mitchell shire so its numbering starts from Lancefield. So when you leave Rowanston at 2710 and pass 3465 don't even think about being lost. You will soon come to Bennetts at 100. Trust me!

3. Ned Upton and Howard Nathan have crafted a special garden on their hillside property that overlooks the entire Mia Mia Central Business District. This garden is at 21 Cuvier St and you get there by turning into Cuvier St just south of the Burke&Wills Track intersection with the Heathcote-Kyneton Rd. When you have admired all three gardens it's time to return to the Burke&Wills Track, turn left into Heathcote Kyneton Rd and stay left into Valley Rd and you'll be at the Mia Mia Hall where afternoon tea awaits you, for a cost of \$5.

Special Issue of Mia Mia Messenger

There will be a special issue of Mia Mia Messenger in a month or so to give you details about:

1. Ordering your copies of the Mia Mia history book and collection options.
2. Details of the cricket matches at the Mia Mia Recreation Reserve (The Flat) so you can plan some picnics and urge the Mia Mia team on to victory.
3. Details of the Mia Mia Muster at the Recreation Reserve on November 28-30.
4. Details of a guest speaker and afternoon tea at the Hall to celebrate the launch of our history book.
5. If you have any Mia Mia news you'd like to add to Mia Mia Messenger email it to miamiasocial@gmail.com.

Are you thinking of doing some tree planting? Giving paddock trees some support? Creek rehabilitation? Should you rip? What about direct seeding? Tubestock? Saltbush? Ridge line fencing and planting?

The **Baynton Sidonia Landcare Group** has arranged two **Farm Walks in Glenhope** where you can see the results of all these approaches, and marvel at the size of some very large eucalypts.

Sunday 5th October.

10AM - 1PM

Start at 765 Heathcote-Spring Plains Road at 10 AM, on the south west side of the T-intersection with Taylors Lane.

Then a walk and a BBQ lunch at 205 Taylors Lane.

Walking distance - approximately 2 kilometres over uneven and possibly (hopefully?) wet ground.

Boots are recommended

All are welcome - numbers are needed for catering.

Book with Bob Gray 5425 5537 or email rw.gray@bigpond.com

Mia Mia

The Place and its People

Our Mia Mia history book, written by the Community of Mia Mia, will be available by the end of November 2014. The book will have: a hard cover; stitching rather than glue to hold it together for many years; and 320 pages of photographic quality paper for the 170 images and 180,000 words. There are many first hand accounts, including some from the earliest overlanders and others who passed through Mia Mia. The cover has a beautiful Mia Mia sunrise captured by Deb Agnew.

The book is a great Christmas present for everyone with Mia Mia connections, both past and present, and for anyone interested in the history of districts such as Mia Mia. We already have orders: one for 10 copies, one for 5 copies, several for 4 copies, and others for 2 and 3 copies.

If you want to order copies we ask you to now place a pre-publication order. There will only be one print run. The expected pricing is shown below. All we need to know now are the number of copies you are likely to order so that we print enough copies. Email us at miamiasocial@gmail.com or call Kate on 5425 5565.

We expect to have a draft copy of the book available for viewing at the Annual Flower Show and Luncheon on October 30th and also at the Afternoon Tea that follows the Mia Mia Open Gardens on Sunday 2nd November. Details of both these events are on Page 1 of this newsletter.

We will be selling books online through www.trybooking.com in the first 2 weeks of November and will advise all Mia Mia Messenger recipients when the trybooking site is available. If you want your books posted to you, postage charges need to be added. Postage costs are absurdly high - around \$14 for a single book, and around \$20 for three books. Exact postage costs cannot be advised until we know the final weight of the printed book. To avoid postage costs you can opt to collect your books from one of a number of collection points such as a cricket match day/Mia Mia Muster day at the Mia Mia Recreation Reserve (The Flat), an afternoon tea at the Mia Mia Hall on a 'book launch' date to be advised, or the Heathcote Farmers Market on 20th December.

Actual pricing will depend on final production costs. Estimated pricing is as follows:

Pre-publication orders placed on or before 6th November

1 or 2 copies: \$40 each.

3 or more copies: \$35 each.

Post publication orders after 6th November: \$50 each.

Postage costs will be added to the total

All proceeds from sales go to the Mia Mia Mechanics' Institute..

The book's Table of Contents is a separate attachment to this email.

A few sub-headings have been left out so that the contents list fits on one page.

We received support for producing this book from the Australian Government 'Community Heritage' grant.