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## Introducing the Redesdale

### Recreation Reserve Committee

In March, the new members of the Recreation Reserve Committee (RRRC) were appointed for their three year term. Readers will be aware, from the monthly chairman's reports, that the team have been forging ahead on a number of fronts. Here they are gathered around one of the new seats clearly in a very congenial mood.

Back row (L to R); Rod Gibson, Simon Hills, Ronn Taylor, Mike Abramowski, and Gary Prendergast.

Seated (L to R); Andrew Campbell, Les Pocock, Emma Simpson, and Lindsay Booker.

The RRRC is looking forward to developing the pavilion as a usable sporting facility - hopefully in time for the next major cricket match! (See page 21)



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# BIRD QUIZ

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NIGEL HARLAND



OK, here we go again. The bird shown last month was a Red-browed Finch, previously known as a Red-browed Firetail. The names of birds sometimes change and there are some fabulous names from the old days, before international organisations took over the nomenclature. The Red-browed Finch is a migratory species, not over particularly long distances, but they will hang around in a particular area for a while and then disappear. They also seem to congregate in medium sized groups and tend to feed on the ground. We have perhaps 30 birds in our back yard at the moment and they spend much time in the bird baths. If you want to start seeing more of your local birds, a few sources of water can work wonders.

Now for this month's bird, for which I'll give no clues whatsoever. Just send your answer to the editor. Talk again next month.

**Nigel Harland**

Congratulations to **GEORGE TINE** who correctly guessed last month's bird. George has won a \$20 voucher from Aesop's Attic Bookshop in Kyneton. Eds.



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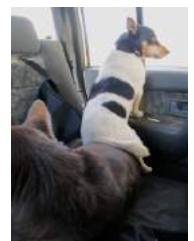
John Beurle writes: Jack is a rescue Golden Retriever (second from left) who has discovered what a loving home can bring and is now firmly entrenched as a country pooch who enjoys purveying his 'kingdom' on the Coliban and the odd chase of a fleet of foot kangaroo (never a chance to catch one!). Jack often sits atop our ridge line keeping us all safe. His 12 year old buddy 'Bella' (pictured below) rests well knowing Nutbag Jack is out there protecting us.



Michele Furness's famous parrot (above) loves to dress up. Michele says, "His name is Tiko and he's almost five years old. He has been on TV with Shane Crawford in Postcards and almost everyone in Redesdale knows him. He is an Eclectus parrot, but doesn't think he's a parrot, he thinks he's human. We bought him a girlfriend three years ago but he wants nothing to do with her even though she loves him hehehe!"



Janette and Tas Johnson: "Penny (right) can't see out the car window so while heading for Melbourne she sits on Coco's backside. Just asking "Are we there yet?"



Below:  
Helene Riedle of Metcalfe sent this picture of her granddaughter: "Audrey Riedl 9mo, with "Laurie" (left of shot) , "Hughie" (hidden) & "House" (behind) Anglo-Nubian triplets 18mo & named for a family favourite actor, Hugh Laurie, they are curious but very gentle with her."

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# EDITORIAL

Now the Easter Bunny has hopped away we can start getting out our winter woollies. I think most of us are looking forward to some cooler weather - if only it would rain!

We have a huge and varied gardening section this month and we are starting to get a good selection of travel and pet photos from you all.

In this month's edition we have a new competition ("Who on earth is that?" - see page 6) which should be a bit of fun. Please start sorting through some old photographs of when you were young and gorgeous and send them in! You might win some free fuel.

This month we have one of Garth's famous recipes from the Redesdale Hotel. It would be good to get some more recipes from our readers as well.

Please keep the letters coming in. Feedback is very important to us. We have heard that some readers are not too keen on the new Bridge Connection banner on the front page. Before we change it, it would be good to get some more opinions.

All the best from both of us,



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and  
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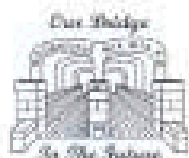
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## Photography Workshop

We had a visit from a professional photographer Nicki. She brought with her all the equipment for us to take great pics from all different angles. We learnt about birds eye, bugs eye and worms eye view. Our best 5 photos go into the national Moran Prizes student photography competition.



## Heathcote Community Games

We had a great time at the games with all the other schools from the district. We also had a skateboarding workshop in the Redesdale CFA shed with some great skaters Trey and Cody sponsored by Mitchell Shire.



In our Garden to Kitchen program we have continued to work on our gardens and made some delicious dishes such as feta and chive scrolls. Yum!



## Design

This term we have been working on design projects. Going through all the stages from concept to making a model. We have been working in groups to design a new shelter for our pet sheep.



*Term 1 Theme is "Who Are We?"*

*We are investigating our family history and cultures of the world.*



## Langley Primary School



"One day five chickens came to our school. They are cute and cuddly. They are different colours and sizes. They lay eggs. The eggs are green, red and pink. Sometimes we eat the eggs, when we have a boil up – we put our name on a list of numbers and we get that numbered egg to eat, when it is boiled. The chickens have a chicken coop, over near farmer Diss's paddock. The chicken's names are Rosie, Dixie, Shadow, Speckles and Goldy.

Nick C.

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## Kammermusik at Mia Mia Hall



Fish Creek, Parkville, and Cape Paterson - what do they have in common with Mia Mia?

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n 2016, they will be playing at Mia Mia Hall with performances at 2pm on Sundays April 17, September 11, and 27 November.

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Sutton Grange: 4th Sunday of each month

Morning tea is served at each of these Uniting Churches at 10.45 am and services start at 11 am and finish at midday. If there is a 5th Sunday in the month, services may be found at Kyneton.

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# SESQUICENTENARY of the BRIDGE QUILT PROJECT

On January 18th 2018, the Redesdale Bridge will be 150 years old. A group of people have been planning a commemorative quilt to be a lasting historical representation of the lives of the communities that have lived and worked in Mia Mia and Redesdale and who have been connected by the bridge.

The group has begun to chose colour schemes and themes for the appliued wall hangings. There will be three panels; Redesdale, Mia Mla and the Primary School panels each 2 meters tall and 1.2 meters wide. The project organisers want to stress that anyone who is interested in this project is very welcome to join at any time. Currently no sewing experience is required! Just people with passion and ideas!



Above: The Redesdale representatives of the quilt group contemplate colour schemes. From left to right: Yvonne McGrath, Sue Newnham, Gloria Pocock, Sue Griffiths, and Ruth Booker.



Right: Placement of specific historical and contemporary aspects of Redesdale life are laid out for discussion.

Who on earth  
is THAT?



We have a new competition! Please send in a photo of yourself when you were aged 15 to 20 years old. We will publish it here. The first person to correctly guess who the person is and who sends their answer via email to the editors will win \$20 towards fuel at the General Store in Redesdale. If there is no correct answer, the prize will accumulate by \$20 each month. Family members of the person photographed are not eligible to enter the competition.

Please start sending in your photographs: the funnier and more ridiculous, the better!

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# A BOOK ABOUT REDESDALE

A History of Redesdale by Ken James and Noel Davis will be launched at the Redesdale Festival on the Melbourne Cup weekend this year. The launch is on Friday 28 October at the Redesdale Hall at 6.30 pm. The book is thermal bound, around 550 pages in length and made up of 27 chapters, 14 appendices, a surname index, and lots of photos, stories and local colour. The book price is \$35 + \$14 per copy if post-ed. Copies will be available for sale at the launch.

Why not pre-order and pre-pay now to ensure you get a copy as numbers are limited. Pre-purchased copies can be picked up at the launch. Copies sent via Australia Post will be mailed after the launch.

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## April 2016

### Saturday 2 April 2016

Bush Market – 8am-1:30pm contact on 0400 675 995 for bookings for stall at the market Venue: Barrack Reserve High St Heathcote

Heathcote Winery presents-Twilight Tapas- 5pm-9pm. Cost \$50 per person. Includes a glass of Cravens Place Sauvignon Blanc or Shiraz. Live Acoustic Music- Featuring Shaun Klinger. Continuous Tapas Style Food, with seafood gourmet produce & house made canapés all throughout the evening. Bookings essential limited spots available ph cellar door 54332595

Venue: Heathcote Winery Courtyard 185 High St Heathcote

### Thursday 14 April 2016

Author Talk Jerry Grayson Rescue Pilot- Presented by Goldfields Libraries. Heathcote RSL 5.30 – 6.30pm Admission FREE Booking Ph: 54333733 or online at www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au

Heathcote Community House Get Together - Shared Dinner, Conversations, Autumn Harvest. Bring a Plate to Share 6.00pm at Heathcote Community House 55 Hospital Street Heathcote. Please contact the Community House on 5431 0930 to register.

### Saturday 23 April 2016

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

Heathcote RSL Fish & Chip Night – Drinks at RSL Prices, Raffle & lots of fun! RSL Hall 5.30pm \$12 per head RSVP: Friday 15 April to Jeanette 5433 4030 or 0419 561 360

### Saturday 30 April 2016

Groovin the Moo Festival in Bendigo- Time: 9:00am -10:00pm. Once again Groovin the Moo is coming to Bendigo in 2016 and is set to be bigger and better than ever.

PLEASE NOTE: Accommodation in Bendigo will be extremely limited for Saturday 30th April, so it's advised to book early. www.bendigotourism.com or phone: 1800 813 513. There is accommodation in Heathcote and a bus service will operate from Heathcote to Bendigo for \$25 return (book on 1800 813 513). Venue: Prince of Wales Showground- Bendigo.

## May 2016

### Friday 6 May 2016

Mother's Day Luncheon – Holy Rosary School High Tea Venue: RSL Hall High Street Heathcote 12 midday \$30 per head Limited seats available. Bookings are essential 5433 2057.

Please bring along a school photo of yourself so that you can be included in our display.

### Saturday 7 May 2016

Bush Market – 8am-1:30pm contact on 0400 675 995 for bookings for stall at the market Venue: Barrack Reserve High St Heathcote

### Saturday 21 May 2016

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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

**Coming Events for 2016 June-2016 11th -13th Heathcote on Show- more details later**





# Steph Ryan MP

## Member for Euroa

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## Water in Victoria

The Water Minister Lisa Neville recently launched the consultation period for the state governments 'Water for Victoria Discussion Paper'.

This is an opportunity for all Victorians to look at the paper and contribute to the future of water planning across the state. Contributions close on 26 April 2016.

The paper sees the key challenges as balancing the following:

- Recreational values of water
- Climate change
- Aboriginal values of water
- Water for agriculture
- Water entitlements and planning
- Resilient and liveable cities and towns
- Waterway and catchment health
- Jobs, economy and innovation
- Realising the potential of the grid and markets

There will be a Community Workshop on Thursday 14 April between 6-8pm at the Capital Theatre in View Street Bendigo. To attend you need to book online at the website below. We encourage our customers and communities to come along and participate in the discussion. If people can't make the workshop there are other ways to make a submission. More information about the discussion paper and how you can contribute is available at <http://haveyoursay.delwp.vic.gov.au/water-for-victoria>

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## From the Leader of The Nationals

Dear Editor,

There are concerns within the livestock industry that their levy money could be used to subsidise government projects instead of funding priority biosecurity measures.

The Cattle and Sheep and Goat Compensation Funds are in place to ensure there is money available to livestock producers in the case of a major biosecurity outbreak.

Some of the funds also go toward preventative biosecurity projects, as chosen by a committee of industry representatives.

But for the past four months there has been no committee to say where the money should go, because Agriculture Minister Jaala Pulford has failed to announce the new members.

And when questioned by The Nationals this week in Parliament, the Minister refused to rule out using the levy funds to subsidise her department's costs.

Something just doesn't add up.

Jaala Pulford must explain her intentions to livestock producers, who are rightly concerned their levy money could be redirected to other projects – putting their industry's biosecurity at risk.

Regards,  
Peter Walsh

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As the only 'official' visitor website for the region, visitmacedonranges.com will provide a way for businesses to reach potential customers at a super cheap rate of \$150 (including GST) per annum. There's also a free option available.

Listings are easy to set up and manage and are tablet and smartphone friendly. Businesses will receive training on how to manage their listings and will be provided with regular analytics on online performance. Listed businesses will benefit from local and regional print and online campaigns as well social media support via the Macedon Ranges Naturally Cool Facebook Page. There's even a search engine optimisation program to ensure your listing is not only searchable, but findable!

The redeveloped visitmacedonranges.com website is an initiative of Macedon Ranges Shire Council in partnership with Tourism Macedon Inc.

### Quote of the month:

If God had not intended us to eat animals, how come He made them out of meat?"

*Sarah Palin*

## Councillors set to share their experiences

Ever wondered what it's like to be a Councillor in Greater Bendigo?

The City of Greater Bendigo is giving prospective Council candidates and the broader community a chance to hear first-hand what it's like to make decisions for a population of 110,000 people.

The community information session on Thursday April 7 will include a panel of current councillors – Cr Rod Fyffe, Cr Rod Campbell, Cr Peter Cox and Cr Helen Leach.

It will be chaired by former Councillor James Reade, who was the Council's youngest ever elected representative.

The session will be interactive with the public able to ask councillors about the role they play as leaders in our community.

Acting Chief Executive Officer, Darren Fuzzard, said the session is one of several the City is hosting in the lead up to October's local government election in partnership with the Goldfields Library Corporation.

"On April 7, the City is providing a rare opportunity to hear about the role of a councillor from those who are currently serving in the position," Mr Fuzzard said.

"We are extremely lucky to have four councillors on this panel, including three who have served as Mayors, Cr Fyffe, Cr Cox and Cr Campbell, together with Cr Leach who will share her experiences as a first-time Councillor.

"This is a great opportunity to provide prospective councillors and the community with an insight into what it's like to make decisions for 110,000 people."

Goldfields Library Corporation Chief Executive Officer, Chris Kelly, said she was pleased to be able to provide a venue for the discussion.

"Modern libraries are more than just a place to read and borrow books; they are a place for the community to gather and have important, interesting and informative discussions," Ms Kelly said.



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Eppalock Councillor and frequent supporter of Redesale and Mia Mia events, Helen Leach (second from the left), enjoys a family birthday celebration with twin Brendan at the Redesdale Hotel after a great day at the Bush Market.

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## Letter to the Editors

Hello Editors,

I just want to say how impressed I am with the quality of the production of the latest Bridge Connection.

It looks extremely professional.

Well done to the whole committee!

Cheers,

Andrew Pattison  
Burke & Wills Winery.



Baynton Sidonia Landcare Group presents:

## The Fungi - An Introduction to a Curious Kingdom

Saturday 30 April

10:30 - 16:30

Darlington Hall, Baynton Rd, Baynton

This workshop introduces participants to the diversity, ecology and curiosities of the Kingdom Fungi, specifically to fungi found in the Baynton-Sidonia region but also within a wider Australian context.

It includes an interactive and illustrated seminar on the the basics of identification, fungal ecology, and the natural and cultural history of fungi. Fungus specimens will be discussed and examined during the workshop. Participants are welcome to bring along specimens for identification.

Following the indoor session will be an exciting foray through various local habitat types to search for species of interest. Be sure to wear appropriate clothing and sturdy footwear as the foray will go ahead regardless of weather. Lunch will be provided.

No cost to attend

Places limited so book soon!

Bookings: John Baulch 5423 5151 or jwbaulch@westnet.com.au

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## Opera at Mia Mia on 12th March 2016

Regular and new opera attendees at the Mia Mia Evening of Opera on 12 March were treated to a performance of opera arias, duets and songs that demonstrated the power of song and music from a diverse collection of composers.



Australia's Michelle Buscemi and Italy's Mattia Campetti first performed at Mia Mia in 2012. This year, they were joined by Chilean Giancarlo Monsalve and Italian pianists Stefano Teani and Chiara Calcagnini who played two piano duets and received standing ovations. Giancarlo's German wife Anna and their baby daughter Juliette, travelled with the group of performers, as did Mattia's Italian parents Federico and Simonetta, and Michelle's Italian parents, Tony and Giovanna.

This impressive group of performers and families were in Australia to celebrate the marriage of Michelle and Mattia in Melbourne as well as to do performances in Melbourne, Mt Gambier - and Mia Mia. The Mia Mia Hall is an acoustically perfect venue for music and opera with its wooden floor, walls and ceiling, where opera performances are much loved by the local community members and those from the surrounding district.

How is a tiny town like Mia Mia able to present such an impressive operatic event? Like

most rural activities it is a combination of the efforts of local volunteers, strong support from supporters who purchase tickets, plus the vital encouragement of the City of Greater Bendigo and the Heathcote and District Community Bank who both provided grants in support of the event.

Mattia and Michelle entertain with Pa-Pa-Pa-Papageno-Papagena



The list of acknowledgements included Redesdale Estate who provided accommodation, Piper Street Food Company and the Rural Cafe in Redesdale who assisted with catering, Howard Nathan who provided a 2-person piano seat, Grant and Wendy Hulls who provided a cot for Juliette, and Lynne & David McDonald, relative newcomers to the district who inspired Mia Mia's first opera performance in 2012. There are many ways in which community members can contribute and increase both the frequency and quality of local activities.

During 2016 song and music activities at Mia

Mia include three chamber music performances at the Mia Mia Hall in April, September and November, the Annual Big Sing with two choirs from Melbourne plus Women of Note from Bendigo, returns for its 8th annual performance at Mia Mia in June, and Melbourne's Opera Studio will present more opera in late October.

If you are interested in assisting with or attending any of these performances, please email [miamiasocial@gmail.com](mailto:miamiasocial@gmail.com).

(Please see letter on page 17 - Eds)



Mia Mia's Howard Nathan thanks the performers and their family.



The recently married Mattia and Michelle head out of the Hall at the interval.



## Record Numbers at the Redesdale Bush Market

The annual Redesdale Bush Market was held recently at the Agnes Mudford Reserve with record crowds estimated at 2,000 or more and approximately 80 stalls offering "something for everyone".

The Market this year was Sponsored by: Redesdale Roofing & Plumbing, The Redesdale Hotel, Rebel Sport Bendigo, Bendigo Landmark Dwyer, Kyneton, Your Inspiration At Home, Hardwicks Meats, The Rural Cafe, Boltons Motorcycles and Midland Irrigation, Kyneton.

The sunny conditions helped ensure that the day was both enjoyable and successful, with many of the stallholders and visitors returning each year to enjoy the special atmosphere. Bendigo and District Concert Band once again entertained the crowds, whilst an animal farm, jumping castle and face painting kept the young entertained. Visitors also had the chance to enjoy the display of historic vehicles (see below) from the Central Victoria Morris Minor Club and Kyneton Vehicle Appreciation Society.

The Australian Hearing Bus were kept busy with many taking advantage of the opportunity to have a free hearing test. Nearby in the Hall, visitors were able to enjoy the scrumptious Devonshire Tea served in air conditioned surroundings.

The Redesdale Fire Brigade were also in attendance with their Firewood Raffle proving very popular.

The Organisers were pleased that there was once again a wide range of stalls to choose from, but disappointed that no wineries were able to attend this year.

The Hall Committee wish to thank the Sponsors, Bendigo and District Concert Band, the Australian Hearing Bus, the various children's entertainment, Central Victoria Morris Minor Club (see below), Kyneton Vehicle Appreciation Society, stallholders, volunteers and of course the public who came to enjoy the market and therefore contributed to making it such a successful day.

A special thank you must go to the various media outlets who continue to help us with the promotion of the market each year, including of course the 'Bridge Connection'.

*Carolyn-Anne Boyd*



*Above and below: clourful and busy stalls were plentiful this year.*



*Below: The fire brigade again made friends and well deserved funds through their firewood raffle.*



**Tea dance also on Sept 25th at 1 pm at the Redesdale Hall**



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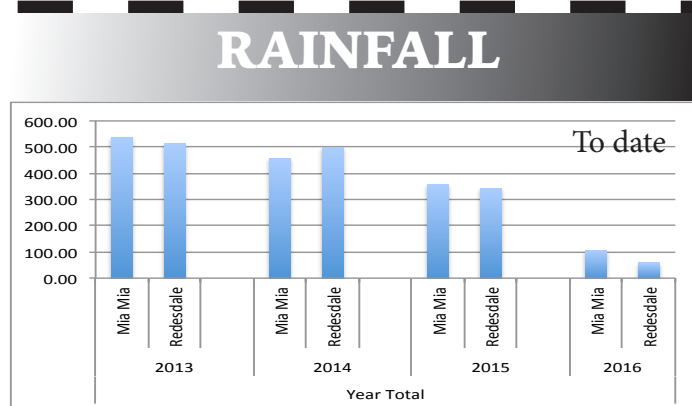


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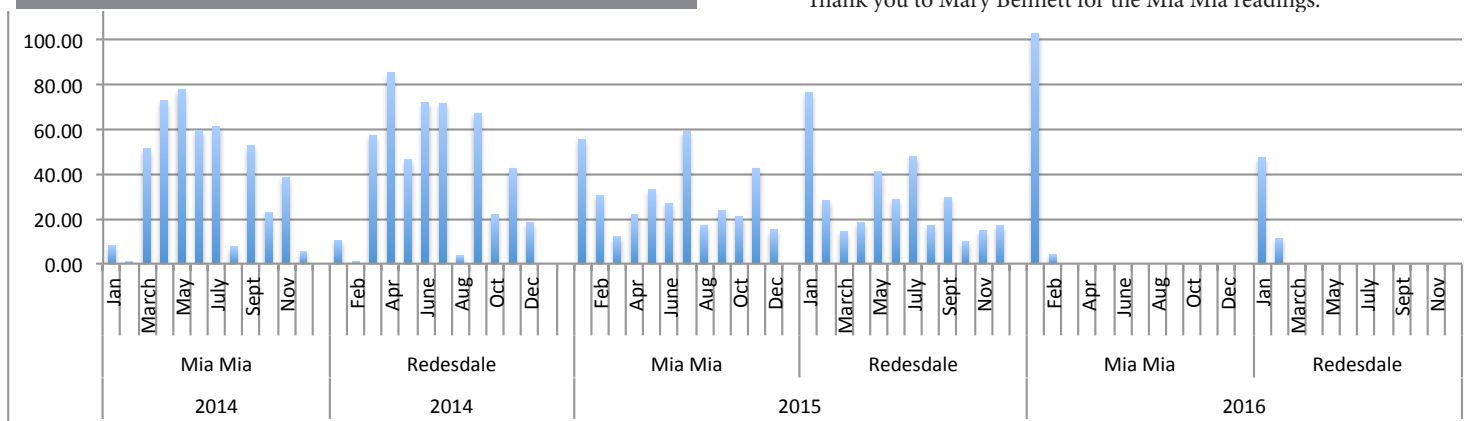
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The average yearly rainfall for Redesdale is about 601mms.  
Thank you to Mary Bennett for the Mia Mia readings.







## Your Health!

with

## Dr Tim

Well the temperatures are finally starting to settle as we head into autumn and as usual at this time of year my thoughts turn to the immunisation "season" that is about to commence. It has been an interesting few weeks and some of you may have noticed that I made an appearance on the Bendigo news commenting about immunisation, in the light of most recent data from the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register, which suggests that Kyneton, amongst other local government areas, is falling behind in our immunisation rates for children.

The Department of Health sets targets for immunisation rates in children, not only because it is good for those who get immunised, but as the rates of immunisation increase the likelihood of transmission of an infection in unimmunised individuals correspondingly decreases.

There really are very few reasons not to get children immunised these days - the vaccines used are much much safer than buying a car and not many of us would have any trouble selecting a car to drive away if it was provided for free!

Of note of course are the various State and Federal government initiatives to encourage immunisation in children as much as possible. Conscientious objection is still an option for parents but comes with significant disincentives - the so-called no jab-no pay and no jab-no play policies - the message there is to expect to keep your children at home a lot more than your neighbours if that is your wish - personally I would strongly recommend against it.

With Zika virus, the Brunswick measles outbreak, new Hepatitis C treatments in the wings and of course the new Flu vaccine, there is lots "going on" in the virology field both locally and internationally which is exciting because all of these stories show that we can win over the viruses - watch this space!

**Dr Tim**

*(Dr Tim Stobie, 5422 1397)*

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### **Redesdale Recreational Reserve Committee Inc**

#### Attention

#### Community notice

**As of the 31st March 2016 the bore water filling station has been LOCKED. To access water, follow the instructions as per the sign**



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## Marketing Tools to Grow Your Tourism Business

Macedon Ranges Council is encouraging local businesses working in the tourism sector to register for two workshops in Kyneton to assist business owners in growing their enterprise.

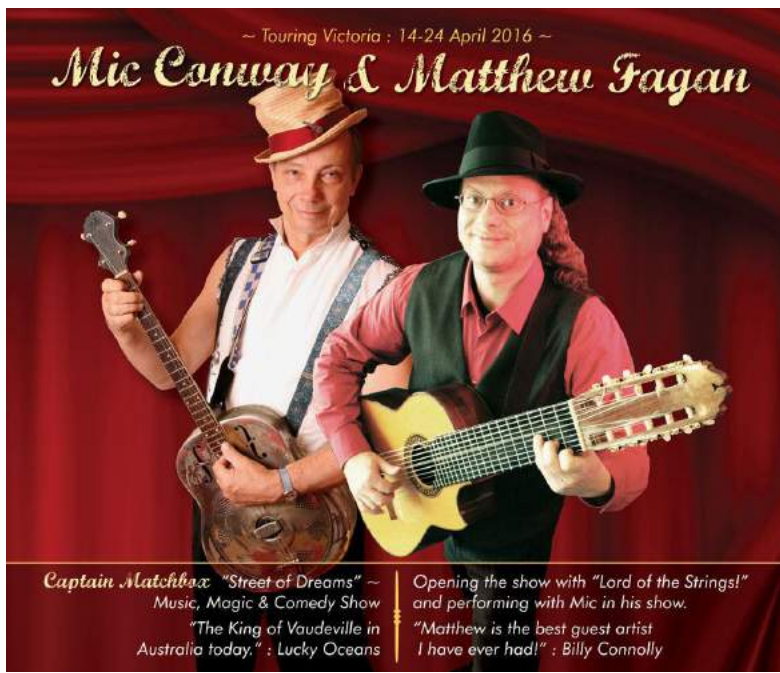
Marketing Tools to Grow Your Tourism Business (1pm–3pm) and Marketing Your Business with (1pm–3pm) and Marketing Your Business with Facebook (3.15pm–5.15pm) will both be held on Monday 11 April at the Royal George Hotel, 24 Piper Street Kyneton.

At the first workshop, Marketing Tools to Grow Your Business, participants will discover some of the most useful ways to help businesses use their time efficiently and to gain maximum exposure. From simple online tools to assist with communication and enhancing images, to webinars and data gathering applications to measure success, participants will leave this workshop with a bulging toolkit to make day-to-day tasks easier.

The workshops are part of Council's annual Tourism Excellence program and cost \$30 per workshop for participants located within Macedon Ranges Shire, \$70 per workshop for all others, or \$50 for both workshops (shire residents and businesses only).

To book visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/business-events](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/business-events). Please note numbers are strictly limited.

For more information call Claudette on 5421 9616 or email [ecodevadmin@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:ecodevadmin@mrsc.vic.gov.au)



Mic Conway, ARIA award winning, Sydney-based singer, musician, song writer, fire eater, magician, tap dancer, multi-instrumentalist, juggler and puppeteer from Captain Matchbox and Circus Oz is joining forces with Matthew Fagan, 10 String Spanish Guitarist and Ukulele player, in the show "Street of Dreams" for a whirlwind tour through Victoria.

"Street of Dreams" is the new collaboration between Mic Conway and multi-instrumentalist Matthew Fagan. Stripped back, irreverent and shameless, Mic and Matthew play unusual and idiosyncratic tunes that make jaws drop, toes tap and sides split. Featuring some Captain Matchbox favourites like "My Canary Has Circles Under His Eyes" and a fiery version of "Masochism Tango" as well as a swag of Conway including "Jug Band Man" (which was featured on Spicks and Specks, September 2011).

This is Mic the crooner – inspired by Al Bowlly, The Ink Spots, Fats Waller and the Hoosier Hotshots. From the moody and dark "Street of Dreams" to the illusions of life and showbiz in "Paper Moon"; from the sculptural and pun-filled construction of a spare-parts lover in "The Dummy Song", to blaming a building for the loss of love in "Winchester Cathedral" – these are songs with strange, dreamlike images. Some classic tin pan melodies, some bizarre originals, "Street of Dreams" is surreal vaudeville with a sense of humour. Croon to melt your ears.

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## Water relief for platypus population

The North Central Catchment Management Authority (CMA) is coordinating a small but important water release to the Coliban River downstream of Malmsbury Reservoir. About 50ML a day for three days, plus ramp up and ramp down will be released from the reservoir later in the coming days. The release is in line with the scientific flow recommendations for the system and will benefit the river by maintaining in-stream and bank vegetation, cuing fish movement, mixing water within the river and inundating snag habitat.

One of Australia's most-loved animals – the platypus – will also benefit from the release. Before the recent decade-long drought, platypus foraging around the banks of the Coliban River was a common sight.

However, a lack of water had a severe impact on their population and a deeper Coliban River is aimed at helping them spread and helping protect them from predators like foxes. North Central CMA Environmental Water

Manager Andrew Sharpe said the release was prioritised in the Victorian Environmental Water Holder's Seasonal Watering Plan 2015-16.

"River-level rises and falls may be noticed, alongside changes to water flow rate and colour, as the water makes its way to Lake Eppalock," he said.

Mr Sharpe said environmental flows were vital for river health and biodiversity.

"Environmental water keeps waterways – and the life within and around them – healthy. This also has ongoing benefits for recreation (such as fishing) as well as the homes and farms that rely on rivers for clean water."

The VEWL Seasonal Watering Plan 2015-16 is available for download from [www.vewh.vic.gov.au](http://www.vewh.vic.gov.au)

To find out more about the platypus, go to [www.platypus.asn.au](http://www.platypus.asn.au).





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Seamus McKenna hands the cricket trophy to Paul Atkins. See story page 21.



The Redesdale Hall Committee Inc.

**A.G.M.**

is to be held at the  
**Redesdale Hall**

on Tuesday, 12th April at 3.00 p.m.

**All Welcome.**

## The live.life.well. Project

The live.life.well. Project developed as a result of concern across the Mount Alexander Shire about the mental health & well-being of community members.

Following round table discussions, organised by the Maldon Community Bank, a group of citizens and organisations was formed to respond to the major issue of focus, that being suicide prevention.

Castlemaine District Community Health took the lead to apply for funding. The William Buckland Foundation was approached and very generously provided funding for a three year community development project to address this issue within the community. The William Buckland Foundation supports activities, organisations and projects which create lasting benefit for the Victorian Community. The project commenced in early 2015 and is overseen by a Reference Group made up of a diverse, committed and a well-qualified alliance of individuals who live and/or work within the Mount Alexander Shire community.

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The key objectives of the live.life.well. Project are to build a community of individuals who are equipped with the skills, knowledge and confidence to: improve and maintain their own positive mental health and wellbeing and respond to other community members in their immediate network who may have a mental health problem.

The live.life.well. Project, is built around the catchphrase/mnemonic – I WILL. I WILL look after myself, & [I] W.I.L.L – Watch out for others, Invite conversation, Listen respectfully and Lend a hand.

As well as the I WILL action plan, the information session briefly covers information about mental health, mental illness, and alcohol and other drugs.

This two hour live.life.well. information session is available to all members of the Mount Alexander Shire community, and presenters will deliver this session free of charge to your club/organisation/community group/business, at a time and place that is convenient to you. For further information please contact Doug Doran or Sarah Day Community Development Workers on:

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## Up to \$700 million secured for regional Victoria

The Liberal-Nationals have secured three times as much funding for regional Victoria from the sale of the Port of Melbourne lease than was offered by Daniel Andrews.

The Liberal-Nationals will support an amended version of the Delivering Victorian Infrastructure (Port of Melbourne Lease Transaction) Bill 2015 in Parliament.

In those amendments we have secured 10 per cent of port sale proceeds – or up to \$700 million – for transport infrastructure projects in regional Victoria.

That's compared to the paltry 3 per cent – or \$200 million – originally offered by Daniel Andrews, and welcomed by the VFF president.

After countless empty threats by Treasurer Tim Pallas, Labor has finally backed down and agreed to our sensible proposal which will deliver a better deal for all Victorians.

Unlike the city-centric Andrews Labor Government, the Liberal-Nationals stand up for regional communities and fight for their fair share.

Daniel Andrews' proposal to send 97 per cent of the port sale proceeds to level crossing projects Melbourne was not a fair deal.

We will not accept the scraps off the table thrown to regional Victorians by the Andrews Government.

Peter Walsh  
Leader of the Nationals



### Teaming up for Campaspe flows

Close cooperation between the North Central Catchment Management Authority (CMA) and Goulburn-Murray Water (GMW) has meant irrigation flows have helped maintain the health of the Campaspe River without the need for environmental water over summer.

North Central CMA Environmental Water Manager Andrew Sharpe said both organisations had capitalised on the timing of irrigation flows.

"More than 18,000 megalitres has flowed out of Eppalock since the start of December, for irrigators and for Bendigo's urban supply," he said.

"We were able to work with GMW to manage the timing of their irrigation and water-transfer flows to best suit the health of the river and the animals and plants that rely on it for survival.

"While small in comparison, our cooperation meant about 1,700 ML stayed in Eppalock over summer."  
Mr Sharpe said the first planned flow for autumn was also made with irrigation water in the lower part of the river.

## COUNCIL STRESSES IMPORTANCE OF INTENSIVE ANIMAL INDUSTRY

The importance of the intensive animal industry to Greater Bendigo and the wider region is stressed in a submission from Greater Bendigo City Council to the State Government's Animal Industries Advisory Committee.

The advisory committee has been established by the Minister for Planning to provide advice to him and the Minister for Agriculture on appropriate planning provisions for the sector, which includes broiler farms and piggeries.

Mayor Cr Rod Fyffe said the Council has a strong commitment to maintaining and supporting intensive animal industries.

"The sector is one of the major employment industries across the City of Greater Bendigo employing around 2,000 people directly and indirectly," Cr Fyffe said.

"Intensive Animal Industries make up most of our local food production and processing sector, which is worth about \$500M in total output to the Greater Bendigo economy

"There is capacity and private sector support to further expand this sector to create more jobs for our community.

"To aid this, Council believes it is vital that the sector be given certainty through the Victoria's land planning system."

The Council's submission states:

"Once established and operating with the appropriate permits and controls through state wide industry codes operators should not be subject to uncertainty due to issues like protecting biosecurity and amenity complaints from adjoining landholders."

It adds that planning provisions in the Farming Zone should clearly show the land has been designated for primary industry production and that uses such as dwellings need to be restricted within the buffer distances of existing intensive animal operations.

The submission argues that minimum buffers should be uniform across the State as such action would assist "everyone" with property owners knowing where they can and cannot build a dwelling.

The current ad hoc approach with different rules for different municipalities and even different rules within municipalities is confusing and leads to uncertainty for the sector and for people wanting to build a house.

"The potential to apply an absolute prohibition (on new dwellings) in close proximity should be considered," the submission states, adding that work undertaken by the City has found such a move in Greater Bendigo will hardly impact any landowners in the Farming Zone.

Prior to the establishment of the advisory committee, the City was proposing a Planning Scheme Amendment requiring a planning permit in the Farming Zone within 500m of a broiler shed and 700m of a piggery. Of the 600 parcels of land located within the zone, just four could not locate a house more than 500m from the existing intensive animal industry operation.

Cr Fyffe said the industry was a vital component of the local and regional economy and the Council looked forward to the advisory committee taking on board the recommendations in the submission and to the Government providing much-needed certainty for the sector.



## KILMORE ART EXPO ART, ROSES, ORIGINAL HAND MADE CRAFTS, HISTORICAL BUILDINGS, DELICIOUS FOOD

Breathe in the clean country air while enjoying the benefits of a visit to Kilmore in April

Enjoy the many historical buildings that are still nestled in our streets, some of them now home to the arts and eateries, before wandering down to our pretty creek that meanders through the town. Kilmore is the oldest settled inland Victorian township and is only 50 minutes from Melbourne so is an easy commute for art & history lovers.

Visit the renowned Kilmore Art Expo, one of Regional Victoria's most successful art shows which usually displays approximately 400 quality paintings by well-respected Australian artists along with emerging artists and students work. Exquisite hand-made crafts, a stunning raffle prize, door prize and real country fare at the Expo Café will certainly please the most discerning visitor. Opening Night Friday 8th April with the exhibition continuing until

Sunday 10th April – more information on our website.

Sign up for a real treat, the Art & Roses Tour! Not only do you visit the Kilmore Art Expo and Cafe but you will be welcomed to Silkies Rose Farm in Clonbinane where you will see gardening demonstrations and many hundreds of outstanding mid-Autumn roses in all their splendour. Devonshire tea is free at this wonderful venue where country hospitality and rose knowledge is at its best. A scrumptious morning or afternoon tea awaits at the Hidden Valley Estate Restaurant in nearby Wallan, where visitors can stretch their legs with a walk around the lake gardens and learn about the history of this beautiful property – originally a thoroughbred horse stud, established by the famous Homes a Court family. A \$10 per head subsidy towards your transport is available for this comprehensive tour. Tours run on April 9th & 10th – more information on our website.

Ring for more information regarding the Kilmore Art Expo or the Art & Roses Tour – 0428 410 041 or 0418 337 765

Kilmore Art Expo web: [www.kilmoreartexpo.com](http://www.kilmoreartexpo.com)

Below is Rob Knight's magnificent Bush Highlights painting which is being offered as the raffle prize at the Kilmore Art Expo



### Memories of a long history of music in Mia Mia

**Marjory Coates penned these notes to Steven Colman (Coliban Park Road, Redesdale) in February this year. It may jog some memories for other Mia Mia people. If so, please write in.**

*"Dear Steven - On Tuesday 2nd February 2016, Murray Sandland and I had lunch at the Old Fire Brigade Cafe in Preston as I wanted to show him a copy of the note I had recently given to you. The note talked about the visit of my brother Arthur (lyric tenor), me (as soprano) and Murray Sandland (as our accompanist) to Mia Mia. We gave an evening of singing at the Mia Mia Hall. I think it was the late 1970s or perhaps the late 60s? Murray thought it was the late 60s as in 1970 he had gone to Sydney to study tropical diseases as part of his work as a doctor at Fairfield Infectious Diseases Hospital. Arthur had been very ill for many months in 1973 with a virus. When he recovered he married in 1974 and his wife had not been around in the late 60s. Also Murray said our trip to Mia Mia had been an offshoot of a concert the three of us had given in our own church hall.*

*The Concert we had given at our church was Murray's suggestion. We sang a mix of two centuries of English music accompanied by madrigals. We sang Arne, Purcell and Benjamin Britten, to name a few. We had performed Britten's 'Abraham and Isaac' originally written for Peter Pears and a famous English contralto. Our choirmaster at the time was Cliff Rees and he was married to Margaret Fergusen who came from Mia Mia.*

*Murray says that what is in my original note to you is basically correct. I think we were guests at a dinner at Spring Plains with a lot of local people. Murray's mother attended the Mia Mia Church and she was a teacher at Spring Plains for two years when she was single and went by the name of Muriel Morton. She boarded on the Spring Plains property with the owners. The father's name was Rupert Knight. There were two boys who attended the school. Their names were Gordon and Barry. I'm told Gordon had a winery. Murray tells me that it was on the Spring Plains property that the first aeroplane rose two feet above the ground!*

*I seem to be able to remember wearing a very elegant peacock blue fitted full length evening gown for the occasion of the concert. We think that concert parties at the Mia Mia Hall were not unusual and that Mr Rees had something to do with this."*

Marjory Coates

(See the opera story on page 10 - Eds)



### Have your say on Kyneton Saleyards draft strategic plan

Macedon Ranges residents are invited to have their say on Council's draft strategic plan for the Kyneton Saleyards.

The Macedon Ranges Agribusiness Plan 2013-2018 identified the Kyneton Saleyards as a key asset for users and one of the main sales outlets for local sheep and cattle in the region. A key action of the Agribusiness Plan was to undertake a review of the Kyneton Saleyards and develop a strategic plan.

To inform the development of the strategic plan, discussions have been held with producers and buyers, stock agents, transport operators, agribusiness forum members, meat and livestock industry associations, Hardwicks abattoirs, relevant Council staff and the general community.

Funding for the development of the plan was provided by Regional Development Victoria (\$60,000) and Council (\$25,000).

The draft strategic plan is now available to view at [mrsc.vic.gov.au/yoursay](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/yoursay) or at any Council customer service centre.

Submissions can be made in writing to [operationsadmin@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:operationsadmin@mrsc.vic.gov.au) or to PO Box 151, Kyneton 3444. Please address correspondence to Kyneton Saleyards Strategy. All submissions will be considered in the drafting of the final plan.

Submissions close 5pm on 29 April 2016.

# The Bridge: GARDEN PATCH

## Redesdale Ramblings: Some Autumn Bulbs in Central Victoria

With the cooler weather we start to see the awakening of the garden after the dearth of summer. One of the first signs of the change of the season is the flowering of bulbs such as *Amaryllis belladonna* (below), often just called “Belladonna-lilies” or “naked ladies” (because the flowers emerge before the leaves).



They originally come from South Africa and are suited to the conditions in most of southern Australia, especially here in Central Vic where they bloom at the end of summer. Often seen in paddocks where a house once stood, they are great survivors and thrive on neglect. The wild form is candy-pink but several variations and hybrids are available including a cerise/deep pink form which is reputed to have arisen in this area. Some of the strongest forms are the white ones with an old hybrid called ‘Hathor’ having tall stems topped by a circle of white trumpets with yellow throats. When you get a new bulb (which can be as big as an emu egg) don’t bury it completely, leave the top couple of centimetres out of the ground (unless you get extreme frosts) and plant them where they get a good amount of sunshine and preferably where you won’t be watering over the summer. The profuse foliage which emerges with the autumn rains can easily overpower smaller, weaker plants so you have to be aware of this when siting them. It’s why they’re often planted along a fence-line away from other more delicate plants.

Sternbergias are sometimes called autumn crocuses but this is simply sloppy naming as they aren’t crocuses and aren’t even in the same family – they actually are amaryllids, the same family as daffodils, crinums, hippeastrums and, of course, amaryllis. There are a few types available here: the commonest is *Sternbergia lutea* and it can make quite a show when the bulbs clump up. In autumn they hold up golden-yellow, egg-sized goblets which expand in the sunshine. A smaller one is called *Sternbergia sicula* and comes from Crete. It has starrier flowers but can produce a number of them over a few weeks before the leaves

develop. Luckily our climate is similar to where it comes from so it is well adapted to prosper. In our garden it produces seed as well as offsets so it can multiply and be spread around wherever you want them.



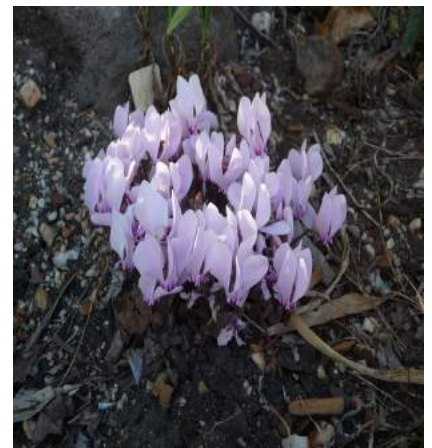
The Mediterranean region is home to many autumn flowering bulbs which do well locally these include Sternbergias, cyclamen, crocus, colchicums and even narcissus. Most people may not know that there are daffodils which flower at this time of the year; they just don’t look much like Wordsworth’s golden host. The first and weirdest one is called the “green daffodil” but could be more likened to an olive-green jonquil. *Narcissus viridiflorus* has narrow petals and a very short cup but is the parent of some intriguing new hybrids which introduce a greenish shade to the colour range. *Narcissus elegans*, *Narcissus serotinus* and *Narcissus obsoletus* are very similar to each other: they have white petals and short yellow to orange cups looking a bit like a *Narcissus tazetta* with which they have been crossed to raise some vigorous hybrids such as ‘First Stanza’. (See below)



Another autumn daffodil called *Narcissus cavanillesii* is pure yellow but with virtually no cup so looks more like a small sternbergia on a long stem! This is not one that I’m growing yet but if you have, please let me know! The value of these species to breeders is that they can lengthen the flowering season by being crossed with some of the spring flowering daffodils.

Forget about the large and overblown Florist

Cyclamen and try some of the wild species which are becoming available from some of the specialist growers such as Dicksonia Rare Plants Nursery and The Garden Tap.



There are a few that bloom in autumn and my favourite is *Cyclamen graecum* (see above) which can be either pink or white and can have very interesting foliage which follows after the flowers as the seed pods are developing. Interestingly the seeds are very attractive to ants and wasps which can steal them all, leaving you just the empty pods! Some of the seeds will later germinate away from the parent plant where the insects have dropped them. If you can save some of the seeds you can sow them in autumn in the garden or in a pot using a quick draining potting-mix and topping the seeds with a layer of fine gravel or coarse sand to block out light which helps them germinate. If the seeds have dried out it may help them to be soaked overnight in water to which you add a drop of dish-washing liquid (this helps break the surface tension, allowing the seeds to absorb moisture to swell up and commence the germination process). There are many other autumn bulbs but these ones are fairly indestructible in our area. All need similar conditions: average to good soil which doesn’t get waterlogged and is kept dry during summer; they do better in full sun, or just light shade, such as under a deciduous tree; they don’t need heavy feeding as that would lead to excessive leaf growth which is susceptible to disease and frost damage. A gravel mulch can help reduce weed growth and keep the flowers from getting splattered with mud. A raised bed or a rock garden would be ideal for most except the most vigorous.

**HAPPY GARDENING!**

**Fermi De Souza**



# The Bridge: GARDEN PATCH



My humble request of all readers is to continue to dance naked in the moonlight. It looks as if it may be successful in bringing on the rain. At the end of March we can begin to contemplate what we may plant to make up for all the summer deaths. Around the start of April and before our day on national celebration, that is Anzac, we could take cuttings from the salvias and plant them directly into the ground. Bless them with a spadeful of animal excreta but not that from the chooks. They will look very sick over the winter but bounce into life around September. Convolvulus will grow from cuttings so try some of them to fill gaps. Most of the myoporums also procreate, much like social workers, that is without the benefit of copulation. Cuttings can also be placed directly into the ground. I don't use the word "soil" as very few have any of that commodity in our area. Some that do, use it for the culti-

vation of illegal vegetable matter, about which I know nothing.

Back to the legitimate garden. Around April begin to shield sensitive shrubs from the impending frosts. Things like Jacarandas or even the dreaded Hydrangeas should be surrounded with shade cloth and that will get them through the winter.

Now for some suggestions about winter plantings. Rejoice in the name of Australian Natives. I cannot give them a generic clan name or ask that you acknowledge them as the custodians of the land and their elders past and present, but I can identify the sturdiest of them. Acacia Cognata come in bush and dwarf forms. With their splendid, pandurate leaves and dense habit, they are useful as large hedges or border plants. The graceful and abundant E. caesia aka Silver Princess, are an excellent choice. They are shallow rooted, relatively quick growing, but can die unexpectedly and mostly after about 15/20 years. They attract the New Holland honeyeaters and some wrens both of which do not nest in them. If you want

something spectacular I suggest Alyogyne, there is an indigenous purple one which looks like a school blazer on a Wesley student and you only need an Acacia of any of the golden varieties to complete the uniform.

## Uncle Spades



Alyogyne huegelii



Eucalyptus caesia

## Hello again Dear Readers, Lady Bombay here again.

Well it looks like summer is just about to a close.

Though this warm weather, and last frightful heat wave, has made my poor garden suffer. Like mine, I'm sure yours has also. That gargantuan storm the other night created biblical proportions of mess. Large and very impressive may be the gum tree, however do not have them growing along driveways or behind sheds. Need I say more? One just missed my beloved Bentley, not to mention the coach house.

Looking around the garden, one realises it would have been a lot easier to chop them down when they were smaller. At least my prized Ghost Gum is still intact. I would have had a misfit of composure, had something happened to that.

Now if one is starting a garden currently, a variety of Acacias is the way to go in order to create a filler, whilst smaller plants give themselves time to settle in. Goldfields Nursery in Tannery Lane are extremely good for varieties of the hardy indigenous plants to get you through. I can never remember all the different names, plus the dogs take all the nametags. Which reminds me ladies...never wear black whilst gardening. it can be dangerous. 'Why?', you ask, or perhaps you think I had too much 'mothers ruin' again. i was going out the other night to a bit of "DO", and got all dolled up in my best cocktail frock, and whilst sitting on the front verandah waiting for Lord Bombay, I noticed that the front pond needed topping up with water. I popped the hose in and turned on the tap. Of course, to keep the hose in the pond, I was in need of a brick. As I was placing the brick on the hose, Randy, our old black Labrador couldn't quite figure out the black figure near the pond, so with no hesitation I ended up face first in the pond. Succumbed to a mouth full of water lily and duckweed. Ghastly matter.

Had a slight windfall yesterday. My dearest friend, Dowager De Vino, was having a clean up and generously gave me a stack of old hand made bricks. Perfect for my next edging project. So Thorn, the gardener, and I packed the Bentley to the hilt with them, and back we went to Mia Mia. NB:Note to Thorn, clean the leather seats in the Bentley.

Felicitations to all for the Easter festivities,

**Lady Sapphire Bombay**



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# Redesdale Recreational Reserve Committee Inc

## Chairman's Monthly Report

### March 2016

Hi Redesdalian's,

Time flies when your having fun and boy have we been having fun. We are well into March and things have been happening; the fence on Kyneton-Redesdale Road is completed and doesn't it look good? Thanks are due to the tireless work of L. Booker, A. Campbell and various members of the committee.

We are going to run a competition asking the community to suggest how we can enhance the corner landscaping with a prize for the best idea, so please put on your thinking caps.

The Bush Market has been run and what a successful event it was! The Reserve Committee decided to have a stall and sell roast pork & lamb rolls from the new roaster together with hot dogs. We had sold out of all stock by 1pm and made approx \$800 for funds towards the pavilion construction. Like I said in last months report, it is going to be a slow process. Anybody wishing to donate funds please contact the treasurer S.Hills on 0427 280 814.

The new committee has had time now to settle in and are working on ideas for projects to enhance the reserve using minimal funds For example: landscaping, rock walls, tree pruning and planting whilst sourcing grants for larger projects.

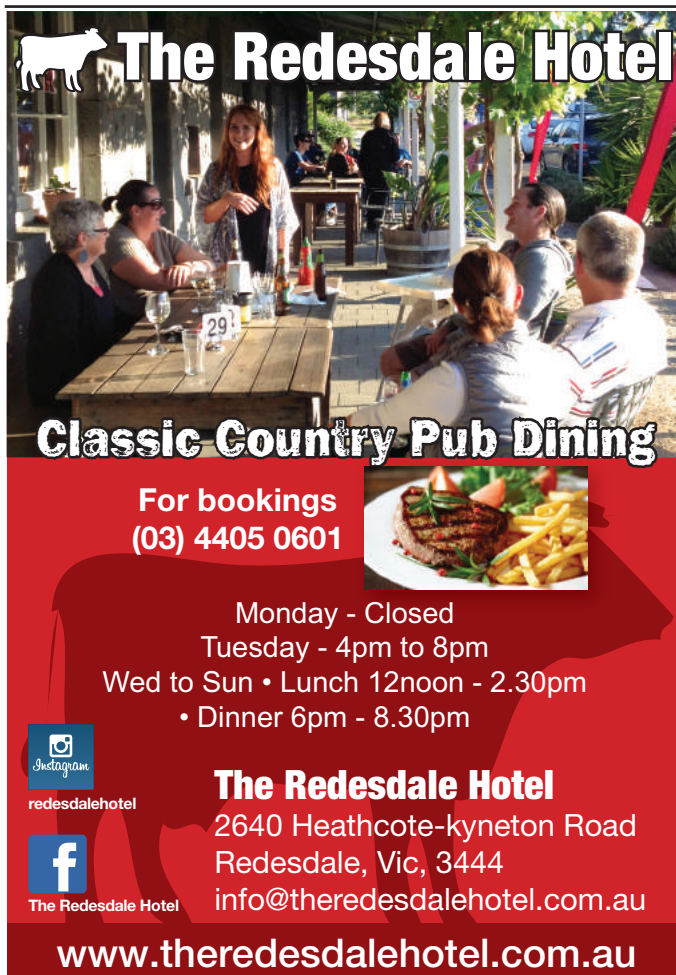
We have broken the committee into four groups; Construction: Rod Gibson, Finance and Grants: Simon Hills and Emma Simpson, Landscaping: Gary Prendergast, Events: Andrew Campbell with the remaining members helping out where needed. By setting up this way we believe we cover all bases for better management of the reserve.

Don't forget access to the bore will have ceased on the 31st March and it will be necessary to register and pay in the future.

In finishing I would like to say that we can make Redesdale a place to be proud of by communicating and working together and helping each other out when needed.

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## BATTLE OF THE BRIDGE TROPHY CHANGES HANDS



Those who occasionally attend the Redesdale Hotel will be aware of the presence of the above trophy which is in the form of a very good replica of the helmet worn by Ned Kelly at the Glenrowan Inn on June 28th 1880. The Redesdale and Mia Mia cricket teams first competed for this prize on the Redesdale Oval on November 1st last year. Mia Mia won this inaugural contest by a convincing 44 runs in the 30 overs per side match.

Seeking revenge, 11 of Redesdale's finest, under the leadership of Paul Atkins, crossed the bridge on Saturday 19th March and took to the recently mowed Mia Mia oval wearing their red Redesdale Rocks T shirts. As Mia Mia compete regularly in the Emu Creek league (finishing 5th this season) a tough contest was anticipated as the local opening batsmen strode to the pitch.

Popular Redesdale barman, Justin Greet, opened the bowling for the visitors and his pace immediately proved a handful as the batsmen struggled to get him away. His 3 over spell yielded 1 for 1. The scoring rate was subdued as both the outfield and pitch were slow due to the recent heavy rains and the Redesdale fielding was generally speaking, excellent. Wickets fell steadily in the meantime with Nathan Phillips and Andrew Ferrington each picking up 2. Ferrington's second wicket was a highlight as Brett Thompson middled a short ball with ferocious power, pulling it straight to Greet at deep square leg. The ball hit the fielder in the chest (the sound of which travelled half way around the ground) bounced up and was caught.

Bowling honours, however, went to Redesdale and Mia Mia Primary School Headmaster, Mr Joe Sebire, who abandoned the wicket keeping pads some 20 overs into the innings and proceeded to take no less than 3 for none off his three overs! For the home side only 3 players made double figures; Will O'Sullivan with 14 and Greg Dempster and Nick White each with 21. The rear guard actions of the latter helped the final score reach, an at times unlikely, 92. No doubt on the much smaller Redesdale ground it would have been 30 or 40 runs higher.

Lunch was taken with pulled lamb or pork rolls with coleslaw and condiments being enjoyed by all while ice cream and a variety of drinks were also on offer.

At about 2pm the versatile Greet-Barber combination also opened the batting for Redesdale and the pair raced to 40 before Greet was caught and bowled for 18. An excellent foundation had been laid. Nathan Phillips joined Chris Barber and both continued to attack the bowling until the latter was forced to retire on 33. His 3 games for Redesdale have netted almost 100 runs at an average of close to 50. In addition Phillips made 13 and newcomer Ben Barwick made a late order 17 no which included two successive sixes; the only two for the match and a great effort on this big ground. Bowling honours were shared. The final score was 120 for 9.

Seamus McKenna, duly presented the winners trophy to Paul Atkins and both captains agreed it had had been an enjoyable contest played in good spirit. Both teams and spectators then retired to enjoy a beer and some of the remaining food while reminiscing about the day's events. A rematch is likely in November 2016. The trophy meanwhile will be returned to the bar of the Redesdale Hotel where it will double as an item of curiosity, hopefully, for years to come.

Rod Gibson

(Also see picture on page 15)

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## Recipe of the Month



### GARTH'S ROAST CAULIFLOWER & PUMPKIN SALAD

From the **Redesdale Hotel** comes this delicious recipe:

1. Take 1 head of Cauliflower and 1 small butternut pumpkin. Cut them into small pieces, spray with olive oil, coat with spices such as cumin, harrisa, (optional), and middle eastern seasoning then roast in oven until cooked.
2. Cook up french lentils and freekeh(optional) then drain. You can substitute quinoa or farro for the freekeh. Another option is to soak chick peas overnight. Coat chickpeas with spices and olive oil then roast in oven.
3. Make dressing with honey, 1 teasp. zest of orange and lime plus juice, salt and pepper, and EVOO.
4. Mix all ingredients together in a bowl. Add fresh mint, parsley or coriander, 1 thinly sliced red onion, pomegranate, pistachio nuts, currants. When using chickpeas you could use dates or dried cranberries instead of currants.

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Michelle and Andrew King (North Redesdale Road) and their family are having a wonderful time in Italy. Here is William King (right) reading the Bridge Connection at the Trevi Fountain in Rome.



Those of you who enjoy Facebook will have noticed that Roger (The Redesdale Ram - pictured above) who is the travelling mascot for the next Redesdale Art Show and Fair, has been spotted in several exotic locations whilst he spreads the word about Redesdale. Imagine our delight when he sent us this picture of himself admiring the Leaning Tower of Pisa (below).

Apparently Roger is making his way around Europe and has visited Sorrento, Rome and Florence. His next stop is Venice before making his way to Germany (where I'm sure he will enjoy a German beer or two), then it will be on to Scotland before finally returning home.

Well done Roger. Spread the word!!



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