

## OUR PEOPLE ARE PURE GOLD!

Some of the people in our district have some amazing work places. Paul Atkins of Redesdale (pictured right) and Peter Bennett of Mia Mia (pictured below) spend most of their working day one kilometer below the ground. They work at the Fosterville gold mine just east of Bendigo. Paul was kind enough to take me on an excurcion into his workplace where it is clear that safety is the number one priority.



Breathing apparatus, headlamps, earplugs and other numerous protocols and clothing necessities make it quite a palava before the actual descent into the hole in the ground.

Peter has been working at Fosterville for about 8 years where he drives the enormous tool carrier in very difficult conditions. His family have been in Mia MIa for generations.

Paul was raised on a dairy farm in Taradale and started working in the Chewton mine in his spare time and at weekends from the age of 16.



Paul started his electrical apprenticeship a year later at Wattle Gully in Chewton but when it closed he transferred to Western Australia and finished his training in the Kalgoorlie School of Mines. Luckily for a lot of us, he met Martine in WA and he continued to move from mine to mine as his expertise improved and he became more senior. At one stage, Paul moved out of pure electrical work to become involved with driving the trucks, becoming a "bogger" operator, and working with explosives.

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#### **Redesdale—Mia Mia Primary School**

Truthfulness, Respect and Trust of others.

**Principal - Joe Sebire** 

Phone - 5425 3155; Email - redesdale.mia.mia.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

#### Measurement and dinosaurs

Here we are measuring the school bus to see if it is the same length as a stegosaurus. (Yes. It is the same length! About 10 metres long!)



### Sporting Schools program

We have been lucky to receive funding to run after school sports sessions via the Sporting Schools program. We have sessions every Monday and Wednesday after school. The program replaces the old Active After School.



#### Kitchen Garden

We have some community volunteers helping us with our kitchen garden. We are preparing to plant our spring crops. We have transplanted all our winter planting seedling now.



### Indigenous Plantings

We did some maintenance on our Enviro Centre with the help of Claire, Wim and Bob from Landcare as well as some parents. We replaced any dead trees with different locally endangered species and weeding.



Term 3 Theme ~ "Our Ancient World"

We are learning about rock types, volcanos and dinosaurs this term.

#### **Editorial**

The dams are starting to struggle in the neighbourhood and some are already dry. Everyone is starting to get really worried about the El Nino event that threatens us this summer. The message from the CFA on page 13 is really important every year but especially this coming fire season.

There has been a lot of activity on the Redesdale Reserve of late and you will be able to read about various activities on page 11. The planning permit for getting the pavilion to "lock-up" stage has been approved and now the building permit is being sought.

The Redesdale and District Association has just held its 3rd AGM followed by a hearty supper of various soups. Yvonne McGrath's thai pumpkin soup won the popularity contest so we have printed the recipe for you on page 14.

We hope you are enjoying the fiction serial. Episode 3 begins on page 7 and is certainly hotting up.

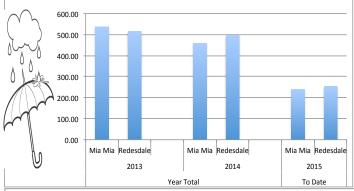
There are so many people with fascinating jobs in and around the district. The story about Paul Atkins will probably be the first in a series. If you have any stories of this type, we would love to hear from you.

We would like to welcome Emma Simpson to our Bridge Connection Editorial staff. Emma has kindly offered to proof read the paper (which is very much needed!) and we are extremely pleased to add Emma's expertise to the committee.

And some more good news - your paper has finally started to break even again. So thanks to everyone who responded to our call for more advertising and a special thank you to Baynton and Sidonia Landcare Group for their very generous donation.

Finally - THANK YOU to Betty Sageischek - who has provided the Redesdale rainfall regularly and reliably to this paper. Unfortunately, she can no longer do this for family reasons but we are very grateful to her for all her help.

#### RAINFALL



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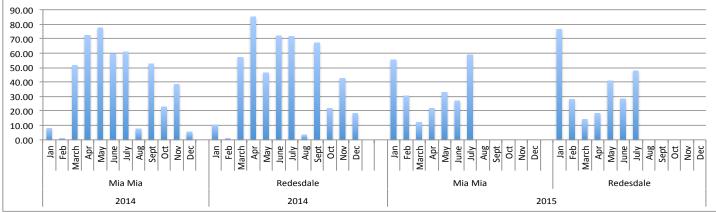


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#### Community Engagement Meetings

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#### Redesdale Hall

is available for hire.

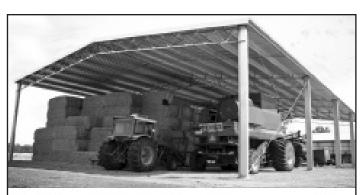
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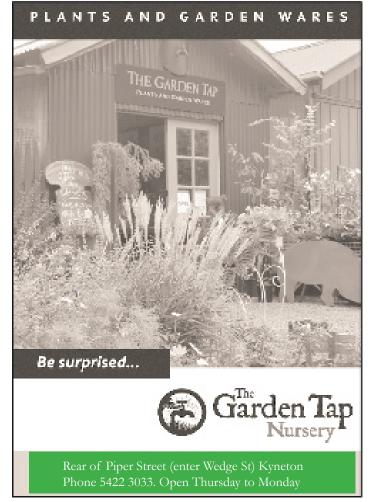
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## Calling on businesses and organisations to please

#### support our newspaper

Bridge Connection is calling for all local businesses to consider advertising in this newspaper. All the work done to produce the paper is voluntary and it is hard work. We think it is extremely important for rural communities to have their own voice and to stay touch with what is happening in their area.

Bridge Connection took a new turn 5 months ago to concentrate more on local themes. The larger towns that surround us have their own papers where we can read about Bendigo, Kyneton and Castlemaine.

Those who advertise with us are doing this not only for commercial reasons, but to support local communities. There are community-orientated and generous people behind these businesses. For this we are extremely grateful. If Bridge Connection is to survive, we will need at least another 10 regular advertisers. We are calling on all our readers to help us find those advertisers through spreading the word and the newspaper. We really need your help. The Bridge Connection is happy to produce articles about the businesses and organisations who wish to take up advertising in recognition of their support.

The newspaper is proudly printed by the Kyneton Copy Centre which is part of the Windarring community.

We have simplified the advertising sizes and rates:

Business card (90mm x 55mm) \$25 per edition \$250 for 12 months

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For any further information, please contact Callum Jones on 03 5425 3262, or contact the editors directly by email on



#### **Letters to the Editors**

Dear Bridge Connection,

We have never lived in the area but visit as frequently as we can to see our family who live there.

Receiving our subscription of the Bridge Connection is a great way for us to know what's going on in their home town, how we might like to be involved, what dates we must lock in (Opera, Market, Cricket, Open Garden.....) what excitement and challenges they may be facing, and so on.

It's an essential ingredient when distance is an issue, keeping us "in touch" with such a beautiful part of our state, and a place so dear to our hearts.

Great work, keep it going, Emma (Full name and address supplied)

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#### Riddle in Middlevale Episode 3 Prospero

by Finley Carraway



"I've just taken Mr. Prospero his breakfast, he'll be out shortly. Want coffee?" Vicky asks briskly, she looks harried after dealing with the morning routine of the old man, "God, my mother was difficult enough this morning, couldn't find the cat to feed it and whatever else, then I had to come here for this. Still, pays the bills I guess". Jim barely has a chance to answer, so nods for coffee, the newspaper he used to work for spread out on the table before him, his camera perched beside it. "Sleep well?" she asks as she places a cup in front of him and sits down opposite with hers.

"Like a baby! The mornings are so beautiful here." Jim replies, "but that bastard..." he points aggressively at the sports section, "ah it doesn't matter. Looking forward to photographing Mr. Prospero's ram!" He stares out the window and ponders his lot; how ridiculous it all seems to be, losing his job, being sent into the country to photograph a sheep, and staying in the palatial home of an old eccentric. The views out the windows are so pleasant though, the rolling hills and valleys. Livestock and farmers going about their business. It is all so peaceful and content, as though the demands of the city were just a distant memory. He wonders how it will feel to go back, whether he can face it again, although he knows nothing about rural life and that makes him think of his little apartment in St. Kilda, his own fortress lying empty, awaiting his return. Vicky's voice returns him to Earth.

"Oh, you mean Dante! Mr. Prospero's very proud of him. Causing quite a stir with the locals, Prospero's never won before at the show but, just quietly, between you and me, I hear Dante's a shoe-in." Vicky grins as if Dante were actually her ram.

"Dante has his own special paddock, just out back there." She waves a finger in the general direction of what is probably the back of the house, beyond labyrinthine corridors and rooms that Jim had not dared explore earlier. "That's an expensive looking camera, must take good photos!" she continues and Jim, oblivious to the well-meaning intentions of Vicky's comments, is about to descend into a tirade about the skill of the artist versus the tools of the trade when the door opens and the old majesty makes his entrance.

"Good day, Mr. Jim!" Mr. Prospero shuffles in with his black cane, wearing a pin striped suit with a bowtie at his neck and a black wool trench coat swooshing as he moves, entirely over-dressed for the occasion and the weather, which is quite mild for this time of year.

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#### **BENDIGO GEMS**

The Bendigo Gem Club Inc will host their 38th annual exhibition at a new venue this year due to the redevelopment of the Browning St Leisure Centre where the event has been held for around 25 years.

The new look Expo will include over 30 quality stalls where visitors can buy gemstones, minerals, silver, gold, jewellery making and lapidary supplies. The Expo will feature some new 'gold' themed additions including Bendigo Gold metal detecting and gold panning activities, a gold nugget replica display courtesy of Tony Fraser and sluicing demonstrations by Sluicy Gold.

A full program of activities will run all weekend on the stage, where jewellery making demonstrations will be streamed live to the big screen. Guest presenters include mineralogists and prospecting experts.

Refreshments will be available from the BBQ & canteen. A great family day out! \$6 Admission includes a ticket for your chance to win a Minelab metal detector. Children U16 free when accompanied by an adult.

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## "My Inlaws are Outlaws" show a success

On Saturday August 8th, Redesdale was treated to a very funny show by Devon Williamson. Unfortunately, audience numbers were low, but those who went found it very entertaining.

The story went like this:

It's a shock to Annie when she is introduced to her In-Laws and discovers they are gangsters. But there are even more shocks and surprises leading to plenty of laughs, when she has to deal with a bunch of aspiring assassins from different countries. Annie finds her new calling as a leader of her own family gang and all's well that ends well in this comedy farce.

Let's hope that next time the Mudbrick Motley Theatre Company come to Redesdale, we can

#### "Riddle in Middlevale' continued from page 7

"I do hope you had a good night and are well. Let me introduce you to my Dante! If you are finished, of course."

Jim nods and leaps up, he's been ready for a hour or more now, and is sick of the sight of his former employer's publication anyway. Vicky stands and moves to attend to Mr. Prospero, who is looking positively spritely in the kind of way that makes you worry about old people getting ahead of their physical capabilities and taking a fall.

After navigating the serpentine interior of Mr. Prospero's house, they emerge out into his back garden, with its neat grass, trimmed hedges, and a rather extensive bank of tomato plants. A gate beyond the garden leads to the paddocks beyond. The two kelpies come rushing up, barking and moaning. Mr. Prospero simply waves a hand and they come to heel. "Don't mind Carlo and Santo, they will not harm you. You are friend of Mr. Prospero, and my boys are well trained!". Santo eyes Jim suspiciously, and then both dogs yawn and trot off.

The three of them make their way to the gate along a bluestone path, Vicky paying attention to Mr. Prospero's footsteps across the paving stones while Prospero comments on his tomatoes and instructs Vicky on their proper care. Vicky looks like she's heard it all before, many times over. Opening the gate they arrive in a large fenced paddock with a shed and all the accoutrements of a well kept farm animal. Vicky turns to Jim as Prospero surveys his land.

produce more numbers for the audience!

The theatre company would like to thank the Redesdale Hall Committee for raising \$70 for the Edsall-French Fund through their afternoon tea.

Thank you to the theatre company for including us and please come again!



"Watch this, it's actually quite ridiculous..." she whispers, smiling cheekily.

"Dante! Dante! Where are you? il mio orgoglio! My noble man. My bambino!" Mr. Prospero calls out, surprisingly loudly, almost operatically for an old man.

The three of them stand there bathed in the morning light, rooted to the spot. Jim is fascinated by the theatre of this old Italian man, master of his domain, in a country he must have arrived in as a very different person, untold years ago. As Prospero continues to sing out in a pigeon of English and Italian, Jim snaps a few photos of the regal sight. Vicky calls out Dante's name a few times also.

After a minute of quiet, Mr. Prospero turns sharply to Vicky with a pleading look and worry in his eyes. Vicky simply nods and wanders off towards the shed, only ten or twenty metres away. Jim sees her disappear inside and can hear her calling his name. Moments later, she comes out, a perplexed expression on her face, and makes a complete lap of the paddock checking all the fences as Jim and Mr. Prospero watch on in uneasy silence. She returns, a little pink and breathless, alarmed, words escaping her for a moment.

"Dante! He's gone!"

To be continued...

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Eventually, in 1997, Paul and Martine, now with three children in tow, Steven, Christopher and Emma, set out to drive across the Nullarbor to head back to Victoria. However, Paul bumped into an old mate in Stawall who knew Paul's work ethic well, and he was offered a job in the gold mines there which held him up for two and a half years! Meanwhile, Martine and the children lived in their farmhouse 'Mallee Park', in Redesdale and waited patiently until he was offered a job at Bendigo Mining where he worked for 6 years.

Paul has now worked at the Fosterville Gold Mine for 9 years and enjoys every minute of it. He is the foreman of the electrical department and has 17 employees working for him. He really loves his work because of the variability and challenges it presents. Those of you who know Paul have seen how he puts similar effort and enthusiasm into his work at the CFA where he has been a member for 18 years.

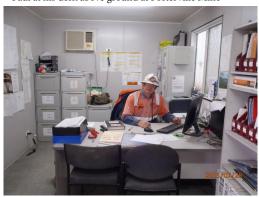
He has passed his attitude to work and his tenacity, integrity and dependability onto his fine children, all of whom have excelled in their own apprenticeships. Certainly the Redesdale Cricket teams who have played over the past 3 years could not have done it without the Atkins boys!

Kathy Hall



Christopher, Paul and Steven as triumphant Redesdale Rockets in April 2015

Paul at his desk above ground at Fosterville Mine





The process: "jumbos" and "boggers" work to stabilise the new tunnels and scrape off the rock. The ore travels to the surface in trucks and the ore is piled high. About 2000 ounces of gold are produced this way each week.

#### **ENGINE ROOM PRODUCTION**

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Ticket Price \$10.00
Tickets at door from 7.15 - 7.45pm
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A comedy about life, love...and the AFL. A great game is viewed by an unlikely pair in the reserved section of a major sporting stadium. Starring real-life couple David Ross Patterson, as a loud, burly football fan, and Cecelia Specht as a recently divorced football widow, claiming her ex-husband's tickets as part of a messy divorce settlement to watch the game for the first time..."

"This play is absolutley hilarious...and moving...one unexpected laugh after another" Alison Beckett- MCV

#### WEEDS



Someone once said: "A weed is a plant that is out of place, and intends to stay."

However, weeds have the potential to

- compete with desirable plants for light, water or food
- poison livestock
- damage skin and hides
- taint milk, meat and other produce
- block waterways
- destroy wilderness areas
- harbor insect pests
- provide shelter to feral animals

We all have them, only some of us have worse ones than others. Spring is rapidly approaching and this sees the onset of flowering and seed set in weeds as well as desirable plants. Learning to recognize weeds is the first part of control. We are all familiar with Oxalis and Capeweed, but what about Bridal Creeper, Chilean Needle Grass or Serrated Tussock?

Once we have recognized a weed, the infestation can be reduced by preventing flowering, preventing spread of seeds in machinery, minimizing bare patches of ground where weeds can take over and helping crops and pasture compete better with weeds.

The Victorian government has a responsibility to control certain weeds, but as landowners, we also have a legal responsibility to control or eradicate weeds which are listed as regionally prohibited or regionally controlled. (Our Region is North Central.) In some cases this can extend to roadsides as well.

Under s 20 of the CaLP Act, all landowners, including the Crown, public authorities and licensees of Crown lands, must, in relation to their land, take all reasonable steps to:

- avoid causing or contributing to land degradation which causes or may cause damage to land of anoth er land owner;
- eradicate regionally prohibited weeds;
- prevent the growth and spread of regionally con
   -trolled weeds on their land;
- prevent the spread of, and as far as possible, eradi
   -cate established pest animals.

There are plenty of websites, fact sheets, free booklets and knowledgeable people available to help with recognition and control methods for weeds and also pest animals. Participating in a Chemical Users Course (often run by Landcare groups with subsidized fees) will also equip you with the

knowledge to use herbicides and pesticides safely. In fact you cannot legally use (or sometimes buy) certain chemicals without an ACUP (Agricultural Chemical Users Permit). So, if you see something not quite right in your garden or paddock, roadside or park, do some research or ask someone who might know, and you could get on top of the problem before it becomes a nightmare for you or the community.

Campaspe Valley Landcare Group has just run an Agvet/ Chemical Users Course for Landcare members in the area, and often organize ID and control workshops for certain weeds.



Some Regionally Restricted weeds – Spear Thistle, Saffron Thistle, Onion Weed, Hawthorn. Chilean Needle Grass Some Regionally Prohibited weeds – Serrated Tussock, Scotch Thistle

Some Regionally Controlled weeds – Gorse, Wheel Cactus, Golden Thistle, Patterson's Curse, and Spiny Rush.

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#### Redesdale Recreation Reserve Committee of Management Chairman's Monthly Report August-2015

Hi Redesdalians,

Another month passes and we get closer to the festive season, but in the meantime lots of exciting things are happening.

Firstly the concrete slabs have been poured for the new bench seats, great work by several enthusiastic members. The seats are due to arrive shortly.

We have been able to secure 12 tonne of road base to make the incomplete half of the pavilion safe to walk on without tripping up thanks to the generous donation from Barfold Quarry. A temporary fix until the building permit is approved.

The planning permit has been granted for the work of stage one to enclose half the pavilion and add some storage area behind the west end.

The fence on the west side of the reserve is being replaced as I pen this report thanks to L.Booker and A.Campbell. The entrance to the reserve will be moved to a more central position to allow CFA trucks to get off Lyall Rd without banking up.

The gutter on the north side of the pavilion has been realigned to farm the water from the whole north side of the roof into the existing storage tank and not just one quarter. The gutter on the south side will get the same treatment but the water will be farmed by a new 5000 gallon tank to provide drinking water to users of the reserve.

The public toilet cleaning position has been filled by B. Campbell. People have commented on how clean they are. Keep up the good work Barbara. It's very encouraging to see the enthusiasm shown by members to get the work done to make the reserve a usable space for the community as a whole to enjoy.

Les Pocock.

Tas, Les and Lindsay at work on the concrete bases for new seating.

Les at work on the gutter.

Tas Johnson and Les at work on the pavilion floor

Lindsay Booker and Andrew Campbell at work on the fence.



#### **PHOTO OF THE MONTH**



# Langley Primary School Celebrating 100 Years

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2015 12 – 4 pm

It is our great pleasure to invite all past and present students, families, friends and staff of Langley Primary School No. 1275 to attend our "100 years" celebration. relaxed afternoon get-together to allow everyone the chance to reminisce about the past, celebrate the present and consider the future.

There will be speeches, an unveiling of a mural, the placement of a time capsule, a performance by the current students, games, coffee van, cake stall, sales of Langley history book and commemorative wine.

All attendees are invited to dress in costume if they wish.

RSVP 11th October 11 Phone 03 54 234125 please advise number of adults/children

#### **Redesdale Hall Activities**

#### **Meetings:**

The second Tuesday of each month, 1.00 pm - Hall Comm. Meetings.

The second Tuesday of each month, 7 pm - Rec. Reserve Meetings.

First Monday of each month, 10am or 4.15pm, Bridge Connection Committee meeting.

#### **Events:**

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.



Did you know that:

all cockatoos are left footed?

#### FARMERS MARKETS

Woodend Community Farmers' Market Sat Sept 5th Cnr High & Forest Streets, Woodend 0487 444 090 Sharon Kittson

Daylesford Farmer's Market Sat Sept 5th Daylesford Primary School 03 5664 0096 Peter Arnold

Kyneton Farmers' Market Sat Sept 12th St Pauls Park, Piper Street, Kyneton 54 221 025 Veronica Manifold

Riddells Creek Farmers' Market Sat Sept 19th Riddells Creek Primary School, Riddells Creek 0408 254 626 Ali Bant

Heathcote Region Farmers' Market
Saturday, 19th September (third Saturday every month)
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#### TIME FOR A SPRING CLEAN

By Andrew Campbell, Fire Prevention Officer, Redesdale CFA

It's that time of year, where once again, Spring is upon us. Forecasts are for similar conditions to last year, where Spring finished early and we had a long Summer. With the grass starting to grow, now is the ideal time to "nip it in the bud", by applying Roundup to your property.

Spraying now could take a few weeks to kill your annual and perennial grasses, including phalaris. This will greatly reduce the amount of fuel available should there be a hot, early summer. Burning, mowing and slashing should also be done now, rather than later, where the risk of fire is increased. Ideally your property should be cleaned up, ready for the fire season at the start of November.

As a general rule, 'Clean up by Melbourne Cup'. Don't leave it until summer has arrived, by then it is too late. And please, definitely no mowing dry grass. As we saw last December, there were 8 call-outs in the first week of Summer, most of these were a result of people mowing, slashing, and even welding on dry grass. This is an unacceptable risk to the community.

There is a limited amount of Roundup available for local residents to use in the cleanup of their property. Please contact me on 0428 253 104 if you wish to obtain some Roundup, or if you have any questions regarding the cleanup of your property (up until Melbourne Cup).



#### **GUITARRA**

by

10 STRING GUITARIST

#### **MATTHEW FAGAN**

Sunday 13th September 2.30pm St Pauls Cathedral Hall 8 Myers Street, Bendigo A portion of each ticket sold goes to the church restoration fund \$25/\$20 Concession, Child U16 free when accompanied by an adult Phone- 0438 881 985

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Redesdale CFA will once again be running a competition to decide the most well-prepared fire ready property. You can nominate yourself, or someone you think is deserving, by contacting me on the above details. Judging will take place from now until the cut-off of Melbourne Cup with the winner announced in the December edition of the Bridge Connection.

#### Remember,

- use Roundup sooner rather than later, cleanup by Melbourne Cup,
- .and, don't mow dry grass.

Regards, Andrew Campbell.



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#### Mia Mia Cricket



Anyone interested in playing cricket for *Mia Mia* this season?

We would love to hear from you.

Please contact Seamus McKenna - 0421 485 812 or

Martin Leahy - 0400 220 629

#### Quote of the week:

"The trouble with the world is that the stupid are cocksure and the intelligent are full of doubt"

Bertrand Russell



#### <u>5</u> Recipe of the Month



#### Thai style pumpkin soup

1/3 cup red curry paste

400ml coconut milk

2 tblsp brown sugar

3 cups chicken stock

800g butternut pumpkin-peeled & diced

1 tblsp lime juice

Heat oil in saucepan over medium heat.

Add curry paste & cook, stirring for one minute until fragrant.

Add coconut milk, sugar & stock & bring to boil.

Add pumpkin & lime juice & cook until pumpkin is tender.

Can be garnished with basil leaves & sliced green onions.

Thank you, Yvonne McGrath

#### Advertisement

#### **JENNY'S NEW VENTURE**

Readers will be delighted to learn that Jenny Tomisic will be running craft workshops at the Redesdale General Store. She has been making beautiful cards for a long time which have been available for sale at the store. Now we can all learn how to make these lovely things. Jenny



will be running workshops through the coming months however classes will consist of only 6 - 8 people so if anyone is interested could they please reserve a seat early. For September, the workshop will be on Thursday 3rd from 10am - 12 noon at the Redesdale General Store. Tea, coffee and cakes will be provided with the compliments of the Redesdale Store.



Jenny says, "I am thrilled and delighted as an Independent Stampin'Up!® Demonstrator to be able to bring to you Stampin'Up!". This wonderful craft offers a huge range of products, projects and much more. You will be able to learn skills and techniques as well as meeting other people, relax, enjoy yourself and create through workshops or by hosting a party or two.

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**Demonstrator: Jenny Tomisic** Phone: 03 5425 3154 email: dtomisic@bigpond.com



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