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Region Including Heathcote, Derrinal, Glenhope, Baynton, Sidonia,
Bafold, Langley, Sutton Grange, Elphinstone and Kyneton



Sandra Aitken hosts lunch for all her helpers at Barfold Estate cabernet grape harvest.

A GREAT AUTUMNAL EVENT

On Sunday March 29th, a beautiful day bathed in the hues of falling leaves, about 40 friends and neighbours joined Sandra Aitken at Barfold Estate to help pick the cabernet grapes. Owing to a good deal of hard work and excellent management, all the grapes were picked by 11 am which gave plenty of time to sample some of the previous year's production and to enjoy a gourmet lunch on the estate. No wonder people love this area.



The lerps are here!

Visitors to our area have been concerned that the River Red Gums seem to be dying off in large numbers, perhaps due to the drought. But no, locals realise that we have a lerp alert! The photo on the right shows a tree on the left affected by lerp and the one on the right appears to have missed the attack. Please turn to page 9 for a full report.





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Easter Hat Parade

We had our annual Easter Hat Parade before the holidays. We moved inside due to the rain. There were some wonderful creations!



Daniel and Mia's last day

Daniel, Mia and family are leaving Redesdale. Good luck at your new school! We will all miss you and your family!



Joyce going away

Our beloved business manager has taken leave for this term. Di Slater is filling in for Joyce. Enjoy your break Joyce!



Painting at school

On the holidays we added some colour to the break out space with some bright paint. Each panel was painted pink, blue or green.



Rainbow over the school!

Online learning

We have introduced online learning at the school with Reading Eggs, Mathletics and Sumdog. Students are loving getting into all of the activities.

Term 2 Theme ~ "Sustainability"

Rainfall

Mia Mia

2013	538.00
2014	
Jan 8.00.	8.00
Feb 1.00	09.00
March 51.5	60.50
April 72.5	133.00
May 77.5	21.50
June 59.5	270.00
July 61	331.00
August 7.5	338.50
Sept 52.5	391.00
Oct 23.0	414.00
Nov 38.5	452.50
Dec 5.5	458.00

2015	
Jan 55.5	55.50
Feb 30.5	86.00
March 12.00	98.00

Redesdale

2013	514.90
2014	
Jan 10.50.	10.50
Feb 1.00	11.50
March 57.00	68.50
April 85.00	153.50
May 46.50	200.00
June 72.00	272.00
July 71.50	343.50
August 3.5	347.00
Sept 67.00	414.00
Oct 22.00	434.00
Nov 42.50	476.50
Dec 18.50	495.00

2015	
Jan 76.50	76.50
Feb 28.00	104.00
March 14.30	118.30

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is available for hire.

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Editorial

Welcome to the new look Bridge Connection! Unfortunately our recent editor, Jim Mynard, has left us to fulfil his long-held dream of travelling around the north east of Australia. We are extremely grateful to him for stepping in when we were without an editor and for all the hard work he has put into our paper. Good luck on your safari, Jim!

In the mean time, until we find a permanent editor, the committee has decided to "go it alone" and so we ask for your patience while we find our feet.

You will notice that we now have colour on the front and back pages and inside the covers. We have also reverted to the larger A4 size. The printing will be done at the Kyneton Copy Centre.

We have made a conscious decision to concentrate on more local issues. We have heard that this is what our readers want. Of course, in order to do that, we will need local stories and we depend on you for those. Please keep your pictures and articles flowing in. See the box below for all contact details.

Kathy Hall and Regina Bennett



Scan the code above to take you straight to the Redesdale website or go to www.redesdale.net and click the newsletter page to access a full colour version of the Bridge Connection.

We want to hear all about your local events and stories. We love photos. Please send your articles to bridgeconnection.editor@gmail.com



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Apology

In the February edition of the Bridge Connection, the front page story concerned the visit of State member Steph Ryan to Redesdale.

The last column of the article on page 8 reads as though the Redesdale and District Association is claiming responsibility for several events in the district that it clearly had nothing to do with. The mistake was made in the editing procedure and the Bridge Connection apologises unreservedly for any misunderstanding this may have caused.

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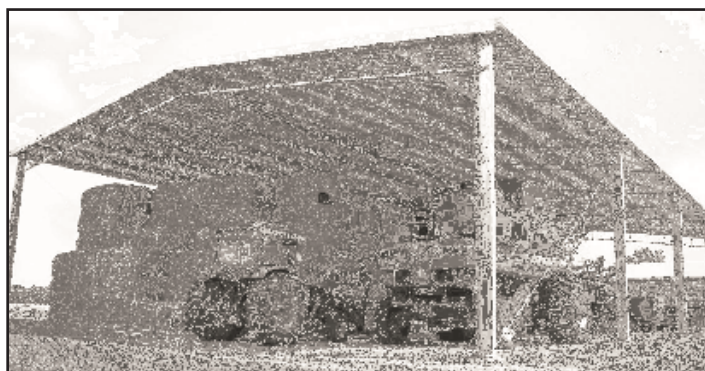
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On December 14th 2014, motorists were advised by Mal Kersting, VicRoads Regional Director, that owing to damage to the bridge as a result of a truck hitting the structure, an investigation would commence into the repairs required for this heritage listed bridge.

The road was reduced to one lane to allow inspection activities to take place and the traffic lights appear to have worked well to keep the traffic flowing.

Motorists were advised that the closure would take three months and understandably, residents have begun to enquire regarding the progress of the repair planning.

The Bridge Connection can now report that according to Mr Kersting, Heritage Victoria has recently approved VicRoads designs to repair the bridge. A process has started to engage qualified contractors to carry out these repairs.

Works are planned to get underway later in May, and weather permitting will take around six weeks to complete.

MacRae Clearing Sale

Many readers will be aware the iconic local property, Elian-Donan, having been in Macrae family ownership for some 133 years, was recently sold to overseas interests. With final handover imminent, a Clearing Sale, attended by about 200 buyers and curious onlookers was held on Saturday April 8th.

A fine and sunny day greeted the auctioneer as, in the captivating rapid fire patter endemic to his profession, he began to dispose of about 200 or so lots at 9.15am. A moving, rugby like maul of punters followed him up and down rows of farm machinery, furniture and other assorted interesting and quirky items.

Among the latter were an ancient Furphy (water carrier) which probably first saw the light of day 100 years ago at the Shepparton factory, which turns out more modern versions to this day. It once formed part of the property's fire fighting capability. There were also some old wool scales (which now reside at the Redesdale General Store), stock whips and rabbit traps (now outlawed!). As Robyn MacRae was telling your correspondent about the reclusive resident rabbit trapper who, in her earliest memories, rarely left the property, she spied with affection an old bakerlite wireless (young readers will need to ask their parents for an explanation) sitting unloved in a row of aged furniture. As a young girl she recalled sitting around it with the family listening to episodes of the then, never ending rural serial "Blue Hills-by Gwen Meredith".

For the record, the MacRaes are not abandoning either farming or the district. As family patriarch, Jock, explained, "We did have mixed emotions about selling but it came down to a business decision. It was simply a matter of positioning the business for the next generation". This will primarily involve operating a Merino Stud on a smaller property at Metcalfe.



Visitors look for bargains at the MacRae sale

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The Bridge Heritage Quilt Workshop

Saturday May 23rd at the School 10 am
Anyone who is interested in this project is most welcome.

SEWING SKILLS NOT NECESSARY

The workshop will be facilitated by Joe Sebire (School Principal). The task is to set a course for the project.

APRIL REDESDALE TEA DANCE

Tea dances have been happening at the Redesdal Hall for about 5 years now. They were organised by Les and Gloria Pocock after the Black Saturday fires. The Hall Committee organises two dances a year and will do so into the foreseeable future. Everyone agrees that the Hall is ideal for dancing and the acoustics suit the very popular Silouettes band who come all the way from Mornington to play for us.

The dancers arrive at 1 o'clock and dance until 5 pm. The Hall Committee helpers have been at the Hall since 10 am setting out the chairs and making sandwiches, and fruit platters. A great deal of baking has happened in the days before and scones, slices, sponge cakes and asparagus rolls are set out beautifully when the band takes a break. There is agreement amongst the dancers that Redesdale puts on the best afternoon tea compared to the other dance venues!



Kitchen preparation: Pauline, Alwyn, Carolyn-Anne, Norma, Janette and Dorathea.



Clive Niemann

Clive Niemann (pictured left) would be one of the keenest dancers of the group. He and his partner, whom he met at a dance 12 years ago, dance about 6 nights per week. Clive says, "I love to go dancing because, what would I be doing at home alone? I know so many people my age who sit and home and get depressed. Here the music gets you going. Even if you can't dance any more, you can sit and listen to the music and watch the others."

It seems that the dances are a great way for people to meet after losing a partner through death or divorce. However, there are many people who leave their non-dancing partners (happily) at home to come out and enjoy themselves with like-minded people.

Clive learnt to dance 60 years ago at Swan Hill and hasn't stopped. Places he dances during the week include Trentham, Maldon, Newstead, Kyneton, Eaglehawk, Bendigo and Ballarat.



The Silouettes in full swing

APRIL REDESDALE TEA DANCE

Clive has set up a facebook page which aims to encourage and promote dancing in Central Victoria. You can find this at www.facebook.com/pages/Mid-Vic-Dances/.

The Silouettes usually play around their own region of Gippsland but love to come up to Redesdale where they have formed a lasting relationship with the Pococks and the dancers who come here. The people who dance at Redesdale have come from all over Victoria. They say the music is great, the floor is wonderful for dancing and the food and atmosphere are second to none.

Peter Neilson is the band leader of the Silouettes and has been coming here since 2010, at first to play for the fire brigade after the fires. He met Gloria and Les through dances at Springvale and this happy connection has lasted. Peter says, "I love coming up here as I am a country boy at heart. I appreciate country people." Usually they come with a three piece band. This time Brian Anderson was on drums as Henry Lidsey couldn't make it. Tommy Smith played lead guitar and Peter played rythm guitar and sang the vocals. "Sometimes we play 4 days in a row. We love it."



The Silouettes: Brian Anderson, Peter Nielson, Tommy Smith.



Afternoon Tea



Underpaying a pension: should you worry?

By Cara Hall CA Dip. FP

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If you are a member of a SMSF and receiving a pension, this would generally speaking be an account-based pension. There are three essential rules that must be satisfied.

Rule 1 is to ensure the pension meets the minimum payment requirements. Rule 2 is the pension can only be transferred to another person on the death of the primary or reversionary beneficiary. Rule 3 is to ensure the capital of the pension and income earned from it are not used as security for a borrowing. It is reasonable to expect that rules 2 and 3 are relatively easy to comply with as it would be unusual for a pensioner to transfer the pension to another person while they were alive, or deceased for that matter, and very unlikely for the pension to be used as a security for a loan as those days are well and truly over.

However, not paying the minimum pension, especially from an SMSF would be more common for a number of reasons.

In some cases pension holders may be well off and decide not to draw any pension, some may draw amounts from the fund on an ad hoc basis and not draw enough, while others may just fall short due to small miscalculations of the payment dates, valuation of the fund's investments and similar events.

The ATO has recently provided clarity on the steps an SMSF trustee must undertake when they have failed to meet the minimum payment for a pension.

Where a super fund has failed the minimum pension payment, the ATO says the pension has then ceased, the exemptions are lost for the entire financial year and the trustee must begin a brand new pension.

It had also been unclear as to whether the trustee can use the same documents or whether they had to roll the pension back and start afresh.

The ATO advises that all documents must be prepared again, meaning that you have to re-calculate the market valuations and document all this from a rollback position. This is because technically, once the minimum pension has not been made, the pension is deemed to be rolled back from the start of the financial year. One consequence is that the tax-free earnings of the pension in the fund will then become taxable.

Review is required before 30 June.

As we are coming up to the end of another final year, please ensure that you have reviewed your minimum payment for the year and ensure that you have taken at least this amount from the fund. If minimum pensions have not been withdrawn, this may cause unnecessary taxes payable in the super fund and in turn reduces your superannuation balance as well as additional costs for you or your adviser to re-prepare the necessary documents again.

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A Bad Case of the Lerps

Barbara James
Campaspe Landcare Group

As I drove to Kyneton several months ago I was shocked to notice that many of the eucalypts, particularly on the roadsides, looked like they were dying. When I mentioned it to a friend in Barfold she said “That’ll be the lerps”. I had some idea that they were a sap sucking insect, but knew nothing more. When I investigated this on the internet it appeared that we had little to worry about – many sources claimed that the trees would recover in their own good time. A little later I noticed some pink and brown patches on the leaves of a red gum I had sown from seed and nurtured through infancy. On closer inspection, I detected tiny fan or shell shaped basket type structures on the leaves. Underneath each little basket was a very small dot. Back to the internet. They were lace lerps or *Cardiaspina*. Looking at them under a hand lens showed a beautiful and intricate structure. How could such a tiny little insect create such a fascinating and seemingly delicate sculpture? I had to find out more – should I spray them, or leave them? I couldn’t pick them all off – there were too many. Besides a family of wrens had taken up residence in the tree. Maybe they will eat them, I hoped. Not long after, the wrens moved out. But so had the lerps (nothing under the little fans). Ahh, good!

But, not long after, they were back. More and more of them. Time to consult the experts! And so, I emailed Max Schlacter from Connecting Country. Max very kindly sent me a copy of an article by Tim Low in Australian Birdlife and also some information from Chris Timewell from Connecting Country.

According to these sources, lerps are sap-sucking insects that produce either a sugary or starchy exudate which is an important food source for birds. It is called manna, lerp or honeydew, depending on the species. In fact, Aboriginal and European people have collected it both for enjoyment and survival. A lost stockman in the Mallee claimed that it “feels like matted wool, and tastes like the ice on a wedding cake.” It kept him going for a few days.

I tasted the lerp structures on my tree and they did not taste of anything much. The matted wool texture came through, though. I must have the non-honeydew ones...

I really liked the description by W. Wooster in a piece he wrote for the Microscopical Society of Victoria in 1880. “Tiny insects in the larval state protect themselves from the sun and their enemies by building over themselves little tents, or rather crystal palaces, composed of a gummy and sugary secretion, which is exuded in a semi-liquid state from the tube at the hinder end of the body.”

Some envisioned industries making use of these exudates - sugar for the table, malt for brewing and starch for stiffening shirts. But as Tim Low states - lerp and manna remain important for millions of birds



Many bird species will eat lerp and manna, especially small foliage birds. Finches, bowerbirds, shrike-tits, crested pigeons and even purple swamp hens have been seen to eat it, amongst others. “Any small bird seen among gum leaves may have lerp in mind”. Mammals such as smaller gliders, and flying foxes also eat exudates.

Honeyeaters, pardalotes and swift parrots are known to feast on it. So are bell miners, however, they, unlike the others, do not eat the bug underneath. This allows the bug to create another protective cover and continue eating. They also drive other birds off. The lerps can then go crazy. Noisy miners have been similarly implicated.

If the lerps are going crazy, it suggests that our bird community is out of balance, but there may be other reasons as well, including climate change, and rainfall variations.

We need to encourage the small insectivorous birds which will keep lerps and other sap-sucking bugs in ecological equilibrium, by appropriate planting and the maintenance of remnant vegetation, providing water and cover for them.

But above all, we have to remember that “Australia has been called the land of nectar, but it is equally the land of exudates, a place where birds obtain unusual sugary and starchy treats from the dominant trees”.

So, a bad case of the lerps, or a good case of the crystal palaces?

If you would like to read Tim Low’s fascinating article, it is available online at <http://www.birdlife.org.au/australian-birdlife/detail/exuding-abundance>

All quotes I have used are from Tim’s article.

The Big Sing at Mia Mia

After the 2009 Black Saturday fires the Mia Mia Rural Fire Brigade was ‘adopted’ by a Melbourne choir, The Souffle Sisters, managed by Paula Curotte. Paula organised a multi-choir Bushfire Benefit Concert in Melbourne to raise funds towards a community-owned tanker for Mia Mia. The choirs came to Mia Mia for a thankyou lunch, community members dropped in for a sing along, and The Big Sing is now an annual event on the Mia Mia calendar. The 2015 Big Sing will feature three choirs, The Souffle Sisters and the The Homebrew Verandah Singers from Melbourne, and Bendigo’s Women of Note. The all male Homebrew Singers are blokes who enjoy getting together to share the pleasure and power of combining their voices in song. From tender broken-hearted love songs to Elizabethan drinking songs, Georgian rugby songs to gospel/liberation songs, they capture the raw energy of men singing in the shower or bellowing over the roar of a two stroke. They sing about identity, social history, a “fair go” ethos, but most of all they sing to celebrate life.

Anthony Ryan, Mia Mia Brigade Captain and BBQ chef, hopes that many locals will attend the event. “Come along and enjoy the harmony and the humour of these wonderful choirs,” he says. “They are versatile musicians and the program includes songs from many sources. It’s wonderful to sit in the Hall and listen to their beautiful voices.”

The Big Sing is on Saturday June 22nd from noon till 4.30PM. The \$20 cost includes lunch, concert and afternoon tea. Bookings are necessary, at www.trybooking.com/HMXR or call Steve Cadusch on 5425 5548.

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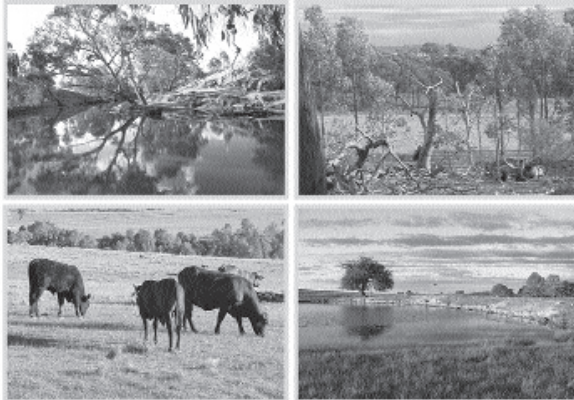
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Every Thursday evening until last Revellers - Revellers Rehearsals.
First Monday of each month, 10am or 4.15pm, Bridge Connection Committee meeting.
Second Tuesday of each month, 1pm, Hall Committee meeting.
Second Tuesday of each month, 7.30pm, Recreation Reserve Committee meeting.

Events:

Thursday, 14th May - 10.00 am: Biggest Morning Tea.
Monday, 18th May - 7.00 pm: Community District Engagement Meeting.
Sat. 30th May, 13th June, 20th June, 27th June, 4th July-Revellers.
Friday, 17th July - RaDA Dinner & Talk.
Sunday, 20th September, 2015 - Afternoon Tea Dance.
Monday, 19th October - 7.30 pm: Community District Engagement Meeting.
Friday, 30th Oct., Sat 31st Oct., Sun. 1st Nov. - Art Show.

Sutton Grange will hold a Redesdale Revellers night

at the Redesdale Hall on Saturday 20th June.

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Redesdale Revellers

The Redesdale Revellers are once again presenting their popular annual shows at the Redesdale Hall. The cast are once again supported by the very talented Mary on the piano and this year welcomes two new members. The evening includes a delicious three course dinner in addition to the unique show.

The five dates this year are as follows: Saturday, 30th May, Sat. 13th June, Sat. 20th June, (on behalf of the Sutton Grange Community) Sat. 27th June, plus Sat. 4th July. Most of the shows are nearly fully booked, but tables are still available for Saturday, 30th May.

Please be seated by 7.00 p.m., as meals will be served at 7.30 p.m.

Here is your chance to have a thoroughly entertaining evening together with lots of laughs. Why not book a table of friends and family? (10 to a table.) Book early to avoid missing out on these nights of fun!

Bookings & Enquiries:

All shows except Sat. 20th June, please phone:

Dorothea Kriewaldt: 5425 3118 (Redesdale Hall Committee).

Sat. 20th of June, please phone: Mavis Collison: 5474 8230 (Sutton Grange)

A Great Night for all Double Trivia Night

There was double trouble happening in Redesdale on Saturday 21st March. One hundred and one people turned out for a night of questions and socialisation as the Redesdale Hall hosted the "Adults only" night. Sounds ominous doesn't it? But in truth this event was organised to give families a break from watching the children, time for themselves, time to reconnect with other adults in the community, to unwind and enjoy each other's company.

In another realm there were 25 children having a great time at their own special night at The Redesdale-Mia Mia Primary School managed and monitored by the wonderful Sue Stewart. They collected a water bottle and a lolly bag on arrival, had pizza for dinner, had their own question time, made their own popcorn and watched an up-to-date new release movie. What more could they ask for?

So what came first? A night out for the kids, without their parents or... a night out for the adults without their children. Either way you look at it - seems like everyone won!!!! Well almost everyone. Ronn Taylor (pictured) is collecting his Wooden Spoon because his table came last - He still looks chuffed though!!

The adults evening was fabulous, plenty of sponsorship from local businesses, plenty of laughs, plenty of prizes and we raised a total of \$4039. All of this money will go directly back into the community. Half went to the school fundraising account and half went to the District Association for community projects.

It was a joint event this year, since it was much bigger than before. It was great to have the support necessary to enable this sort of event to happen. John and Fiona Russell come all the way from Bendigo to host the evening and what a great job they do. I would like to say a big thank you to all the sponsors without whom it would not have been a success.

Jo Smith-Sargent

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Ronn Taylor winning his wooden spoon

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The Redesdale Hotel will be open on
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Redesdale Recreation Reserve Committee of Management Inc. Chairperson's monthly report.

The last three months has seen significant changes to the membership of our committee.

Outgoing members: Ivan Huston, Graham Newnham, Paula Gleeson, Simon Hills and Dino Tomisic.

The committee would like to thank these members for their commitment and contribution over the years and wish them all the best in the future.

Incoming members : Les Pocock, Rod Gibson, Tasman Johnson, Michael Abromowski, Andrew Campbell and Lindsay Booker, along with existing members Yvonne Mcgrath, Sue Newnham and Carolyn-Ann Boyd brings the committee to its full complement of 9 members.

The Executive :

Chairperson Les Pocock
Secretary Lindsay Booker
Treasurer. Yvonne Mcgrath

We look forward to a productive working group who will achieve goals in the future. To make this happen plenty of community input will be required.

The first major project being proposed is the modification of the existing pavilion as set out in the Community Plan

page 11. Recreation Reserve, point 3. The intention is to develop a community asset at the pavilion which will provide a space for the gathering of the wider community and groups. This area will include a food serving area and a separate bar.

Our plan is for the development to be completed in stages, as the budget allows - the first stage being "lock up". We believe that as a united community we can achieve this.

We hope to generate interest in the project, source sponsors and recruit volunteer skills and labour.

We would appreciate any comments or ideas and invite all interested people, who would like to become involved, to contact us.

We meet monthly: 2nd Tuesday 7pm, at the Redesdale Hall

All members of the community are welcome to attend.

On the opposite page is an early plan of the possible development of the pavilion site.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Redesdale Recreation Reserve Committee

Bore water availability at the Agnes Mudford Reserve, Redesdale, as from Wednesday 1 July 2015.

The public bore will be locked and available to residents between 9am and noon on Sundays. As advised by Goulburn-Murray Water the drought relief bores were drilled for drought relief and emergency D & S supplies.

Once the drought finished the public could still access the bore for emergency D&S supplies.

It appears a lot of people access the bore for their ongoing D&S needs and are not making any long term plans for water supply. Further details to be published in future editions of the Bridge Connection



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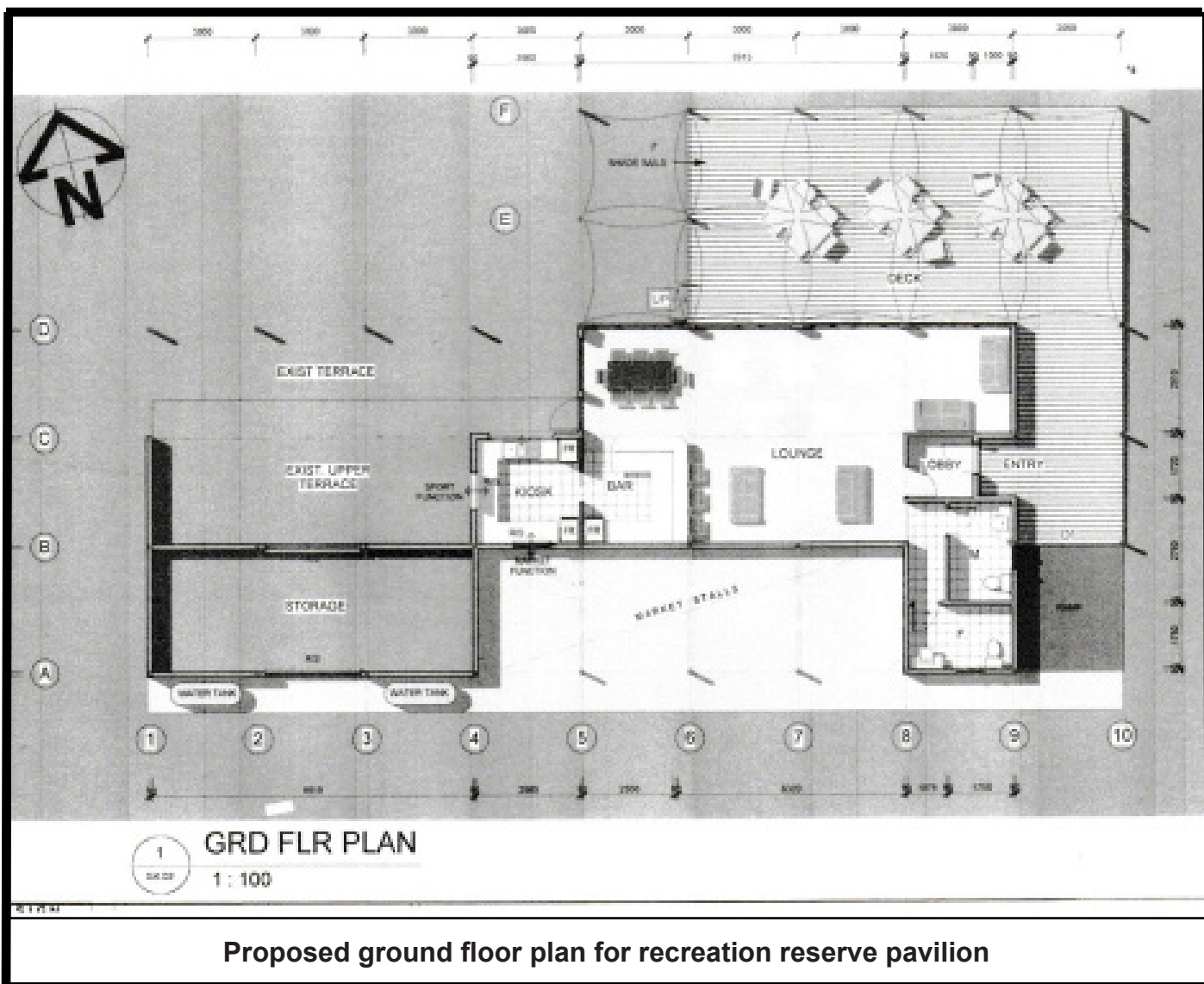
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Great Good Friday for CFA and Royal Childrens Hospital

Tahlia Campbell

The Redesdale community really knows how to support a cause.

This time it was the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal. What a fantastic result from the Redesdale CFA who started their collecting on Thursday 2nd April, and finished up on Good Friday afternoon.

Once again, the much loved Easter Bunny made an appearance and put smiles on the faces of young and old alike.

The Redesdale Rural Cafe was terrific. They supplied the volunteers with hot cross buns and hot drinks, to keep their energy levels up.

Redesdale CFA collected a grand total of \$6,355 for the RCH.

The generosity of people is something that always surprises and pleases me, and it's great to see so many people volunteering for this great cause.



Lisa Campbell and Ruth Booker counting donations.

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Recipe of the Month

Norma's recipe for Family Apple Pie

Serves 8 . Prepare a 23cm pie dish.

Preheat oven to 200° C or 180° for fan forced oven.

Ingredients:

For the pastry:

- 60g (2 ozs) sugar
- 230g (8 ozs) SR flour (sifted)
- 110 g (4ozs) butter

1 egg whisked with a fork and made up to 200mls with milk.

For the filling:

6 large or 8 smalll Granny Smith apples cooked in the microwave with approximately 60g of sugar and about 1/4 to 1/2 cup of water.

Method:

Rub butter into the flour and sugar mixture until like fine bread-crumbs. Add egg and milk mixture until you have a soft dough (not sloppy).

Roll out approximately half the pastry to 1/2cm thickness and line the greased pie dish, allowing enough to go over the edge.

Cook the apples with the water and sugar for about 15 mins on 'high' in the microwave.

Spoon in the drained apples and then top with the remaining half of the pastry which has been rolled to 1/2cm thickness and large enough to cover the top of the pie.

Make steam holes in the pastry top and then egg wash the top of the pie. Sprinkle with sugar and bake at 200°c or 180°c fan-forced for 30 to 40 mins until golden brown.

Lovely pie! Hope you enjoy!

REDESDALE WINS THRILLER



The Victorious Redesdale Rockets:

L to R Terry Mitton, Derek Smith, Chris Atkins, Steve Atkins, Andrew Ferrington, Chris Barber, Paul Atkins, Matt Gordon, Mike Abramowski. (Not in the photo: Harry Brown and Jordan Sundblom)



Su Mitton, Ruth Booker and Vicki Hardwick enjoying the fun.



Above: Getting ready for the lunch crowd. Below left: Jamie Morgan from Axe Creek thanks Redesdale. Below right: Lindsay Booker, Mike Abramowski and Derek Smith enjoy the spectacle.



A 30 overs-per-side match was played against Axe Creek in ideal weather conditions at the Agnes Mudford Reserve on Saturday April 18th. Redesdale, needing 2 runs to win from the final two balls, got home when Derek Smith drove the penultimate ball through mid wicket for 4 in front of a small but very vocal crowd. Final scores were Redesdale 220 and Axe Creek 217. The overall scoring rate of just over 7 per over had kept supporters of both sides entertained all afternoon.

The game was conceived on March 30th 2014 when the most recent Campaspe Crows vs Coliban Colts game was played. On that occasion, James O'Bryen from Axe Creek played as a "ring in" for the Colts and offered to bring his crew to take on a combined Redesdale Team. A date some weeks into the footy season (with the risk of weather to match!) was agreed. The visitors were two men short for most of the day (football commitments), however with some inventive rule manipulation by the captains, Paul Atkins and Andrew Ferrington (Redesdale) and James O'Bryen (Axe Creek) plus our ever-flexible umpire, Ned Upton, it was agreed that each team would bat the full 30 overs and recall previously dismissed batsmen if necessary. It was, enabling star visiting batsman Rob Fisher to score 70 spread over two "at bats".

Axe Creek batted first and Club President, Jamie Morgan got things off to a lively start when he straight drove a huge 6 off the first ball he faced immediately prompting 4 spectators to contemplate their insurance cover and remove their cars from behind the bowler. By 1pm the visitors had used up their 30 overs and players and spectators headed for the lunch table where they were treated to some superbly spiced roast pork, roast lamb, baked vegetables and potatoes with sour cream, salad and coleslaw - all followed by an array of sweets. Simon Webb oversaw most of the cooking which was done in RADA's newly acquired roaster while Gloria, Kathy, Chris, Ronn and Estelle attended to much of the preparation and serving. Les, Simon H and Tas organized the bar aided by Dino who supplied the wine, beer and ice at cost price. Terry McKenzie and Glenn Brown did a great job on scoring ably assisted by young Connor Munro. Our major long term sponsor, Shaver Shop, was again to the fore in providing raffle prizes worth some \$750 retail. Post match, Shaver Shop CEO Cameron Fox, watched on as the two raffle winners, Sue Newnham and Dino Tomisic, collected their prizes. Janette Johnson brought along some fabulous scarfs which sold quickly and made over \$80 dollars for the Community Chest on the day.

Jamie Morgan from Axe Creek then graciously thanked their hosts for putting on an event which, judging by subsequent comments, was enjoyed immensely by all attendees. Jamie noted that his team was keen to avenge the narrow defeat and we will be sure to offer them the opportunity later in the year.



Some of the special fare that was available on the day



NORMA WINS FIRST PLACE

Local resident and Hall Committee member, Norma Barker, has won first prize for her famous apple pie at the Harcourt Apple Baking Competition. Her son-in-law emailed her an application form and away she went! Many people from far and wide have had the pleasure of sampling Norma's pies at the annual Redesdale Reveller's variety show which is about to start its 27th season. Norma has been making this recipe for 35 years but has never before entered a competition. She won a \$50 gift voucher from ASQ which she is looking forward to spending at Skydancers. You will find Norma's winning apple pie recipe inside this edition of the Bridge Connection. Congratulations Norma!



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