

# Bridge Connection

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



## **THE PIRATES ARE COMING !**

Gilbert and Sullivan's "Pirates of Penzance" by the Kyneton Theatre Company will be playing at the Bluestone Theatre in Hutton Street, Kyneton, from October 9th to 24th. The show will star two of Redesdale's finest, our very own John Barker (left) as the Major General and Don White (right) as the Pirate King. Tickets are \$25 and can be bought at [www.trybooking.com/155309](http://www.trybooking.com/155309). Should be a fabulous show.



## Spark Engineering Camp 2015

During the second week of the school holidays, I was one of 48 students, from years 10-12 from all over Australia, selected to go on the Spark Engineering Camp in Melbourne. The camp was located mainly at Melbourne University, where we completed a number of engineering activities. Some activities were located at

the RMIT city campus, Monash University and the La Trobe Bundoora campus.



The camp was six days in total and we stayed at Queens College, which is one of the many colleges at Melbourne University. The camp leaders were current

university students from a variety of universities, studying an array of subjects.

Some of the engineering activities included egg drop, Lego robots, Laser Tag (we had to solder components to a PCB), bridge building, water filtration and more. All the activities were a lot of fun and were aimed at developing teamwork, communication and problem solving skills. All while giving us a taste of different varieties of engineering, including civil, electronic, aerospace, software, mechanical, mechatronic, chemical, automotive and more.

Along with the engineering activities, we had a lot of guest speaker's talk about a variety of university and engineering topics. Many speakers were either engineering students or employed engineers. They spoke mostly about what they do day-to-day, how they got to the job they are in now and what inspired them to pick engineering as a career. We were also given many opportunities to ask the speakers any questions. Other guest speakers included entrepreneurs and engineers from the defence force.

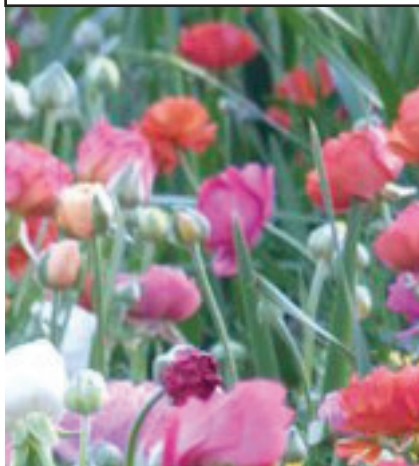
Throughout much of the camp, the leaders spoke to us a lot about university life, and how they are getting through it. These discussions involved topics such as housing/accommodation, budgeting, part-time work, work experience, résumés, application letters and time management.

This camp was a lot of fun, I made new friends and it has taught me a lot about university and engineering. Before the camp, I was completely unsure about university. But now, I am a lot more confident and look forward to doing either software or electronic engineering in university.

I highly recommend this camp to students in years 10, 11 and 12, who are interested in engineering, but are unsure whether university is right for them.

For more information please visit <http://sparkengineeringcamp.ywb.com.au/> or contact your school.

Callum Jones.



## MIA MIA Flower Show

### October 29th 2015



## Bird Walk along the Campaspe River 19.10.15

You are invited to participate in a Bird Walk on private property at Glenhope on the Campaspe River on Monday 19th October from 9 am to about 1 pm.

Everyone is welcome, from experienced birdwatchers to complete beginners. The only restriction is that the walk down to the river is about two kilometres of occasionally rocky and steep terrain: participants will need to be moderately fit and agile. Stout shoes are a must and clothing according to the weather is advised.

The Walk will be led by two experienced local birdwatchers: Cathy Newing and Mark Buckby from Woodend Bird Observers Club. During the Walk, all birds seen or heard will be recorded and the resultant list will be submitted for inclusion in the 2015 Aussie Backyard Bird Count.

The assembly point for the walk is on Sievers Lane, off Watchbox Road, Glenhope. At the end of the walk, brunch will be served.

The event is free and has been funded by the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal and is also supported by the Caring for the Campaspe project funded by the Victorian Government and delivered by the North Central Catchment Management Authority.

Places on the Walk will - of necessity - be restricted. To secure a place, please contact Clare on 54 234 152 or email [clare@knco.net](mailto:clare@knco.net) by Friday 16th October.





## Editorial

Now that spring is well under way and still very pore rain fall, in our area those of us that are busy cleang up around our properties please be mindful of using mowers, slashers, chainsaws and angle grinders around long grass and rocks.

Bridge Connection would like to welcome Beth McIlwain, Garth Campbell and their three children Luca, Keeley and Gabriel, to the area we are looking foward to seeing the local pub reopening soon.see page 5

Now that football has come to an end and cricket is starting please support the Mia Mia cricket club. Contact Seamus McKenna on 0421 485 812 or Martin Leahy on 0400 220 629 for info on playing.

Episode 4 of the fiction serial begins on page 7 we would love to hear your feedback on this send hard copy to 866 Coliban Park Road, Redesdale 3444 email [bridgeconnection.editor@gmail.com](mailto:bridgeconnection.editor@gmail.com) or on our facebookpage at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Bridge-Connection/1415991502042912?fref=ts>

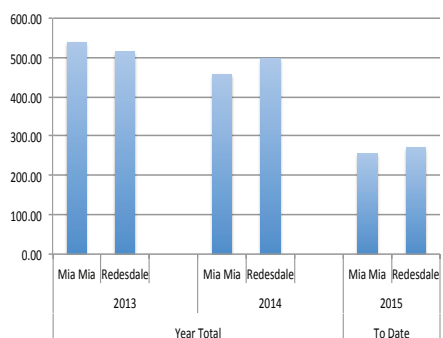
Regina Bennett and Kathy Hall



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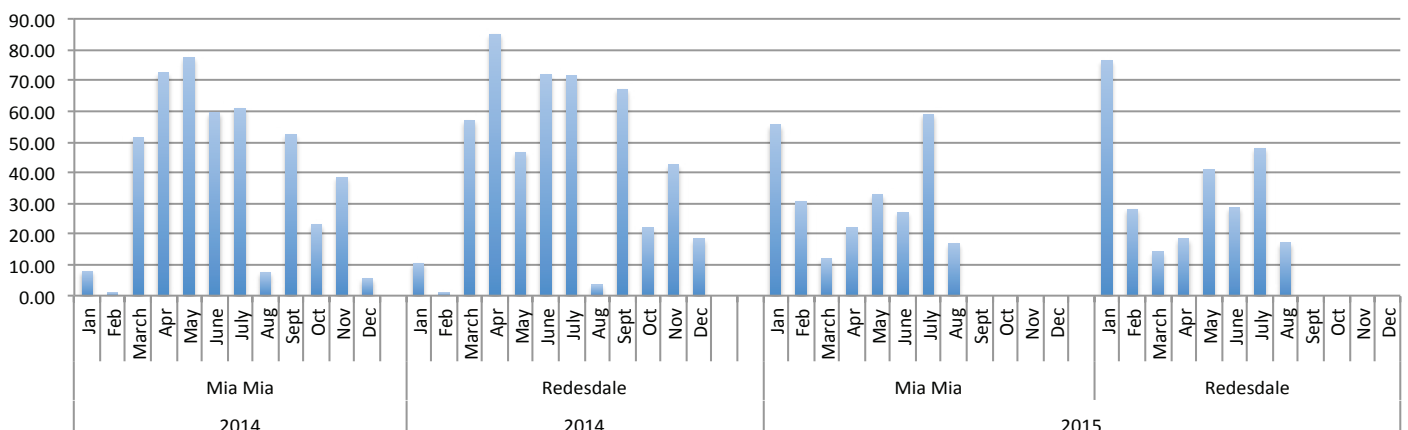
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The Bridge Connection is calling for all local businesses to consider advertising in this newspaper. All the work done to produce the paper is voluntary and it is hard work. We do it because we think it is extremely important for rural communities to have a voice and to be kept in touch with what is happening in the area.

The Bridge Connection took a new turn 6 months ago to concentrate more on local themes as 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 the 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 newspaper is proudly printed by the Kyneton Copy Centre which is part of the Windarring community.

The Bridge Connection is happy to produce articles about the businesses and organisations who wish to take up advertising in recognition of their support.

We have simplified the advertising sizes and rates:

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For any further information, please contact Callum Jones on 03 5425 3262, or contact the editors directly by email on [bridgeconnection.editor@gmail.com](mailto:bridgeconnection.editor@gmail.com)

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## Letters to the Editors

The Redesdale Hotel is soon to be open!

Beth McIlwain, Garth Campbell and their three children have made a momentous decision. They decided on a big "tree change" for the family and they all have moved to Redesdale.

Luca is 11 and is in grade 5, Keeley aged 10 is in grade 4 and Gabriel, aged 9 is in grade 3. All have already been warmly welcomed by the Redesdale- Mia Mia Primary School- an enjoyable addition to our small local school.

The family is settling into the Redesdale Hotel, making it their home, while they wait for permits and license to be finalised.

Garth is a chef who has some years of experience. He spent a period as Production Chef at University Meats in Carlton, providing for well known caterer Peter Rowland for big events. He was Chef at the Anglers Tavern in Maribyrnong and was awarded "Country Pub Chef of the Year" during his time at the Telegraph Hotel in Gisborne.

Ask Garth what he will be cooking at Redesdale- and he talks about "proper country pub food", about home-style cooking, about family food- do NOT talk about "fine dining". He smiles talking about his famous "steak nights".

He and Beth want to know about local producers -and are looking to buy from Farmers Markets. They certainly gave the impression they would welcome anyone knocking on the kitchen door with a basket of their excess produce!

They will run a family friendly, dog friendly place.

Beth talks about music ...she asks does anyone know any entertainers, artists who would like to come and talk with them?? ...She talks about maybe putting a piano in the pub.

It is clear the heart of Redesdale will soon be beating to a new tune.

We warmly welcome them to Redesdale.

Suzie and Peter Williams

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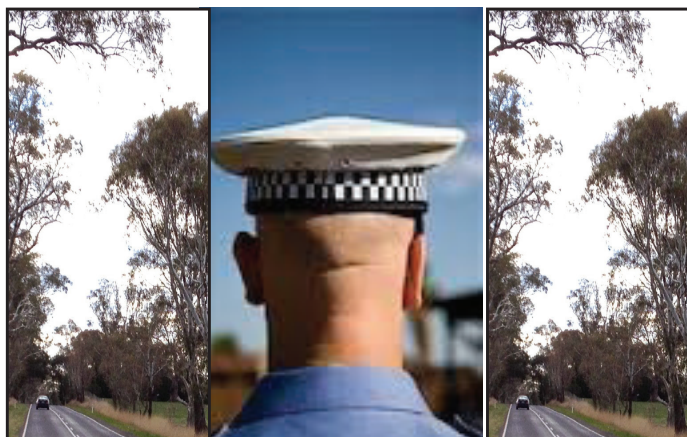
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# Riddle in Middlevale

## Episode 4 The Sargeant

by Finley Carraway



"My boy, my proud Dante! Where has he gone? Who could do this?" Mr. Prospero is almost weeping as Vicky helps him inside and his proud air has gone, shoulders hunched as if under a terrible weight. Vicky ushers him down to his bedroom and Jim sits back down at the breakfast table, and takes a sip of his now-cold coffee, its bitter taste seeming to complement the sudden mood descending on the house. He looks at his camera and his camera bag beside the table, wondering how even an assignment to shoot a sheep could go so wrong.

Vicky returns, and looks at Jim with an exasperated expression, "I'm going to call the police. He insists. I'll have to talk with the neighbours too. This'll kill him if we don't find that bloody ram." Jim nods, his mind turning over how on Earth a ram, a prize ram no less, could just vanish like that.

"Do you really think someone would steal a ram?" He asks, genuinely perplexed.

"Oh you have no idea what goes on when shows are on. Brutal! But this does seem a little extreme."

"Will the police even care?"

"Well it is a crime, if that's what's happened, so I guess they will, and this could be a pretty big thing locally. Word will travel fast."

Jim contemplates this idea, a scandal in a peaceful town. Perhaps country life has a lot more in common with the city than he thought. All just a matter of scale. A story nonetheless, and better, a developing one with Jim in the middle of the action.

"Editors be damned!" Jim thinks to himself, "I will have this story!"

"Vicky?" Jim begins, ever so politely.

"Yeah?"

"Can I help you with this? Tag along, perhaps help you talk to people, provide a bit of support?"

"Well, yeah, no problem, but ... hang on, you just want photos!"

"You know, a photographer has to be a sharp observer, I might see something others would miss! But I'll stay out of your hair."

"Alright I guess, we better get going, go down to the station, make the report."

Jim grabs his bag and follows Vicky out of the house, and they get into Vicky's car, an old four wheel drive,

much more suitable for the country than his, Jim thinks, and they head off through the grandiose gates and back down the hill.

"So, Vicky, tell me about yourself. Are you a local, grew up here?" Jim asks as they descend from Prospero's mansion. "Not much to say, yeah, I live in town, so does my Mum. She's got a bit of dementia though, so I do a few things for her. Like find her cat and feed it 'cause otherwise it would die of neglect."

"So you just work for Prospero though, mostly?"

"Yeah, not what I always wanted. Ha! I have a degree in journalism you know. Never did anything with it, too much stuff going on here. You worked for the papers yeah"

"Did. Got sacked. Media isn't what it used to be, I sympathise. What about your Dad?"

Vicky's expression darkens somewhat, "Oh, yes. That. Well you're going to meet him very soon."

They arrive at the Middlevale Police Station, a neat and tidy weatherboard affair with the Australian flag and the Victorian flag high on flagpoles in the front yard. Entering through the small cyclone fencing gate, they make their way inside.

A police constable sits at a desk in the front entrance, tediously filling out forms and paperwork. He looks up with a disinterested stare as they enter.

"Oh, hi Vicky. How are you?" he asks, without enthusiasm.

"I'm ok, thanks."

"Sarge is out back."

"Cheers."

Working their way to the offices, they come to an enclosed office where behind the desk, the full figure of Sergeant Eldridge sits, ensconced in his chair like a king. A mug sits before him with a tea bag hanging out its side.

"Hello Dad." Vicky greets her father with little humour.

"Hello Vicky. What have you done now? And, what is he doing here?" Eldridge points an accusatory finger directly at Jim's face.

"Good morning, Sergeant." Jim puts on his best, most confident greeting, suppressing the scalded boy within, part of whom he swears he left on the passenger seat of his car. Vicky sits down, as does Jim, opposite the Sergeant and they relax a moment.

"So, Dad. Old Prospero's ram's missing. Gates and fences are all good, no way he could have escaped. He was there yesterday evening, and this morning he's gone. Someone's taken him. I'm reporting it on behalf of the old man."

"Now hold on, we don't know that yet. But yeah I get your point, I've seen that enclosure, not even a bull could get through that. Alright, I'll look into it."

"Good. Well I guess we'll go then." Vicky looks set to leave, her business done apparently.

"Wait up." Sergeant Eldridge turns towards Jim, "You got here yesterday, right?"

"y..yes." Jim answers uneasily.

"And you're friends with the bloody Smiths, up the road there. Got a cousin in Melbourne, Melissa I think her name is. I heard about how Prospero wanted a photo and all of a sudden the Smiths are organising a photographer from Melbourne to come up. The Smiths! They hate Prospero!"

"Yeah, that's why I'm here..." Jim realises that was not the best choice of words, he really had no idea about the other stuff, just the assignment, and why the hell didn't Melissa tell him about this family feud?

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## MIA MIA Daylight Opera



Mia Mia Daylight Opera hitting a high note for locals  
On Sunday 8th November, the perfect acoustics of the timber lined Mia Mia Hall will play host to international and rising stars from The Opera Studio Melbourne, providing the local region with the opportunity to experience the drama and fun of opera in an idyllic country setting.

The Mia Mia Daylight Opera is an extremely popular annual event that draws people from around the region for an afternoon of culture and fun. Locals Lynne and David McDonald sponsor the event through the Alice Amy McDonald Scholarship Trust, set up by David's family. The aims of the Trust are to make performance opportunities for emerging young opera stars and to bring quality and affordable opera to rural areas.

"David and I are absolutely thrilled with the quality and professionalism of the performances. The joy on the faces of the audience is so pleasing, not just for us, but also for the performers," says Lynne. "It is truly special for Mia Mia and proves once again that you can find high-quality arts and culture right here in the region."

A cast of talented singers perform a wonderful program of operatic arias and ensembles. Matthew Nash, the manager of the Opera Studio, relishes the time his performers can spend in Mia Mia. "The energy in the Hall drives the performers to push themselves to a level of performance where they are truly communicating their stories, and in so doing, bringing Opera to life in the heart of the country." The Mia Mia Daylight Opera is only \$25 per person or \$20 per person for groups of 10 or more. This includes a country-style afternoon tea at the end of the performance.

Mia Mia (pronounced My-ah My-ah) is just out of Heathcote, on the way to Redesdale.

Details:

Mia Mia Daylight Opera

When: 1:30pm - 4:30pm November 8, 2015

Location: Mia Mia Hall, Valley Road, Mia Mia Victoria 3444

Bookings: [www.trybooking.com/IGIC](http://www.trybooking.com/IGIC)

Cost \$25 - includes refreshments after the performance.

The event is supported by the City of Greater Bendigo.

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## Redesdale Recreation Reserve Committee of Management Inc. Chairman's Monthly Report September-2015

Hi Redesdalian,

This last month has been filled with exciting news with several projects happening to enhance the reserve and its surroundings. Firstly the fence along Reserve Lane is now being totally renewed to the second gate.

The reserve irrigation storage tank has been resited with a proper retaining edge to allow the installation of a second storage tank to supply fresh drinking water for users of the reserve. Installation will occur on the 25th September and the gutter on the south side of the pavilion will be realigned to farm the fresh drinking water. The committee thanks Barfold Quarry for donating another load of material.

Plans are under way to fit new front gates to the entrance off Redesdale-Kyneton Rd which will allow pedestrians safe access to the hall and reserve during events, hopefully installed in time for the Redesdale Rocks Festival and art show.

CoGB will be installing new bollards around the septic distribution field to replace the treated pine posts by the end of the month. It is very heartening to see the council is prepared to assist the committee when the committee is eager and committed to getting the job done.

CoGB has granted a planning permit to proceed with stage 1 of the pavilion project, architect Terry Mitton has agreed to produce construction drawings and assist with applying for a building permit.

Many thanks goes to Barbara. Campbell. for the fantastic job she did, but unfortunately she has had to resign from cleaning the public toilets as she has had to relocate from the hotel. The committee wishes Barbara all the best for the future. A new contractor has been appointed and will carry on without any disruption. The committee is working towards making the reserve a show place of our little town for the community and visitors to enjoy. We look forward to what we can achieve in the time to the run-up to the festival.

Les.Pocock.

Redesdale Recreation Reserve Committee of Management Inc



### The "Race Is On"

To have your property cleaned up by Melbourne Cup Day.  
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Don't forget to nominate yourself, or your neighbour, for the 'Fire Ready Property' award.

Judging will be taking place soon. Contact Andrew Campbell, Fire Prevention Officer, on 0428253104 for more information. Also, as the season dries out quickly, burning off can become hazardous, so please be careful. If you are unsure, please contact me and I'll arrange a visit.

Thank you,  
Andrew Campbell.





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A De-fib (AED) unit is available from the Redesdale General Store 24 hours a day 7 days a week. (The AED is kept inside the front door on the left). (ph 5425 3154)

An understanding/completion of a basic first aid course will greatly help with a medical emergency.

Thank you, Paul.

### Important information

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October 3<sup>rd</sup> 2015



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

"Oh so you do know about about the Smiths then?"

Eldridge takes a suspicious tone and look. Like a fox who has smelt the chicken coup, he is circling the fence now, looking for a way in.

"Well, ah, no, I just know Melissa and she..."

"And you were at Prospero's house last night, the night of the incident with the ram?"

"Yes..." Jim does not like where this is going.

"Just you and old Aldobrandino there?"

"Well I suppose so, yes. Vicky had left for the night." Jim turns to Vicky, looking for something, anything, what's going on here? Vicky nods in support.

"But you swear you didn't see or hear anything? The first you knew was when you got out into, what's his name again? Dante! Dante's paddock?" Eldridge chuckles for a moment then returns, piercing deadly stare aimed into Jim's very soul.

Jim gathers the courage to get to the point, which, elusive as it seems, also seems dangerously important, "Yes. Sergeant, what are you saying here?"

"I'm going to need to to stay in town, Mr. Stevens. Perhaps you can help us with our enquiries."

Vicky stands up abruptly. "Dad, this is ridiculous. Come on, Jim, lets get you out of here."

Eldridge ignores his daughter, and simply shouts after them, "Don't you go anywhere Stevens! And stay away from Prospero's place, he's a material witness and I want no interference!"

Vicky and Jim hurry out. "You can stay at mine, if it's easier." Vicky offers, and Jim just nods. He's in shock. They

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## COURAGE OR CONFIDENCE, A CONVERSATION WITH WOMEN

What is courage and what is confidence? Do men have more of one and women the other? Is there a difference? What are the challenges women see and what's getting in the way of change in our country and in this region? What do women need to hear, what do men need to understand and what do we together need to change?

beStella is running a thought provoking evening with regional women on Monday October 19 at Bendigo's Ulumbarra Theatre.

Fabian is a well-known social commentator, advocate for women, leadership expert and creative strategist. She is a firm believer in encouraging women to make positive change and challenges them to think outside the square. She is also a funny, engaging and highly informed speaker.

"The event aims to inspire women and help to break down barriers that unconsciously still exist. In 2015 there is still a need to advocate for change and send positive messages to women, so current and future generations have role models and leaders to look up to," Ms Hopley, founder of beStella said.

beStella, an authentic blog, is an important local initiative to recognise, support and celebrate women in the region.

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## Romsey Primary School is 150 years Old!

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Saturday October 24th will be a big day for Romsey Primary when it celebrates 150 years since its establishment. An Open Day is being held between 10.00am and 4.00pm at the school in Station Street, Romsey, with lots of attractions including a mini-market, food and refreshments, displays and demonstrations and the opportunity to explore the old school building in Palmer Street. An official ceremony will be held at 2.30pm. All current and former families, students and staff are invited. Catch up with old friends and acquaintances.

Also on in Romsey will be a special screening of the movie "Dusty", filmed in and around Romsey in the 1980s. This old fashioned movie night is at the Mechanics Hall on Saturday evening after the Open Day, doors open at 7.00pm. Cost is \$4 per adult, or \$10 per family (2 adults, 2 children under 16). An old-fashioned country supper will be available for purchase. On Sunday 25th October the Historical Society is holding a special World Children's Day Old Time Activities afternoon at Seymour Cottage in Palmer Street. There will be a family picnic day at the old school grounds to celebrate the planned redevelopment of the site into a public open space and park.

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# REDESDALE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION AGM

On the evening of Thursday August 20th, at 6.30pm, the third AGM of the Redesdale and District Association (the Association) was held at the Redesdale Hall. As president of the Association, Jo Smith-Sargent chaired the evening's proceedings. Twenty-four people attended and there were apologies from 12 members.

A special welcome went to Cr. Helen Leach (CoGB) who has been tireless in her support of the local community.

Jo reinforced that the main objective of the Association is to implement the Community Plan reviewed in 2013. She said, "Several of the Community Plan goals fall under the charge of the Feasibility Study which was recently commissioned by the City of Greater Bendigo. The goals set in the Community Plan would probably not be able to be reached if we did not secure financial support from various sources. The Feasibility Study has assessed whether these goals are worthwhile. The draft report has been produced and it is favourable to the Community Plan goals but it has not yet been made officially public. We are excited at the prospect of moving ahead with these projects."

Glenn Brown, Captain of the Redesdale CFA stated that a highlight of this year was the purchase of a new fire truck which has attended fires in Kilmore, Bendigo and Tylden as well as many more local fires. Redesdale CFA attended 48 fires this year, some of which were very large. One fire was attended by 43 trucks. Glenn then talked about the importance of Redesdale as a staging area. He said that the main assets used are the fire shed, the hall (for food and refreshment), and the reserve. The reserve is occasionally used for helicopter landings and often for fire trucks. He said the work and efficiency of the CFA would be enhanced if the pavilion on the oval was developed as per the 'lock-up' plan submitted to council as there was a need for a briefing and debriefing area away from the eating area. The pavilion – right next to the oval – is ideally placed. The CFA has written a letter of support to the CoGB for the endeavours of the Reserve Committee to complete this task. Members of the Reserve Committee were able to advise Glenn the planning permit had been received in the previous 48 hours and now the building permit will be sought. He regretted there had been a delay in granting the planning permit as it is hoped the facility will be completed before this next fire season.

Jo then spoke about two other focal points of this year's achievements. Firstly, the new path from the school to the store and the school bus turning circle which is due to be completed at the end of August. She acknowledged the continual drive of members of the Association and of Councillors Leach and Campbell in securing this important improvement to conditions outside the school. "Secondly, the naming of the bridge has also been a significant success over the past year. A further endeavour has been to look at the feasibility of a walking or bike trail joining Redesdale with other trails and towns. A subcommittee of the Association headed by Heather Carmody, has been addressing this and a document outlining the concept has gone to the planning department of the COGB.

Another goal set out in the Community Plan was to "support existing and develop new community events". So far this year we have successfully organised and delivered a fabulous Cricket Day and two Dinner+Talk Evenings. All have brought the community together and all have raised funds to directly benefit our community.

The first of the Dinner+Talks was held in November last year. A member of the project management team from the new Bendigo

Hospital delivered a pre-showing of their new build.

The second Dinner+Talk was held last month and was delivered by the Otis Foundation. They wished to use the evening to introduce Kez's Hideaway to the community. Kez's Hideaway will become a special retreat for women recovering from and living with breast cancer. The home is being constructed by Paul Gray, a Bendigo Builder in memory of his late wife, Kerri (also known as Kez). Paul, together with many volunteers and the OTIS foundation are building this retreat in their own time, with donations from many supporters. A visit to this retreat will be free for anyone suffering from breast cancer.

This "Dinner + Talk" evening was purely to welcome this project into the community and to introduce this project to the many community members who have driven by and wondered "who is building that big house on Racecourse Road?" This project is special because it has been made possible by some of our local people. This house is being built on land donated through the generosity of the Campbell family in Redesdale. We originally set out for this to be an information evening only but the Association decided to donate funds raised on the night to the Otis Foundation. This was a very pleasant surprise for the Foundation. It gives me great pleasure to present a cheque to the OTIS foundation for \$2792.00."



Jo Smith-Sargent, Carlie Ryan and Lisa Campbell

Carlie spoke about how much the Otis representatives had enjoyed the evening and how surprised and delighted Paul Gray was regarding the generosity of the Redesdale people. She said that Paul was passionate about the cause and was quite overwhelmed on the night. Paul had said how Redesdale had 'embraced the project' and turned it into a reality. From the floor, Association member Hilary Jankelson wanted Carlie to take a message back to Emma Gray about how appreciative and impressed the Redesdale people had been that at such a tender age she had bravely stood up and talked about her late mother.

After applause from the floor Jo continued, "The Association has also committed to supporting the local school swimming programme for three years. The Association, together with the principal of the school thought it imperative for our local children to learn to swim, especially with all the dangers that we have around here."

When the new School Principal, Mr Sebire, arrived in February, he noticed that the school library was old, dated and that none of the children were interested in them. The lack of up-to-date books meant that the children were disadvantaged when it came to reading competitions. The library needed reviving. When the school submitted a grant application to the Association earlier, it was a unanimous committee decision to support this request through the Association's Community Chest. This was made possible through the Dinner+Talk event held recently."

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## 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  
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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.

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54 221 025 Veronica Manifold

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## Cricket



A match between 11 of Redesdale's finest will contest a 30 over a side match at the Redesdale Reserve on Sunday November 30th. It will be an integral part of the Discover Redesdale Festival which is being held from Friday to Sunday. Our opponents, Mia Mia, will travel over the historic bridge for the first stanza of what may become an annual event. The match will probably start at 11am with a break for lunch at 1pm. Those who attended the Redesdale/Axe Creek match on April 18th will attest to the excellence of the lunch provided on that day and our best resident chefs will endeavor to raise the bar even higher.

Drinks will be provided so please don't BYO. We sincerely hope Redesdale and Mia Mia residents will arrive in numbers to support their local teams who will be vying for inaugural ownership of the BRIDGE CUP.

There will be a raffle to raise money for cricket equipment with the proceeds being divided equally between the teams and prizes will be given for outstanding individual efforts.

Our sponsors, Shaver Shop and Opteon Property Group will again support the event BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP TO MAKE THE DAY A TOTAL SUCCESS.



## EUROPEAN WASP SEASON

by Laurie Nicoll

Firstly I am not a scientist or entomologist just a keen observer, and inventor of Shamp featured on ABC's New Inventors [www.shamp.com.au](http://www.shamp.com.au) I live in central Vic. on 2 acres of bushland and have been studying the habits of the European wasp for 10 + years and believe all methods tried so far to get rid of them i.e. baiting with poison, to take back to nest, the parasitic wasp (1997 trial) to eat lava has failed. I have also tried other methods when nests have formed but so far none have worked apart from finding and dusting them!

I believe the main component in the cycle is the Queen which is overlooked! It seems that waiting for nests to be formed then take action is what's in everyone's mind I have developed a method to catch the queen before she makes a nest. My idea is cheap, environmentally friendly, recyclable and safe, easy to make and most household will have ingredients for bait!

For this idea to work it needs people power, if every household put out 4 traps the number of nests formed would be reduced greatly.

In 2013 I caught 174 queen wasps with this method and similar numbers during a 4 year trial period. Unfortunately due to knee op I was unable to tend traps last year 2014 and 2015 has been the worst year I have encountered.

Because my idea starts in spring and most nests die off during winter people become complacent because there are no wasps around until it's too late!

The queen comes out of hibernation in spring with two priorities in mind #1 to build nest and #2 feed herself which is carbohydrates until she has workers take over.

My method uses a 1.25 lt soft drink bottle with 3 holes approx .10mm diameter about 100mm from bottom of bottle and a bait made from honey, water and a little pure vanilla essence which ferments in sun. The traps need a little tending until Jan. meaning once full removing catch, reusing and topping up bait, replace cap.

And finally I am not intending to gain financially from this idea its FREE to anyone who wants to use this method!

I can send pics of trap and 2013 catch if required

Laurie Nicoll

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the Association's Community Chest. This was made possible through the Dinner+Talk event held recently." After accepting the cheque for \$1500, Mr Sebire said how shocked he had been that pupils had never heard of some of the very funny and popular modern children's books. He was grateful to the Association and was looking forward to reigniting the children's interest in reading.

After more applause, Jo continued, "In addition to the successes we have talked about, I want to mention the district's website which is maintained and updated regularly with all the news of the town. The website name is displayed on the newly positioned notice board for incoming visitors.

Our radio relationship has grown and we have been offered to pro-



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Jo Sebire receives library grant from the Association

Association membership has remained at 61, which is a great membership for a small town. This gives us a huge advantage when applying for grants.

The Association has been successful in securing several grants for the Redesdale Rocks Festival.

The formal business of the meeting included acceptance of the last AGM minutes, a financial presentation summarised by Rod Gibson as "*cash on hand on July 1st 2014 had been \$5,233.02 and cash on hand as of July 1st 2015 was \$6,311.70.*"

Jill James, Membership Officer moved that the current fee structure remain the same at \$20 for new members and \$15 for a subsequent 2 year membership. All were in favour.

Following handover to Chris Gillies for the formal election of the committee, the following people were elected.

### Office-bearers:

President - Jo Smith-Sargent

Vice President - Ronn Taylor

Secretary - Kathy Hall

Treasurer - Ruth Booker

Assistant Treasurer (and Bridge Connection rep.) - Regina Bennett

### Committee Members:

Membership Officer - Jill James

Web Manager - Kylie Munro

CFA rep. - Don White

RRRC rep. - Yvonne McGrath

Asset Manager - Rod Gibson

School rep. - Joe Sebire

Hall Committee rep. - Gloria Pocock


Ordinary member - Lisa Campbell

Ordinary member - Les Pocock

Two resignations were received, from Chris Taylor and Suzanne Williams.

After the meeting closed, some wonderful soups and crusty bread were enjoyed by all. The recipe from the favourite soup is in last month's Bridge Connection!





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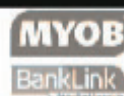
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### Recipe of the Month



#### Apple and Sour Cream Slice

1 packet of butter or sponge cake mix - 340 grams, the generic ones are best.  
1 cup dessicated coconut.  
125gms melted butter.  
1 x 420 gm can pie apple - lightly mashed.  
1 x 300ml tub sour cream (full fat) whip slightly if necessary.  
Cinnamon or cinnamon sugar.

#### Method

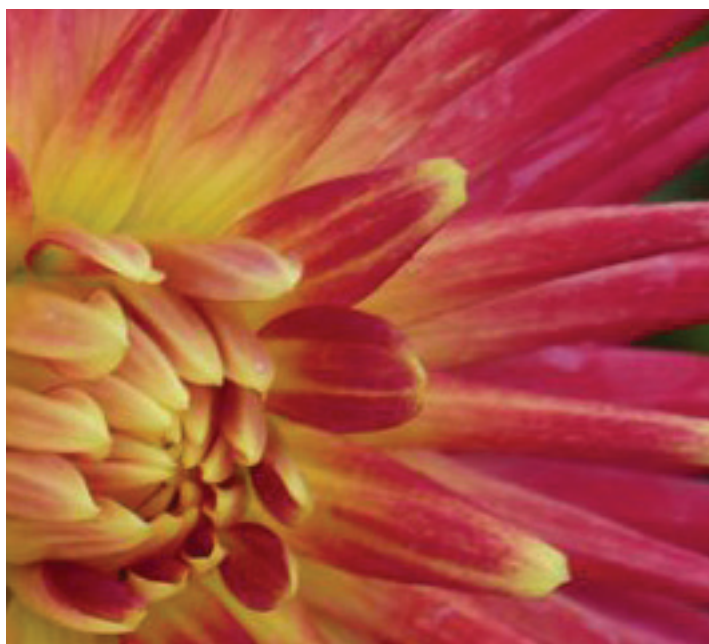
Grease and line slice tray.  
Heat oven to 180 deg. Less if fan forced.  
Mix cake mix, coconut and melted butter together and spread into prepared slice tin. Firm down.  
Spread with apple slices.  
Top with sour cream.  
Sprinkle with cinnamon.  
Bake for 45 mins  
Cool in the tin. Store in the fridge.



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