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BIRD QUIZ with NIGEL HARLAND



Last month's bird was the Masked Lapwing, previously known as the Spur-winged Plover. It is often found on roadsides or other patches of open ground. It frequently calls at night and can be fairly aggressive towards intruders – including human beings. They nest on the ground, away from vegetation and their nests are fairly obvious to predators. They are very protective of their young, often using the "broken wing" trick to deter potential intruders. Congratulations to **Kris Ford** who was our winner this month.

Our bird for next month is not particularly common, but quite spectacular, good luck.
Nigel

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Jorja Bennett and
Violet
Violet Jack Russel

Bellow Violet after
a swim



Editorial

Hello everyone

Welcome to Winter, the temp is starting to cool down now.

First we would like to appologise to Tahlia Campbell for leaving out your name as author in the Changing Shapes in Redesdale story printed in the June edition on page 13.

We look forward to seeing more great stories submitted by Tahlia.

Dont forget to enter your teams in the Camp Oven Cook Off more info on page 6

if your heading away these school holidays stay safe

Kathy and Regina



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THE MUNRO LETTERS

Episode 5

We continue the 1842 letter from David Munro to brother Alex in Scotland.

The Campaspe Plains are traversed by a stream of the same name, but which is called by the natives the Yarrayne and which being quite euphonious there is no reason for changing. This flows towards the north and I should have mentioned when I took you along with me to the black forest, that we then passed over the highest ground during our ride. Until we reached that point the streams were flowing towards Melbourne, but at a distance of about 40 miles inland, we found the small rivulets winding in the opposite direction, and joining together to form the Campaspe which flows to the north or into the interior and ultimately adds its waters to that of the Murray. I beg you to take notice of this, as it is an important feature in the physical geography of the country.

I daresay, my dearest A, you are almost tired of the ride now, and so I can assure you was I before I was done with it; indeed I was obliged to dismount and walk the last 2 or three miles. I intended when I commenced writing to you to have dismissed this part of my subject more briefly, but as I went on so many circumstances which interested me at the time crowded upon my recollection that I think I may have been obliged to abandon my intention; however, I shall not regret it if by carrying you along with me on my first ride into the bush, I have succeeded in giving you a tolerable idea of the sort of country I passed over and the objects that most arrested my attention. For my part, I look back upon the two days thus spent with much pleasure; several different circumstances conspired to make them highly agreeable, the most essential of which were perhaps that I was delighted with the appearances of the country and was enjoying the first and full gratification of what I had often longed over, viz. seeing Nature at a distance from my native country in a totally different and savage dress, and warmed by a sky much nearer to the equator.

At H's I found things very comfortable; his cottage is built of upright slabs of wood and plastered inside which is quite sufficient protection against any weather here, and is divided into half a dozen rooms of convenient size. In front there is a verandah which we enjoyed very much in the fine evenings. Detached from the cottage and behind it is a cottage which contains a kitchen and a store room. It is a great luxury in a hot climate to have the kitchen separate from the house. By this arrangement both heat smell and noise are avoided and when the temperature is above 100, this is no slight comfort.



I spent about 4 months with H acquiring general information about the colony and the way in which stock are managed visiting different parts of the country and amusing myself with my rifle as well as a double barreled gun. The conclusion I came to from all I saw and learnt was unfavourable. As the summer advances and as I saw more of the country, the agreeable impressions which I received from my first view of it were soon effaced and succeeded by others of a different character. The weather became excessively hot and the whole surface of the country brown and as dry as tinder. H's crops were destroyed entirely by the hot wind which passed over them and in 24 hours withered up. I experienced

in my own person a degree of lassitude and exhaustion which I had never before felt and said to myself, men who pursue sheep farming in this country ought to be well recompensed.



My first enquiries were directed to the physical geography and nature of the country. On this head I was surprised to find the opinions on the spot so much at variance with what I had read at home. I was surprised when I was told by H that at his station 80 miles from Melbourne we were not far from the limits of available country.

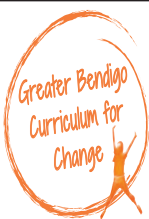
I summoned Major Mitchell's work to my assistance and proceeded to show him that he i.e. the Major on his journey from the Murray towards the Portland Bay district had crossed the very stream that we were on the banks of, at least 100 miles further to the north and that he had then described a rich grass country, well watered, and in his opinion admirably adapted for grazing. To this I was answered that this was all



very well and that many persons had read that as well as myself and that several had gone to look for it, but had never been able to find it. All this appeared to me very puzzling and extraordinary and at length in order to satisfy my mind on this head, I resolved upon what I have too often found in this part of the world is the only course that can be relied upon, viz. going and judging for myself after a personal inspection. Accordingly, H and I accompanied by two friends who had come out in the same ship as me and were looking out for country with a view to depasturing, set off one day to trace the Campaspe to the north by which course as we must come to where Major Mitchell crossed it, we were sure to fall in with the fine country which he describes.

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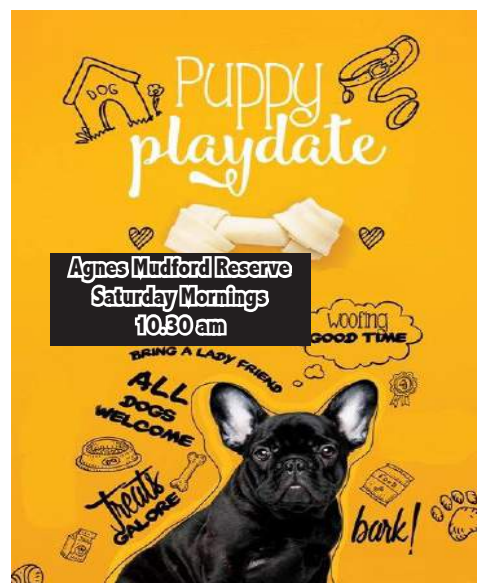
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A regional market will also be on, providing cooks with an opportunity for tasting local food and wine, plus the chance to purchase the secret ingredient for your winning fare. While this is all taking place you can sit back and enjoy the smooth sounds provided by artists from the Bendigo Blues and Roots Festival.

If this sounds right for you, and you want to support our local fire brigade then please enter a team, or for more information, call Andrew on 0428253104. Regards Redesdale CFA

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1. Who designed the Sydney Opera House?
2. How many albums did the late slim Dusty record?
3. Who painted the Nebuchadnezzar series?
4. Who wrote "Cloudstreet"?
5. In what year did the Australian National Gallery open?
6. Which band has received an Australian of the Year Award?
7. Who was the first Australian to win the Booker Prize?
8. Who was the subject of the 2003 Archibald Prize winning portrait?
9. Who is the lead singer of Silverchair?
10. Who has an award-winning album is titled Barricades and Brickwalls?

ANSWERS

1.	Joern Utzon	2.	103	3.	Arthur Boyd	4.	Tim Winton	5.	1982	6.	The Seekers	7.	Thomas Kenally	8.	Richard Flanagan	9.	Daniel Johns	10.	Casey Chambers
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Redesdale Community Meeting Redesdale Hall

Sunday July 23rd from 3 to 4.30 pm
Afternoon Tea provided

Wayne Street of 'Street Ryan' who wrote the business case will be there to answer questions.

A chance for the community to have the precinct business case clarified and to commission a new working group to continue the precinct project.



in the Heathcote Region

Tuesday 4th July 2017

Grant Program Information Session- Time: 6:30pm. RSVP: Heathcote & District Community Bank, branch 5433 3115. Venue: RSL Hall High St Heathcote

Thursday 3rd August 2017

Saint Martin's Heathcote Wine Show- More info later

Friday 4th August 2017

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Saturday 25th August 2017

Use Hygiene Practice for Food Safety – Time: 9am – 1pm to register contact 5431 0930 Nationally accredited course cost: Members \$130 non-members \$140. Note: cost for both courses Members \$250 Non-members \$260 Venue: Heathcote Community House, 55 Hospital St.

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Sat 26th August 2017

Heathcote Film Festival– More info later

Wed 6th September 2017

The Engine Room present Classic Country starring Courtney Conway- Time: 2pm. Book Online at www.gotix.com.au or call 5434 6100. Tickets also available at the door. Venue: RSL Hall High St Heathcote

Saturday 9th September 2017

Lions Club –Centennial Quilt Display – Time: 10am-4pm. Entry a gold coin donation. Craft Stall etc. More info contact Janette Dedman on 5433 2558 Venue: Guide Hall High St Heathcote

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Euroa's cracked up roads are no laughing matter

Member for Euroa Steph Ryan is calling for an immediate injection in roads funding after a report today showed cuts to Victoria's road maintenance budget is wreaking havoc in northern Victoria.

The report, tabled by the state's Auditor General in the Victorian Parliament today, revealed almost a third of the road network in the northern Victoria is cracking and maintenance is only being carried out when it becomes critical.

Ms Ryan said the report, tabled in the Victorian Parliament today, proved that if you fix country roads you save country lives.

The report found that 11 per cent of road network across the northern region which includes Mitchell, Greater Bendigo and Campaspe local government areas, is in very poor condition.

Thirty per cent of roads in the same area are cracking, while 17 per cent are rough and three per cent are rutting.

"The condition of the road network across northern Victoria is going backwards because the Andrews Government is not investing enough funding in road maintenance," Ms Ryan said.

"These figures won't come as any surprise to local motorists. The Auditor General has confirmed what we as rural residents have been saying for the past two years.

"VicRoads is putting temporary speed limits on roads when they fall into disrepair because Labor hasn't provided the money to actually fix them."

The Auditor-General found that the deterioration of the road network presents a 'growing risk to public safety' and 'increases road user costs'.

Ms Ryan said while the report only examined arterial roads, the Andrews Government's savage cuts to roads maintenance had also impacted on local roads.

"Our communities are bearing the brunt of the Melbourne Labor Government's cuts to roads funding," Ms Ryan said.

"Daniel Andrews axed the former government's Country Roads and Bridges program which gave Mitchell and Campaspe shires an extra \$1 million every year to help maintain the local road network."

Ms Ryan is urging motorists across the Euroa electorate to join her in calling on Daniel Andrews to reinstate this funding by signing her petition at:

http://www.stephryan.com.au/report_a_road_hazard

Quote of the month

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Protecting teens from meningococcal

From 1 July, Macedon Ranges Shire Council is offering free meningococcal vaccines to young people aged 15 to 19 as part of the Victorian Government's school-based vaccination program that targets those most at risk of developing the disease and passing it on.

Year 10, 11 and 12 students attending school in the Macedon Ranges will be immunised in Term 3 through Council's secondary school immunisation program. Adolescents not in secondary school but aged between 15 to 19 years are also eligible for the free vaccine and can also receive this vaccine by contacting Council on 5422 0333 to book into one of Council's monthly community immunisation sessions that are held across the shire.

The vaccination protects against the potentially deadly meningococcal W strain that has increased across Australia in recent years, with Victoria experiencing 48 cases in 2016, compared to 17 cases in 2015, four in 2014 and one in 2013. It is now the predominant strain in Victoria.

Cases of what were previously the most prevalent strain – Meningococcal C – declined significantly after the Australian Government included it in the National Immunisation Program in 2003.

Council's Manager Community Safety, Anne-Louise Lindner said while meningococcal disease was rare, the number of people infected with the W strain had increased in recent years.

"National immunisation experts have identified teenagers are at increased risk and more likely to spread the disease to others due to their social habits and close contact in school and other group environments," she said.

Meningococcal bacteria are passed from person to person by regular, close, prolonged household and intimate contact. In a small number of people, the bacteria can enter the bloodstream and cause invasive meningococcal disease, which can develop very quickly and cause death in about five to 10 percent of cases.

For more information, visit www.mrsc.vic.gov.au/immunisations or contact Council's Immunisation unit on 5422 0333. Communications unit, 03 5422 0310 or email comms@mrsc.vic.gov.au

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Encouraging the next business generation

BY KERRY ANDERSON

Is the younger generation prepared to get their hands dirty?

This question recently came up in a casual conversation with a group of farmers at a forum and I fully sympathised with them.

While there are some fantastic young people making waves in agriculture, in general terms Australia's younger generation comes across as only wanting to work on their terms.

Back at home, only a day after the forum, I heard the tinkle of the doorbell. A young girl, probably around 10 years of age, was clasping a backpack in her arms.

'Would you like to buy some broad beans to plant in your garden?' she asked. Not waiting for my answer she launched into her sales pitch. Flawed though it was, her enthusiasm shone through and this enterprising young lady, who apparently lives two blocks

away, happily informed me that she'd made \$100 so far with her door to door sales.



Personally I just wanted to hug the child and then go and congratulate her parents. What a great start in life she is getting. If only more children learned the skill of enterprise at an

early age how much better prepared they would be for their working life ahead.

With a growing trend of more contract work and less full time positions being offered by the big corporates, there is a great opportunity for rural areas to attract more people to live and work remotely. However, I worry about the next generation. Life is about to get a lot tougher for them.

People offering their services on a contract basis will need a whole range of business skills. They will need to be able to manage their time to ensure that they achieve enough billable hours in a day. They will also need financial skills to invoice clients and monitor their cash

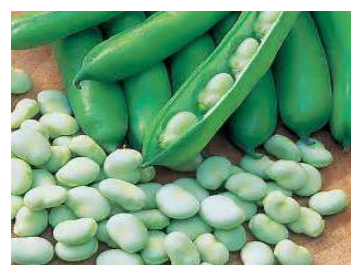
flow. Without good communication and marketing skills they may not get the contract work in the first place.

As always, the trick will be finding something that we're passionate about that can also make us an income. At other times we may just have to get our hands dirty to put food on the table at night.

The best thing we can do is encourage all young people to value money and learn how to earn it an early age. Selling broad beans is a fantastic start in life I reckon.

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Regional Development Victoria (RDV) is concentrating this year on the connectivity problems (Internet and mobile phone) of rural communities. There is potentially some funding in the offing for innovative solutions to our connectivity problems.

We need some REAL LIFE anecdotes that will ram home to politicians what the actual difficulties are for rural people. There is nothing like a story to make people understand. As you know, people in large cities take connectivity for granted and don't realise how divisive the "have" and "have not" situation is.

There is to be a "Assembly" of interested people in August in Bendigo and they are looking for anecdotes of peoples' experiences (possibly with photos etc) to present to the politicians.

The main issues which have been identified as causing problems for rural communities include:

- *Business enterprises jeopardised by poor connectivity,
- *Farming security and innovative projects jeopardised by poor connectivity,
- *Problems with services - such as banking, veterinary services etc
- *Social inclusiveness - community linkages and inability to access on demand TV and films such as Netflix etc.etc which urban communities take for granted.

Could you please send in a few sentences about your connectivity experiences - if possible with some photos- to bridgeconnection.editor@gmail.com and we will collate them.

Kathy Hall - Ed



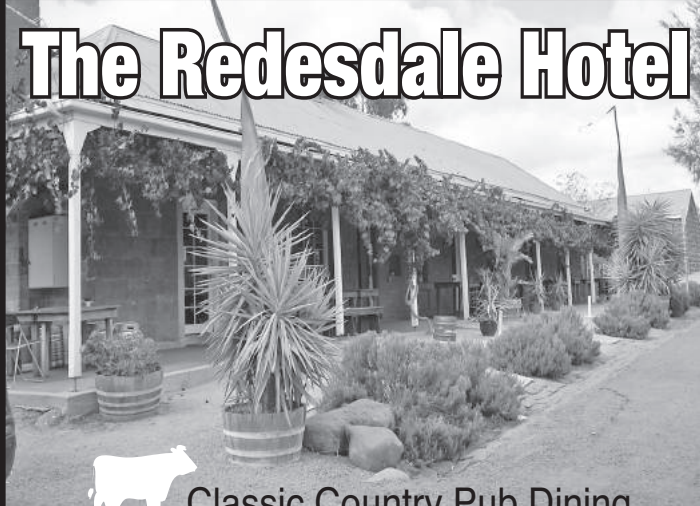
The Redesdale Winter Wine was held again this year. Visitors were able meet the wine makers, grab a bite to eat, and buy some of their favourite wine for home from. Barfold Estate, Coliban valley wines, Rowanston on the track and Burke and Wills wineries, a great day was held by all.




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- ▶ Creating the best start for our Children
- ▶ Being connected – Transport and Digital
- ▶ Promote better Health
- ▶ Our Natural Environment
- ▶ A Growing Economy
- ▶ Renewable Energy

We want to hear from the people who live, work and understand our region.

Regional Workshops: Echuca 6 July and Castlemaine 20 July

Regional Assembly: Bendigo 17 August 2017

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*"Please tell me about the Sunset,
And I'll see it on memory's Scree"
So asked the eager blind girl,
Still aware of Beauty's scene.*

*The sun dipped beyond the horizon
With a gold and crimson embrace,
As trees in their bare winter outlines
Trimmed the radiant sky with lace.*

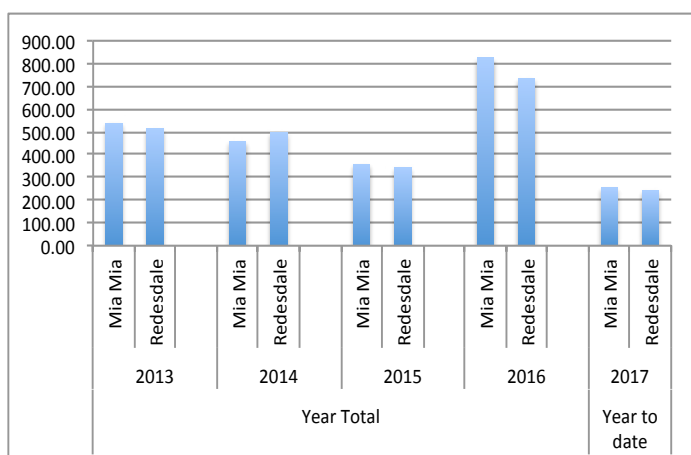
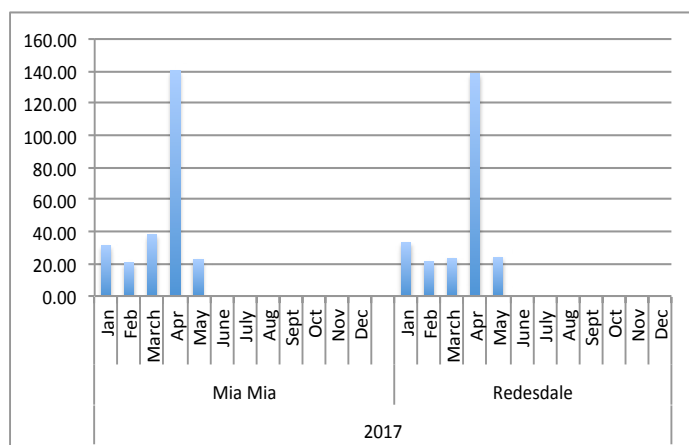
*The young girl's companion answered
In surprise at her friends request.
"You are not missing anything really"
She turned her gaze to the West.
"it is only there for a minute,
Half hidden by barren trees"
Slowly the after glow faded,
Granting the day's release.*

*The blind girl, of course is disabled,
Bereft of the wonder of sight,
But pity her prosaic companion,
Unable to see the light.*

Nancy Begg

RAINFALL

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



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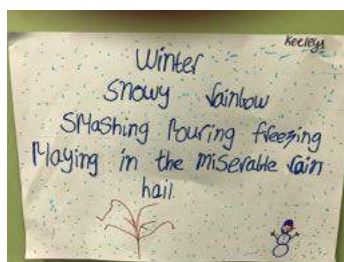
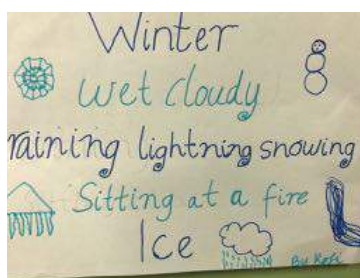
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Term 2 has been a cracker!

This term we have been learning about water in our integrated studies unit. This has included science, geography, maths and english lessons. In our pictures we can see students working on shapes, Indonesian, exploring water in enviro studies and water projects. We have written cinquain poems for the coming of winter.

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Redesdale Ramblings:

On a still winter's day the scent from the bush honeysuckle, *Lonicera fragrantissima*, is very welcome and the translucent blossoms are visited by bees as well as honey-eaters. This shrub is easily grown from cuttings and quickly grows to 1m wide and around 1.5m high. In mild winters the foliage stays on but falls quickly when we have heavy frosts.

We have surrounded our home with deciduous trees so that as winter progresses the bare branches are revealed, letting in more light and changing the look of the garden. In the main the trees drop their foliage before the middle of winter but not all at once. In fact one of the oaks tends to hold onto most of its dead leaves until spring when the new foliage emerges.



The ornamental pears, *Pyrus calleryana*, are often the first "to turn" sometimes even before it's officially autumn becoming

Above Mexican Hawthorn

shades of red and purple. They are followed by the Golden and Claret Ashes, the Chinese Pistachios and lastly the

Liquidambar.

We also have the semi-evergreen Mexican Hawthorn, *Crataegus mexicana*, which produces loads of yellow fruit which persist through the winter till they fall (surprisingly the birds aren't interested in them!) and the foliage also hangs on till spring. There is also a red-fruited version, *Crataegus 'Smithiana'*, which is just as attractive to us and much less to the parrots which usually strip the red fruited trees such as the Washington Thorns and the crab-apples.

Despite being robbed by the birds each year we still advocate the planting of crab-apples because they seem very suited to our conditions. Many of them produce beautiful blossom in spring, good foliage (some are purple-tinged) which changes in autumn to brilliant orange, red or yellow. Stephen Ryan (Dicksonia Rare Plants Nursery, Mt Macedon) often says that plants should pay dividends in more than one season to earn their place in the garden and these do that in spades. *Malus mandshurica* has proven to be a great addition to our garden with the most brilliant white blossom each spring but sadly we are yet to see the red fruit.

Malus trilobata is a columnar tree which flowers well though the fruit stay green so they don't stand out much. However

the form of the tree is why you'd grow it, great on a fence-line or driveway – and they won't sucker the way poplars do!

There are numerous cultivars available through the local nurseries but you often need to ask them to source them before they put in their orders to the wholesalers so that they can get them in time for winter planting. Buying them when they are dormant is the best way so that they can be planted as "bare-root" plants (meaning that they are not in soil or potting mix - our local soil can be so different to potting-mix that planting straight from the pot can be disastrous). Look for varieties such as 'Gorgeous', 'Coral Clusters', 'John Downie', 'Rejoice' and 'Royal

Raindrops'.

'Pioneer Rose' is a large fruited crab that arose in the Kiewa Valley and is probably a cross with a commercial apple. It has purple-red foliage and golf-ball sized apples with glossy red skins with pink flesh within. 'Huonville Crab' is supposed to be similar so we got one last year and it is slowly developing but has a long way to go to equal the 'Pioneer Rose' put in more than a dozen years before. It was planted on the south-east side of the house and must've got its roots down deep early on as it came through the drought without "turning a hair". Perhaps because of its position with some protection from the house it is now the largest of our crab-apples and provides a great deal of shade during the summer.

Shade under deciduous trees is great for spring bulbs as the winter sun can help them develop as they come up to bloom in spring. They then flower before the leaves expand and as they die down they are hidden from view by the trees foliage. cheers

fermi

The Redesdale Rock-Gardener



Above *Crataegus 'Smithiana'* Berries

Below Liquidambar



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Hello Dear Readers,
Lady Bombay here.

T'is the time of the year when the doldrums of winter has arrived. Yes, rose pruning. I know it to be a rather

backbreaking task to carry out however, one must think forward to the bountiful blooms in the spring. I always remember what colours they all are thanks to digital photography, but as to their names, well anything with a latinish familiarity shall suffice. In other words make it up if visitors have arrived; Floribunda, Variegatum, Mary-Lou, Poppy-Jane and so on.

My friend Pitty Pat always knows the names of her roses. In fact that she has over three thousand of them all of which she planted. She is like a walking encyclopedia of David Austen with a tinge of Capability Brown. For her rose pruning

season, she employs Thorn, my gardener, to assist in the ritual. Although she pays considerably more than I, Thorn carries out his duties with great trepidation. After all, he has the effects of a declining physique.

Talking of friends, whilst going through my herb gardens, I discovered a rather huge crop of tarragon. As with zucchini and quinces, I pondered on what to do with it all, and then I thought of my dear old friend Jacqui Gilt. When it comes to food, she's the one to turn to. So off I went in the Bentley to pay her a visit with the tarragon at my side. Before I had barely put it on her minimalist stark white kitchen bench, out came her creuset pot, white of course, and in went the tarragon in order to make syrup. With curiosity I wondered what was to become of this production. Well, low and behold, we had a "tarrogin". Yes that's right! Mothers ruin with tarragon syrup and lime juice. After a couple of those, we decided to look at all her renovations around her rather big soulless abode where she discovered a piece of tin left on her new streamline roof. Although it was the size of a piece of toast, out came the Ikea ladder. As I had my favorite tweed skirt on, I held the ladder in the garden bed as she climbed

to retrieve the piece of tin. Whilst holding the ladder and humming a Vera Lyn song quite extensively, I was oblivious to the fact that she was coming down the ladder right on top of me. We both fell backwards onto her beautifully sculptured (of course) Manchurian pear with my skirt out like a popped umbrella and her beautifully set hair slightly ruffled. Well maybe a wisp out of place.

Who ever said winter was dull?

Time for Mothers Tarragin ruin.

Lady Sapphire Bombay



Garden Lore

A thorn defends the rose, harming only those who would steal the blossom

Chinese proverb

Bombay and a Bex

*Send in your questions for Lady Bombay Sapphire to
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Dear Lady B,

We have mouse and rat invasion. As we have been baiting them, they are sometimes difficult to trace once deceased. We have friends coming up for a weekend soon. How do I get rid of the smell?

Help!

Dolly Desperate and family

Dear Dolly D,

Pot pourri is the long-term answer. As I am discovering all one has to do is

google and you have a mountainous variety of recipes. Now if you require what one

calls 'a quick fix', a large can of pot pourri spray air freshener followed by a spray of Mr. Sheen in the air. Then they will not only think that the house smells nice, but that you are also a cleaning goddess. Works for me. If they are asthmatic at all, confine them to a small room with a humidifier.

All the best with that one and remember that after all the tasks at hand are

completed, try Mothers ruin tarrogin, a bex and a lay down Kindest regards,

Lady B

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Swim teacher recognised with state award

Joan Foote-Jackson, a staff member at Kyneton Toyota Sports & Aquatic Centre was recognised for her contribution to swimming and water safety at the annual Aquatics and Recreation industry awards dinner on Friday 16 June.

Joan has been employed by Macedon Ranges Shire Council as a staff member since 1996, and was awarded the 2017 Swim Teacher for Infants, Toddlers and Pre-School Award by Aquatics and Recreation Victoria.

The award recognises the outstanding contribution by an individual to the teaching of swimming and water safety, including teaching effectiveness, professional development, leadership and commitment to excellence.

The local family that provided a reference to support Joan's nomination recognise the importance of Joan's instructions, as they had to put her safety messages into action during a flash flood they experienced recently.

On a sunny day last December, nine children from four families were happily playing and swimming together in a Victoria river when the waters began rising from ankle deep to waist height in seconds.

With Joan's repetitive swim safety messages echoing in their ears, adults managed to guide children to safety, recalling Joan's lessons during the process.

Fortunately, the families had ensured that adults were within arm's reach of children under five who were in the water, which meant that these children were quickly picked up and carried to the banks of the river.

Adults had also followed Joan's advice of ensuring they could see older children who were in the water at all times; enabling them to reassure children verbally before they began to panic, and encouraging them to swim to their safe side, rather than against the current.

The family acknowledge the outcome of that day may have been very different if it weren't for advice offered in Joan's lessons, and are vocal in their praise for her.

Kyneton Toyota Sports & Aquatic Centre Manager Jon Ground, said he was also proud of her achievements, and the quality of service at the centre it represents.

"This is the fourth consecutive year that a staff member from the centre has been recognised with an award at the Aquatics and Recreation industry awards, and we couldn't be happier," he said.

"Joan's dedication to aquatic education is evident to anyone who knows her, and this award is testament to that.

"Winning this prestigious award also highlights the professionalism and quality of service that Council staff offer, and it's great to have that acknowledged," he said.

Cheryl Knight won the Swim Teacher for People with a Disability at last year's awards, with previous winners including Pam Mathews (Teacher of Swimming & Water Safety, 2015) and Marie Noonan (Teacher of Swimming & Water Safety, 2014).

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Redesdale Recreational Reserve Committee Inc.

Chairman's Monthly Report

June 2017

Hi Redesdalian's

Things have taken a bit of a slow down due to the weather conditions but progress is still on the move with the pavilion, and it is starting to take shape, walls have been clad and the two areas are shaping up well. The roller door to the new storeroom has been installed and the store area will be ready for use after a few cosmetic touch-up. This will free up the shed to keep garden maintenance equipment in.

Since first elected to the Reserve Committee I have become aware that some members of the community appear to be in the dark, about how the hall and reserve are managed.

1. The Redesdale Recreation Reserve is owned by DELWP and is managed by the reserve committee which is elected by the community and appointed by the Vic Gov Minister for a period of three years. The Committee consists of 8 unpaid members, who run the day to day business and maintain the reserve without any financial assistance from the government.

2. The hall is leased by the Hall Committee who are responsible for the maintenance of the hall. The Hall Committee, hire out the hall to community members for functions and hold fund raising events themselves.

3. All monies raised from the lease of the Hall , hiring the Reserve for functions, and all fund raising events by the Reserve Committee goes back into maintaining and developing the Reserve and surrounding areas.

4.CoGB gives the Reserve Committee a grant of \$3000.00 for maintenance and a further \$5000.00 to cover the cost of the cleaning the public toilets.

I hope this gives an insight into how the Reserve is managed and an understanding of how ever effort to raise funds is necessary.

Keep smiling until next time.

Les. Pocock.

Redesdale Recreational Reserve Committee Inc



Redesdale Festival 27th to 29th October 2017.

The Redesdale Festival plans are underway. Events organised are:

Art show , held at Redesdale Hall. Organised by RRRC. From Friday 2th through to Sunday 29th.

Artists interested in entering please contact Gloria Pocock 0408 307 105.

Camp Oven cook off. Organised by CFA. Saturday 28th

Teams interested in participating please contact Andrew Campbell 0428 253 104.

Makers Market Featuring quality hand made goods and produce. Organised by RRRC.Sunday 29th

Interested participants please contact Les Pocock 0427 280 814

Open studio, Kevin Foley Printmake.r Satuday 27th Sunday 29th. Contact 0409 799 730.

Anyone interested in organising an event and interested in being included in the Festival advertising are most welcome

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

23

Golden Syrup Dumplings



1 cup self-raising flour
2 tbs butter
1 egg beaten
1 tsp milk
1 cup water
1/2 cup sugar
2 tbs golden syrup
Icecream or cream *to serve

STEP 1 Place flour and 1 tablespoon of butter into a bowl. rub butter into flour.

STEP 2 Mix with egg and milk to make a dough.

STEP 3 Roll into small balls.

STEP 4 Bring the water, sugar, remaining butter and golden syrup to the boil.

STEP 5 Place dumplings into a saucepan with a lid and cover with syrup.

STEP 6 cook for 20 minutes without lifting lid or until dumplings are golden on top.

STEP 7 Serve with a dollop of thickened cream or ice cream.

Congratulations

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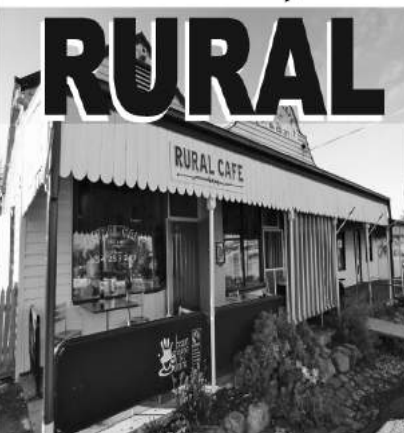
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Dr Tim Stobie

Maternity Services in Kyneton - in the balance ...

Kyneton District Health has a long history of providing maternity service to the community of the Macedon Ranges and surrounding areas. Unfortunately despite continued gradual population growth in its catchment, I feel the survival of this service is far from assured, for a variety of complicated reasons. I believe the community should be better informed about the reasons why this is so - because it will ultimately take community action and pressure to generate sufficient interest amongst politicians and health department staff to promote the viability of the maternity service in Kyneton.

I should declare my interest in this matter straight up - such as it is - for those of you who are not aware of my involvement in the service. I have been involved with birthing at Kyneton now for about 10 years - and as I put that into text I can't quite believe that is true! In that time the number of births occurring at the hospital has declined hugely - in the financial year just ending there will have been just 30 births here, compared to nearly 200 births around the time that I started.

The reasons for the decline in births are various, however it is quite safe to say that there is a reasonable proportion of pregnant women who quite simply prefer the reassurance provided by birthing in a maternity service with all the "bells and whistles", and I think that is as it should be. Healthcare first and foremost should be about safe care - and according to most recent published statistics of the performance of our maternity services statewide they perform very well in comparison to

other states and internationally. I refer you to "Victoria's Mothers, Babies and Children 2012-2013" published by the Department of Human Services if you wish to look up the full report - it

is easily accessible on the internet.

Despite huge advances in the safety of maternity care over the last few decades, deaths (still) do happen. If we look at maternal deaths in particular there were for the period of this report 13 deaths that were directly related to the pregnancy, and 24 deaths indirectly related to pregnancy - conditions that were preexisting or developed through the pregnancy, made worse by pregnancy but not caused by it. Access to care, or a "lack of, or delay in, access to specialist care and services, particularly in a rural area" was considered to be a factor in just three of the total of 37 maternal deaths. Four (4) of the direct maternal deaths were caused by post-partum haemorrhage - and this continues to be an area of heightened awareness and active risk-management for all maternity services statewide.

Postpartum haemorrhage is a common complication of birthing, even with all the options for treatment (and prevention) that a tertiary hospital such as the Royal Women's Hospital provides. Treating this in the first instance requires detection by experienced staff, and rapid administration of medication within minutes of birth to prevent further bleeding, as well as a number of other procedures to help stabilise the patient.

Post-partum haemorrhage should not be treated in the back of an ambulance. For women who birth quickly, at risk of haemorrhage and are distant from a suitable maternity unit, the next best strategy is to move close to a maternity unit weeks before the due date or to induce labour early. Both of these options for risk management have the potential to create further problems.

My contention in bringing all these facts to attention is that rapid access to appropriate maternity care is important for the continued excellent standard of maternity care in Victoria statewide. The continuation of the Kyneton maternity service is but a small part of the Victorian maternity network, but geographically is central, and well located in an area of expanding population.

The government is keen to promote regional Victoria through its Regional Development Agency. My own opinion is that support and development of health services is a top priority for regional development generally. As a community, some discussion about what health services we want locally would be invaluable to inform our politicians about local aspirations. A sustainable well-resourced and well-utilised maternity unit locally would be an excellent place to start.

Tim



Dr Tim Stobie 5422 1397

Eucalypts of the Mount Alexander Region

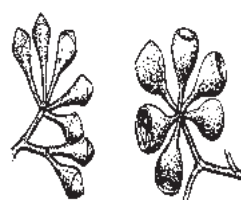
The following article is taken (with permission) from "Eucalypts of the Mount Alexander Region" by Bernard Slattery, Ern Perkins and Bronwyn Silver - published in 2016 by Friends of the Box-Ironbark Forests. www.fobif.org.au. It is well worth acquiring this little book if you are interested in the beautiful trees that surround us.



RED BOX *Eucalyptus polyanthemus* subsp. *vestita*

Red Box is a compact tree, small to medium in height. It prefers ridges and hillsides.

Buds (a) are clustered in groups of up to seven (six circling a central one), like small bunches of grapes; they're club shaped with a faint line demarcating the slightly pointed cap. They're strikingly variable in colour: green, yellowish, grey-green or blue, even a pretty red. **Flowers** (b) come mainly from September to November. **Fruits** (c) are goblet shaped, slightly narrow, with thin rims and valves recessed. Buds and fruits tend to be carried towards the ends of branchlets.



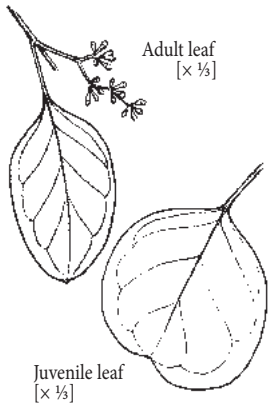
Buds [x 1]

Fruit [x 1]

A quick check: Look at the canopy. It's a box type tree with distinctly grey-green leaves somewhat oval shaped, and rough barked except for the smallest branches.

RED BOX *continued*

Juvenile/sucker leaves (a) are stalked, grey-green and round, sometimes with a 'heart-shaped' dip at the end; even **adult leaves** (b), which have a more pointed shape, are much broader than the leaves of other local eucalypts. **Bark** (c) in our region is rough right to the smaller (but not smallest) branches.



Note: The species name is from the Greek *poly* = many, *anthemos* = flower, referring to the species' profuse flowering habit. The tree is common from west central Victoria, eastwards to the coast and north into inland NSW.

Similar species: Red Box is strikingly different in its foliage from other eucalypts in our region. Note that Red Box trees in central NSW and the ACT are a different subspecies, and have mostly smooth bark.

Some notable trees: There's a grand old Red Box opposite the Sutton Grange Hall. At the north west corner of St Brigid's Catholic church, Maldon, there are three impressive old trees: two are Red Box, one is Grey Box. There is a short avenue of Red Box in Kaweka Street and in Hall Street near Kaweka Reserve in north Castlemaine.



(above) Red Box regrowth Fryers Forest

(below) Mature Red Box, Chewton



Hall happenings



Our Revellers group has packed up for the year 2017 – they will be back again next year, we are assured.

The five nights of the Revellers were a resounding success and thanks must go to our army of volunteers who assist the Hall Committee in making these nights such a great night out. A large amount of funds are raised for the upkeep and maintenance of the hall, a facility of which the committee are extremely proud. On the Queen's Birthday weekend the Wine and Dine group held their retail stalls in the

hall - I went in on Sunday and there seemed to be a steady stream of visitors, the coffee man did a roaring trade outside, and the CFA had their sausage sizzle on the day outside the hall. The tables and chairs outside looked great and were a great place to sit and have a cuppa and eats.

Norma Barker.

Our Biggest Morning Tea was held on Thursday 22nd June and the theme for the day was showing tea towels.

The winners in the children's section were :

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3rd prize	Skye Arnephy.

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Small fish makes a big splash

They are a tiny little fish, but when they are found, they are big news.

The magnificent-looking Murray Darling rainbow fish grows to about seven centimetres long and were once prevalent across the Murray Darling Basin. But not anymore.

"As the name suggests, Murray Darling rainbowfish are usually found in the north of our catchment, but numbers have dwindled and they are now listed as threatened," North Central Catchment Management Authority (CMA) project officer Genevieve Smith said.

"They wouldn't look out of place on a coral reef with their striking green iridescent body and red tail.

"Predator fish such as redfin and carp feed on their eggs and destroy their habitat. On top of that, things like droughts can have significant impacts on them. When aquatic vegetation is poor, they struggle to survive."

So, it came as a welcome surprise when a significant number of Murray Darling rainbowfish turned up during a recent fish count in the Gunbower Forest wetlands.

"Our environmental watering regime in Gunbower Forest and Gunbower Creek over the past three years has helped set up good conditions," Genevieve said.

"We have put the right amount of water through the region at the right time which has created a productive environment for a lot of fish, frogs and other animals. So, when the

floods came late last year, the Murray Darling rainbowfish responded, big time.

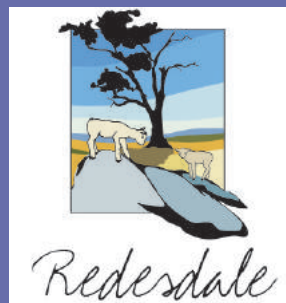
"They haven't been found in the forest wetlands for years. It is really big news. We have been working hard since we built the Hipwell Road regulator to try to rehabilitate the forest and the wetlands after the drought and build their resilience.

"This is one of many signs that shows things are improving and we are making a difference."

In Reedy Lagoon, the fish were living in an exclusion plot where there was a lot of aquatic plants growing.

"They were clearly using the plants for refuge, which is a key part of their survival," Genevieve said.

"Being so small can give them an advantage at times, but when aquatic vegetation is destroyed by a changing climate, regulation and introduced fish species, they become very vulnerable.



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