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Two weekends of QUALITY CULTURE in Mia Mia and Redesdale!

Redesdale Rocks festival: Open Studios



As part of the Redesdale Rocks Festival, Su Mitton (pictured above) again held a successful open studio event. Her highly colourful paintings, often with a domestic theme, are extremely popular and definitely worth the drive to Barfold to view.

Kevin Foley held his exhibition at his home in Mia Mia where he has converted two containers into a stunning modern studio. His prints are famous as is his generosity when it comes to his time and his donation of artworks for fundraising.

We are very lucky to have such accomplished artists in our midst.

Mia Mia Opera 2015



The Mia Mia Opera was again an amazing event this year. Fabulous music, glorious voices and the sharp wit of the MC, Howard Nathan. Although the Saturday night performance always sells out, this year again there was some room for more attendance at the matinee performance.

This is a real opportunity for local residents to bathe themselves and their children in totally professional performances of ageless classical music for very little cost. Let's hope next year's matinee is a sellout too. For a full report see Louise Joy's article on page 12.

Editorial

We are happy to show you our first Bridge Abroad contestants on page 19 thanks to Bendigo Travel and Cruise. Don't forget to take the Bridge Connection away with you on your holidays and send us a photo of you or a friend holding the paper. You could win a weekend away!

Also a big welcome to Kyneton Toyota who you will see on our front page.

We have a new "Bridge Pet Pal" section too! This is proudly sponsored by Kyneton Veterinary Hospital. Thank you Leigh Coghlan and team!! (Page 13)

The Redesdale Rocks Festival was a great success and the word is that it may become an annual event. See page 8 for the winners of the various raffles.

Congratulations to Celena Boyd for winning the 'under 25' photo competition prize and to Laura Lavender and Pam Matthews for winning the first and second photo competition prizes. (See page 13).

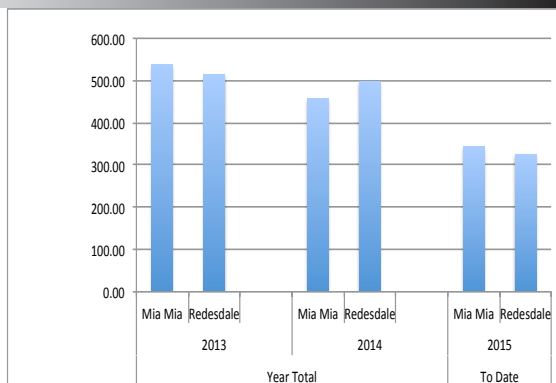
On page 14 you will see that we have started a new health section. Dr Tim Stobie from Kyneton Medical Centre has kindly agreed to write a regular health article. This month he writes about hayfever. Even our dogs are sneezing at the moment!

Don't forget to start collecting various items for the Bush Market in March. Or perhaps you would like to make cakes for the Hall's cake stall? The money raised from these stalls is fed back into the community. The next edition will come out at the beginning of March, so the next deadline is February 20th.

We would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Kath Hall and Regina Bennett, Editors

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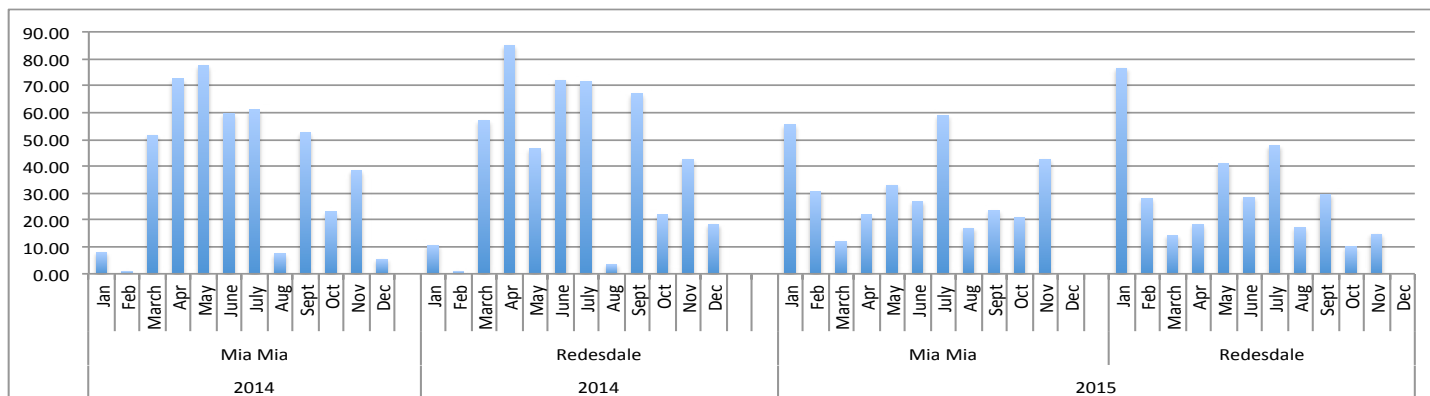
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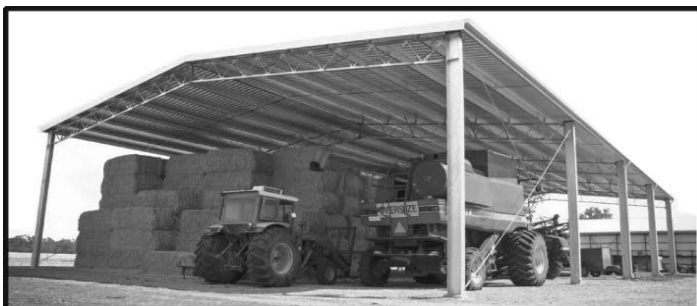
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Congratulations to John and Sue: Continued from page 12:

John and Sue spend a lot of time tending their beautiful garden. Not only do they take great pride in their own surrounds, they have also taken up nurturing their neighbouring properties as well. What a great example of Community well-being.

A great asset that the judging panel from the Redesdale CFA noticed was the dedicated CFA water tank that has been recently installed on their property.

A special mention must go to Bradley and Jayne of McNiffs Rd, who have whipper snipped their property to within an inch of its life as well as doing the roadside and heavily grazed surrounding paddock.

The Redesdale CFA are extremely grateful to John and Sue for the dedication they put into their oasis. I think we can all benefit from tending to our surrounds, don't you?

So, have a safe summer, and a Merry Christmas.

Andrew Campbell, Fire Prevention Officer.

BEVERLY STUD ON-FARM RAM SALE

Continuing on from last year's success, the second annual Beverley On-farm Ram Sale was held on the last Friday of September drawing a large crowd of bidders, interested locals and onlookers to the merino stud's "Corra" property. As a stud well known for their show-winning sheep, potential buyers flooded the pens over the course of the day, each eager to secure a piece of Beverly's sought after bloodlines for their own flocks.

With a total of 48 superfine and ultrafine merino rams on offer and 44 sold, the average price was considerably high at \$1481.

Amongst those dedicated to finding their next stud sire were a number of Tasmanian buyers who bought a multitude of rams now destined for the Apple-Isle. Local buyers were in force with support also coming from the Western districts and North-East of the state.



John Barty of Beverley Merino Stud said he was pleased with the sale results given the poor season.
"The sale exceeded our expectations and we were happy to see many return buyers," he says.

Already looking towards next year's sale Mr Barty concedes the sale will likely be moved to the Tuesday of AFL Grand final week.



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At last, thanks to the persistence and tenacity of the Redesdale Mia Mia Primary School Councillors and Councillors Helen Leach and Rod Campbell, the road outside the school has been made safe. Now there is a turning circle for the bus and the dangerous 'short cut' from the Heatherton Road has been cordoned off with bollards. Well done to everyone involved. It really shouldn't have been that hard to make a place safe for children though, should it?

Redesdale Hall Activities

Meetings:

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

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Episode 6 Where is Vicky?

by Finley Carraway



KNOCK, KNOCK! BANG BANG BANG "Vicky! It's Dad!"

No answer.

"THIS IS THE POLICE!"

Jim awakes. Some sort of thumping at the door, he's sure of it. He rolls out of bed, the thumping at the door matching the thumping in his head. The previous evening a blur in his mind, wrenching memories of too many beers at the local, a vague memory of dancing, singing. The thumping at the door continues again, and he hears the word "police". He puts on his jeans and a t-shirt. "What happened?" he wonders. Mel is not around. He's pretty sure he remembers her leaving in a taxi for her uncle's place. Jim stumbles to the front door of Vicky's house and opens it.

"You!" Sergeant Eldridge exclaims.

"Sergeant! How can I help?"

He barges in, scanning the room, stomping through the place. Jim is barely awake and is getting his bearings, still. The Sergeant marches through the entire place, returns to Jim, now looking vacant whilst nervously gulping at a glass of water in the kitchen.

"OK, where is she?" Eldridge asks, interrogation-like.

"Who?" Jim replies, perplexed.

"My bloody daugh... Vicky," he replies.

"I dunno, I don't think she came home last night." Jim is a mixture of concern and fear.

"She never does this, never doesn't talk to me or her mother at least once a day."

Jim is immediately aware that he is no longer Sergeant Eldridge but is really now just Vicky's dad. It's palpable.

"Can I get you a coffee or something?" Jim offers.

"No! No, you're coming with me to the station. Vicky's missing, and it's been nothing but trouble since you were in town."

"Sergeant Eldridge, I hardly think..."

"I don't care, you're coming with me."

"Can I at least put some clothes on?"

"Yes, but I'm watching you"

He follows Jim to his room as Jim puts some socks and shoes on and sprays some deodorant on given that a shower is suddenly out of the question. Jim looks towards his notes, but thinks better of it, he hasn't seen Vicky since yesterday either. No, he will be himself. Vicky's dad is genuinely concerned, even though it's only been something like a day.

The linoleum finish of the interview room is only a little bit more comforting than the emergency ward of a hospital; perhaps it's the lack of screaming patients in distress.

The grey surface of the table is relentless in its disinterest. The bland walls a simple reminder of the lack of any chance of escape. It is a clinical and unyielding atmosphere. Just like a hospital might scream, "We will get you better!" in this case, "We will get you!" seems more apt, Jim thinks. Jim knows that the police intend to get at a story, but a creeping suspicion in him suggests that this story has little to do with the truth.

The door opens and Sergeant Eldridge enters, alone. He sits down opposite Jim.

"Well, you look sufficiently nervous." He says, in a disquieting way. "Sergeant, I'm not sure why I am here at all. Do I need a lawyer or something?"

"Why would you need a lawyer?"

"Oh, that one. Sergeant, this is not 'Law and Order'. Why am I here?"

"Well, my daughter, Vicky, is missing now, along with that stupid ram, and you're here and I can't help but feel a connection." He says, calmly but with a huge amount of menace in his eyes.

"Vicky's missing?"

"Yes. Don't play with me, Stevens!"

"Sergeant, I don't know what you're talking about but Vicky asked me to stay at hers while this whole business got sorted and I saw her yesterday morning when she left."

"You have your car again..." he points out.

"OK, so she took me up to Prospero's and I got my car and came back"

"I told you not to go there..."

"I know, but my car..."

"And then you simply came back to town, nothing else?"

"Nothing else."

"No contact with the Smiths?"

"No."

The Sergeant chuckles briefly. "So if I told you you were seen yesterday with the Smith's cousin Melissa, you'd deny it?"

"Melissa?"

"Come on Mr. Stevens..."

"OK, yes, Melissa came up and we met up and had drinks together, she is a friend after all. You know that, obviously. She was telling me how they're not involved, she'd heard about the ram, the whole scandal, that the Smiths are not involved. We just caught up, had some drinks, I'm still feeling that now..."

"And you don't know where Vicky, Ms Eldridge, could be?"

"No idea."

The conversation goes on for some time, and Jim, whilst finding it ridiculous, is also now genuinely concerned for his own freedom. He then has a moment of inspiration, a memory from Vicky's presence. She'd talked about an old shed, or was it a hut, an old place on an old bit of property that her family owned. Perhaps it was while he was with Vicky at her house in a quieter, more intimate moment. Maybe she told him, a detail that he could not reveal to Sergeant Eldridge without suggesting that Vicky and he were 'involved'. No, he had to find a way to tell him without digging himself even deeper, this was the key. The picture begins to come together in Jim Stevens' mind.

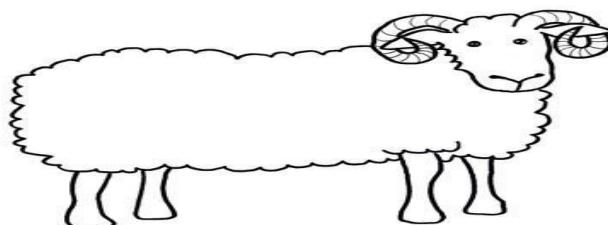
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PHOTOS OF THE MONTH



Open wide! Here comes a moth!



Mandy and Nelly at the Redesdale cricket on Melbourne Cup weekend.

Redesdale Rocks Festival

Raffle winners

Raffle held at the family Picnic and Music festival:

1. Niki Wilson - 2 nights at Docklands.
2. Helen Paterson - signed golf bag by Peter Thompson.
3. David Watt - Bunnings voucher.

Raffle held at the Cricket Match:

1. Seamus Mckenna - Shaver Shop gift pack.
2. Peter Monkhouse - Shaver Shop gift pack.

TEA TIME DANCING

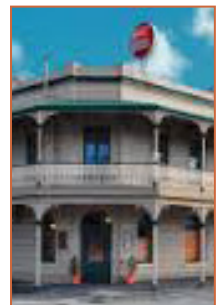


The Redesdale Hall Committee Inc. recently held another successful 'Afternoon Tea Dance' at the Redesdale Hall. Dancers once again enjoyed the music of 'The Silhouettes', a highly renowned band who travelled from Mornington. The Tea Dances are held twice a year, usually in April and September. Dancers also enjoyed, and quickly devoured, the scrumptious afternoon tea prepared by the Hall Committee and helpers. Many of the dancers regularly travel from several directions to attend each dance, all the while looking forward to this twice-yearly ritual.



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

Hi Redesdalians!

Well, what a very busy and exciting month we have endured. Firstly, the Redesdale Rocks Festival kicking off with the art show, opened by our federal member, the deputy leader of the Nationals, Steph Ryan, on the Friday night of the Melbourne Cup long weekend. This was followed on Saturday with the festival picnic, live music, the Taste of Redesdale, open studios and the exciting cricket match between Redesdale & Mia-Mia on the Sunday, all put together to showcase our beautiful little village.

As an added bonus the Redesdale Hotel received its license and was opened permanently prior to the weekend. The Reserve Committee would like to wish Beth and Garth all the best for their new adventure.

Community members may have seen the Redesdale CFA truck around the oval once a week and wondered what was going on. I am pleased to inform the community that Lindsay Booker, Rod Gibson and myself have been watering the trees supplied by CoGB together with 3 new trees for the streetscape, to give them a kick along until they establish.

An application for a building permit has been submitted for the pavilion renovations and should take about 4 weeks to approve. This will give the committee time to prepare a works program for a staged schedule of works and cost estimates. Paul Gray of Paul Gray Builders has generously offered to oversee the project. If there is any community member who feels that they have skills that could assist, could you please contact 0427 280 814.

The level of commitment by the Reserve Committee over the last 12 months has highlighted what can be achieved if everybody is working from the same page. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the other committees for their comments of approval of the progress path we are headed down.

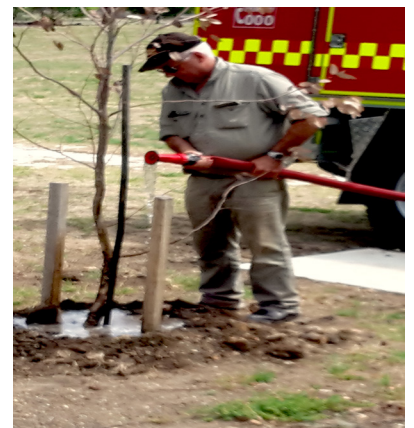
The community is now in possession of tables, chairs and umbrellas, which together with the fantastic rotisserie roaster all available for hire. So if you're looking at having a party or an event contact Ronn Taylor, yalookaridge@gmail.com. Also please see the notice of the public meeting on page 12.

Les Pocock, Chairman

Hard work at the Reserve

Left: new shrubs and trees are planted around the oval.
Right: Rod Gibson marks the pitch for the cricket.

Bottom left to right: Lindsay Booker makes water-trapping bowls around new trees. Rod, with the aid of the CFA truck, waters our precious new trees.



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Visit of Senator Bridget McKenzie

It can truly be said that the Hon. Steph Ryan has taken notice of the problems relayed to her about our district back in January when she was newly elected. Steph organised for Senator Bridget McKenzie to visit Redesdale to talk about our concerns regarding telecommunications and internet access in our area.



Bridget is the Nationals Senator for Victoria and her office is in Bendigo. Redesdale was her first stop on a fact-finding trip through the Euroa electorate. She clearly understood the ramifications of poor phone and internet connectivity and the group was able to give her good examples to take to the Federal Minister. Senator McKenzie is pictured 5th from the left in the front row and Steph Ryan is on her right. Let's hope that some action will ensue.

The Battle of the Bridge - continued from page 15

This will soon be inscribed as "THE BATTLE OF THE BRIDGE" trophy and placed initially at least, in the new pavilion. Details of the first and future Mia Mia/Redesdale contests will be added as time goes by.

Both Martin and Paul congratulated each other on their respective team's efforts, thanked evergreen umpire Ned Upton (a Mia Mia man !) for officiating and expressed their desire to do it all again soon.

Redesdale is intent on reclaiming the trophy in March 2016 after we decide on a mutually agreeable date. The follow up match will probably be played at Mia Mia and the date will be advertised in, among other places, the BRIDGE CONNECTION.

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Redesdale Bush Market, 2016.

Bookings are open for stalls at the Redesdale Bush Market coming up on Sunday, 13 March on the Labour Day Long Weekend, 2016. Stalls are available at \$20.00 each. The Bush Market is run by the Redesdale Hall Committee and continues to grow each year, with sponsorship currently being sought.

For booking and sponsorship enquiries, please contact Alwyn on 0419 513 976 or Carolyn on 5425 3194.

FLAK at Heathcote

Heathcote is so fortunate to have productions from the Engine Room each year, coordinated by Maree Hingston with support from Barbara Clement and directed by Helen Ellis. Exceptional are the one person performances, FLAK on Wednesday 21 October 2015, 8pm in the RSL hall being another brilliant evening.

Michael Veitch, a consummate actor, made us feel each pilot real as he told "True stories from men who flew in World War Two". He came on stage as a true blue Aussie sitting at his desk telling of the 10,000 young men, all volunteers and minimally trained, flying big black Lancaster bombers. He was shot down by the Swedes on 8th February 1945 flying over the North Sea above Helsubing, Sweden with all lights blazing on his 29th trip when 30 trips made a tour of duty.

Michael paused to come towards the audience telling of his boyhood passion for aeroplanes. He made it his goal to track down all the men who had flown in the Battle for Britain and from his meetings the performance was born, illustrated with overhead projections of aeroplanes and pilots.

An intriguing interlude of the evening was a projection of failed aeroplanes of WW2 which were of course never made public. Michael had an amusing story of a German pilot asking the English why they were flying such a stupid plane.

Then by chance Michael came across the name of a German pilot who after the war met with his English counterpart and became friends. In a dressing gown, calling Michael "cobber", he spoke with a creditable German accent.

The fifth pilot was another Australian, who spoke of his wife, a teacher of French and German, who was invited to a reunion after the War, planes of both sides bearing the same numbers. She was "treated like a queen" and former enemies rejoiced that they could now be friends.

Concluding with a projection of a British pilot whom Michael asked what he would like to say, the pilot replied, "Not always, and not necessarily often, but occasionally to be remembered."

The evening was not only an acting tour de force but a powerful evocation of humanity in the midst of war.

HEATHCOTE NEWSHOUND Louise Joy
29 October 2015

How the opera came to Mia Mia

by Louise Joy

How the opera came to Mia Mia was that Lynne and David McDonald attended the annual Australia Day breakfast at Mia Mia about 5 years ago and saw the Mia Mia Hall for the first time. They recognised that it would be a great venue for opera and made an offer to the Mia Mia Mechanics' Institute (MMMI) to sponsor an opera there. After some local discussion of whether or not it would be supported by the local community it was decided to trial it for one year. The first year was a sell out, as have been the Saturday evening performances over the four years it has been offered by the Opera Studio Melbourne – Gertrude Opera.

Alexandra Loan, who sang from Nicolai's The Merry Wives of Windsor, was 2015 recipient of the Alice Amy McDonald Opera Scholarship, given by Lynne and David McDonald.

Opera lovers came to Daylight Opera at Mia Mia from Kynton, "from the other side of Heathcote towards Nagambie", a swell from Melbourne in his Jaguar and a farmer in his ute, parked under the gum trees. There was the Heathcote cultural contingent of Heather Zakrzewski, Joan Hauber, Pat San Miguel and Judy Knight; even an elegant gentleman from Argentina. Mia Mia volunteers were out in force. The atmosphere was as Mozart would have wished rather than a formal city audience.

Howard Nathan, as usual, was the jocular MC recalling first love in Gounod's Juliette, sung enchantingly by Piera Dennerstein. This was a beautifully arranged programme with singing in French, German, Italian and English.

The glory of European opera in the Australian Bush is an exhilarating mix. To the stampeding demands of a packed Mia Mia hall, we heard once again the Chorus of the Hebrew Slave from Nabucco by Verdi, the planned encore having been given earlier when the media arrived. After the pathos of Verdi, the afternoon continued with a cheerful Aussie afternoon tea.

Special thanks are due to Anthony Ryan, CFA Captain and President of the Mia Mia Mechanic's Institute, who remembered the contributions of everyone to the amazing afternoon of Daylight Opera at Mia Mia.

This was the fourth Mia Mia Opera event and there is no doubting the demand from the audience for it to continue. If you would like to know about Mia Mia events, you can email miamiasocial@gmail.com and request a copy of the small quarterly "Mia Mia Messenger" newsletter which advises of coming events in the district.

HEATHCOTE NEWSHOUND



Redesdale Recreation Reserve Committee of Management Notice is given of a **PUBLIC MEETING**

to be held at
The Redesdale Hall
on

Tuesday 2nd February 2016 at 7pm

The purpose of the meeting is to nominate no less than 3 nor no more than 9 persons as the Committee of Management for the Redesdale Reserve for a term of three years.

The current committee's term will expire on 12th March 2016

All positions will be declared open and nominations will be accepted up to January 29th.

Further information, nomination forms and nominee declaration forms may be obtained by contacting your local Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning office or from the Secretary. For further enquiries please contact the Secretary, Lindsay Booker on 5425 3196.

Cricket on the Redesdale Reserve. Redesdale Rocks Festival, Nov 1st 2015. Mia Mia vs Redesdale



Congratulations to John and Sue

This year's winners of the 'best prepared property' leading into the fire season are John & Sue Griffiths of Old Ford Rd Redesdale.

Sue and John are pictured here with fire-prevention officer, Andrew Campbell, who presented them with their prizes at the Redesdale Rocks Festival.

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Photo Competition rocks!

On Friday October 30th, as part of the Redesdale Rocks Festival, the photo exhibition was opened at the CFA shed. The venue was excellent with a modern industrial ambience. Simon Griffiths (pictured below) judged the competition and said that the standard was higher than others he had judged in city-bound and more salubrious settings.



The theme was "rocks" which could be interpreted as widely as anyone wished. There were pictures of scotch on the rocks and a dog called Rocky as well as more conventional rocks! There were 33 entries.

The first prize was won by local artist Laura Lavender and the second prize was won by Pam Matthews who had starred in the Bridge Connection 2 months ago. The under 25 year old prize was won by Celena Boyd (pictured above right with proud parents Jimmy and Carolyn Boyd).

It was great to work in tandem with the CFA for the event. The CFA had their own sausage sizzle and photo cut-out



mannnikin (beautifully presented by Don White) for her kids.

Annette Coombe had a successful day selling her leather wares alongside the exhibition. Thanks to Lindsay Booker and all the other CFA members who helped set up the display. And special thanks to Peg Higginbottom for manning the desk all weekend.

Altogether it was a thoroughly enjoyable affair!





Your Health!

with

Dr Tim

Hello Everyone and welcome to our new regular medical spot.

Today Dr Tim talks about hayfever:

We all know hay fever from tv commercials showing brides destroying bouquets in a single sneeze, if not from personal experience of the frequent and annoying symptoms it produces. It is perhaps not surprising then that, faced with the bewildering array of options, it can be difficult deciding what is most suitable to treat this common and sometimes disabling condition.

An ounce of prevention of course is worth more than a pound of cure, but eliminating wattle and rye grass from our beautiful rural landscape is just not going to happen.

Furthermore, closeting oneself in the hermetically sealed house for three months of the year doesn't bode well for ones mental health.

The options for treatment are often given as oral antihistamines or intranasal sprays of varying sorts. But while oral antihistamines work biochemically right where the action is and they are easy to take, side effects can make them problematic. Nasal sprays are usually steroidal medications which provide effective localised immune suppression but as is usual with these medications, lack an immediate effect - not great when we get surprised by a sudden surge in pollen counts on warm and windy days.

Is a combination of medications the answer to effective immediate relief as well as keeping overall medication use to a minimum? Certainly this type of strategy has worked well for asthma control, and it appears that a similar strategy now may work for hay fever - could be good news for those of you for whom the onset of Spring brings on nasal congestion similar to a couple of rounds with Mike Tyson.

Until later, take care and happy holidays.

Dr Tim

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What's on in Heathcote December 2015

Friday 4 December 2015

Day 7 Great Victorian Bike Ride 2015- In its 32nd year the RACV Great Victorian Bike Ride is the largest multi-day ride in the Southern Hemisphere. The 2015 event will be heading to rediscover the Goldfields and day 7 will see the overnight stop in Heathcote. Heathcote will be rolling out the welcome mat! www.bicyclenetwork.com.au

Saturday 5 December 2015

Heathcote Bush Market - 8am-1:30pm. A Lions Club project. Home cooking, books, clothes, bric a brac, hardware, plants, crafts, secondhand goods Free parking and entry. Enquiries 0400 675 995 Venue: Barrack Reserve High St Heathcote

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Wednesday 9 December 2015

Heathcote Historical Museum- Heathcote Historical Lockup & Police Residence Museum is open every Wednesday 10am until 3pm. Venue: 19 Herriot St Heathcote

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Saturday 19 December 2015

Heathcote Region Farmers Market- 9am-1pm. Accredited with VFMA, Selling a wide variety of fresh seasonal foods which is all grown locally or regionally. More information or store holders phone Sherrie Coote on 0417 598 460 or email: zuheros@bigpond.com

Venue: Barrack Reserve Park High St Heathcote

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Wednesday 30 December 2015

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Saturday 2 January 2016

The January 2016 Lions Club Heathcote Bush Market- WILL NOT take place
- Next market Sat 6 February 2016.

Saturday 13 February 2016 - Sanguine Estate Free Community Concert
at St John's Church Heathcote

The Battle of the Bridge

by Rod Gibson

Redesdale's cricketers were again greeted with an ominous weather forecast on Sunday November 1st; the third day of the Redesdale Festival. Our previous match, in April, against Axe Creek began in similarly overcast conditions but, as with this earlier match, our much anticipated contest with Mia Mia was played predominately in sunshine. Readers north of the Campaspe will be aware that the Mia Mia club was reformed in 2014 and has since been playing regularly in the local C grade competition.

The game was scheduled for 30 overs per side, no batsman could be declared out before scoring and a score of 30 meant compulsory retirement with the option of re entering the fray should all other batsmen be out.

Mia Mia Captain and opening batsman, Martin Leahy, won the toss and elected to bat. Following a slow start he eventually retired at 30 n.o. as did a further three of his teammates; Dempster, White and W Ryan. All the Mia Mia batsmen demonstrated the value of regular match play as they continually peppered the boundary and no less than 5 of them cleared it. Only three wickets fell to the hard working Redesdale bowling attack and two of them, Messrs M and J O'Sullivan scored 29 and 24 respectively. Both of these wickets fell to Redesdale opening batsman Chris Barber.

The final Mia Mia score of 237, made at just under 8 an over, was both entertaining for the growing crowd and a somewhat daunting proposition for Paul Atkins and his red shirted "Redesdale Rockets".

At this point lunch was taken with players and spectators devouring copious quantities of slow cooked lamb, pork, baked potatoes and salad prepared by Les Pocock, Lindsay Booker and crew. Barman Tas Johnson was also kept busy as many spectators and the odd player decided the sun was well and truly "over the yardarm". Once again, Dino Tomisic from the General Store, generously provided wine and beer at cost price for the occasion assisting the community to make a profit from the event which will go towards financing the imminent pavilion redevelopment.

Tom May and Chris Barber walked out to face some hostile bowling from the Mia Mia opening pair of J O'Sullivan and A Conforti who proved hard to get away. The normally fluent and attacking May struggled early before eventually retiring at 30 after a flurry of fours. Barber, as usual, went on the attack and 5 of his 8 scoring shots were fours. He was out caught for 23 trying to hit Conforti out of the ground. Redesdale wickets fell too regularly and the runs required per over mounted gradually. Paul Atkins, leading by example, raced to 30 after being "bogged down" for a time,



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The magnificent Battle of the Bridge trophy has been won by Mia Mia. This Kelly-style helmet was made by erstwhile Sutton Grange resident, Tim Barber, who wore it out to bat at our first cricket match in Redesdale in 2013. See below.




retired, then later returned to the crease taking his overall score to 60 n. o. His innings included 4 sixes and 6 fours. But for a late cameo of 20 by veteran Jock Macrae, Redesdale ran out of time and wickets with their score on 193.

Mia Mia's 44 run victory was a fair result and reflected greater batting depth and a faster scoring rate. It is possibly also worth mentioning the average age of the Mia Mia side was "slightly" below that of their opponents!

As players mingled over a beer or two after the game, the winners trophy was presented to Martin Leahy. Some followers will remember Tim Barber walking to the wicket in the first CROWS vs COLTS game wearing a stainless steel helmet he expertly made in replica of that worn by Ned Kelly at Glenrowan in 1879.

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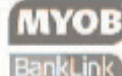
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8 Recipe of the Month



Christmas shortbread

Makes about 24 biscuits

225 unsalted butter, softened

75g icing sugar, sifted

1 tsp vanilla extract

225 g plain flour (plus extra for rolling)

50g cocoa (if making chocolate shortbread)

Pinch of salt

To make the dough, cream the butter and icing sugar until pale and light. Mix in vanilla extract. Sift the flour (and cocoa if using for chocolate shortbread) and salt, add to the mixture and beat until smooth. Flatten dough to a disc shape, wrap in cling film and chill until firm.

Preheat oven to 180°C and line a backing dish with baking paper. Dust the rolling surface with flour and roll dough out to a thickness of about 3mm. Using cookie cutters, stamp out the shapes and arrange on baking paper. Roll scraps into a ball and repeat to use up all dough.

Bake in the middle shelf for around 12 to 15 mins, until crisp and pale golden. Cool on baking sheets. package in a decorative tin, box or bag as a gift.

Variations:

Almond: add 75g of finely chopped or ground almonds.

Hazelnut: add 75g finely chopped or ground hazelnuts.

Morello cherry: add chopped dried morello cherries.

Lemon: leave out chocolate or vanilla and use 1 tsp lemon extract, 1 tablespoon of finely chopped candied lemon peel and grated zest of one lemon.

Redesdale Hall Committee Art Show 2015

The Hall Committee Art Show, held over the weekend of 30th October until 1st November, was very well received by all. It was held in conjunction with The Redesdale Rocks Festival which included a photographic exhibition, 2 open studios, a sculpture exhibition and a cricket match.

The standard of the art entered in the show was of a high quality and quite diverse. This diversity provided a lot of interest and the work sold well.

The work was hung on the new frames that a grant from CoGB and the very generous time and expert labour from Dino Tomisic and Les Pocock made possible. They displayed the work perfectly. It was hard to know if it was the frames that complemented the work or the work that complemented the frames.

The exhibition was hung by Kevin Foley and David Watt. Their artistic ability ensured that every frame was well balanced and presented a story. The positioning of the frames allowed even flow through the exhibition and opened up to new vistas at every turn.

The festival and art show opening night was a great night. Our local farmer and part time MC Andrew Campbell, introduced 2 local young ladies, Tahlia Campbell and Celena Boyd who led in the singing of the national anthem. Andrew then handed over to The Honourable Steph Ryan, who declared the festival open. The Hall Committee ladies provided an endless supply of scrumptious finger food, which was followed with tea, coffee and homemade dessert slices. I believe some people were groaning "no more food".

Right throughout the evening Ray Ellis, with help from Steve Guest, entertained the crowd who sat around enjoying a cool beverage listening to the music and contemplating which piece of art they would take home. All in all it was a great start to the Redesdale Rocks festival.

The Hall Committee would like to thank all the volunteers whose generosity of time and effort ensured that the weekend was so successful. Particular thanks must go to Kevin Foley, Norma Barker, Betty Sageischek, Maclatchy Jewellery and Gloria Pocock for donating work for the Silent Auction and Steve Guest (S Graphics), for designing the catalogue free of charge and having them printed at very low cost.

Redesdale Hall Committee



Simon Griffiths inspects the artwork on opening night.



Steve Guest and Ray Ellis entertain the opening night crowd.



David Watt (pictured) and Kevin Foley displayed the work beautifully, in a crisp and modern fashion.



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Walk to School Day

October was walk to school month. We celebrated with a Pancake breakfast at the park and walking to school all together.



- Enrolments for 2016 now open.
- Contact the school for information packs.
- Tours conducted upon request

Spring shearing

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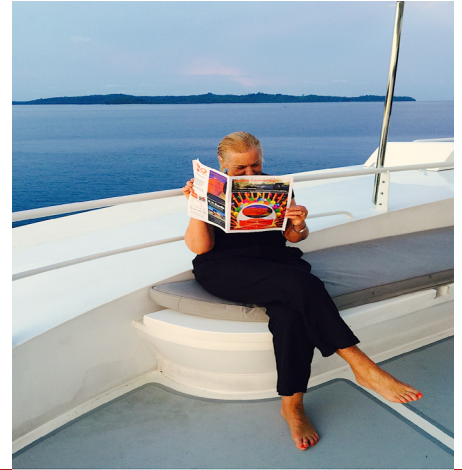


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