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A Slam-Dunk for Redesdale Mia Mia's Youth

By Tahlia Campbell

For kids growing up in a rural area, opportunities to spread your wings are hard to come by, and talent often goes unrecognized. But for people who are willing to work a bit harder, anything is possible.

Former Mia Mia resident Chan Hargraves has been playing basketball since he was five, and when he turned sixteen he made the journey to America to attend Layton Christian Academy in Utah. After hearing about the Academy from a friend, Chan immediately seized the opportunity. He wanted to play basketball to the best of his ability, and he knew he wouldn't reach his full potential if he stayed where he was.

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BIRD QUIZ with NIGEL HARLAND



Last month's bird was the Eastern Spinebill. It is not a particularly common bird, but very spectacular if you see it. You will normally find them in pairs and they are attracted to native plants such as grevilleas in your garden. They have a high pitched call and once you identify it, you should always remember it. It has a cousin in Western Australia called the Western Spinebill, which looks very similar. Our bird for this month will not be found in your backyard, but can be seen on lakes or even larger dams. Good luck. Nigel

Contact us on with your guess about which bird this is above and **WIN a \$20 book voucher** from Aesop's Attic bookshop, Kyneton. Send answers to bridgeconnection.editor@gmail.com or phone or text to: 0407 116 899

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Right Joy Masters and the very spoilt Dachshund, Enya



Send us a picture of your very special pet and a few words to describe him or her and why you love your pet so much. Send them to bridgeconnection.editor@gmail.com



Editorial

Hello Everyone,
Well winter has truly been hitting the Redesdale Mia Mia area with a low of -5.6 on July 2nd. It really was a shock to the system and a crack to some local resident's waterpipes. This month we have a wonderful story of our local youth making their dreams come true. See front page and page 5.

The Munro letters continue with Episode 6.

See page 4

We have a few AGMs next month. See page 13 for details.

Till next time, keep warm and stay safe.

Kathy and Regina



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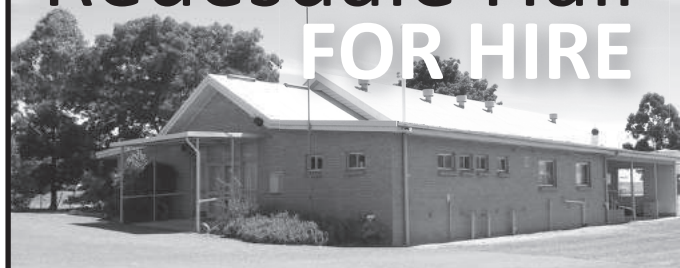
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THE MUNRO LETTERS

Episode 6

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

Our accoutrements were very similar to what I have described before but this time we were also well armed, which it is essential to be on an expedition of this sort in case any troublesome natives should be met with. We had the good luck the very first day to lose our way and after wandering about in a very unprofitable manner for some time, we at length stumbled upon a shepherd's hut where we passed the night. I was going to say 'where we slept', but as far as I am concerned that would have been false, for after nearly being devoured by fleas for some hours, I could stand it no longer and taking my blanket went to lay outside where I was far more comfortable. The next day we pushed on towards the North keeping by the river and made the last station upon it, the ultima thule of squatting in that direction. I began now to suspect that what I had been told, not what I had read, was the correct state of the case, for a more desolate looking scene, a more dismal country than that surrounding this station is difficult to imagine. The country in fact deteriorated every mile we travelled to the north from H's, the run beyond him was worse than his and the run beyond that was worse again.

The undulations of the country gradually subsided and the Campaspe, which in the upper part of the course flows in a deep glen, was now almost level with the surrounding country. The grass became wretched and hardly gave a tinge of green to a sandy, dusty, thirsty looking soil. At this furthest station on the Campaspe that I speak of, the country is a dead level. On either side of the river are large clear open spaces, the surface of which exposes about $\frac{3}{4}$ sand and $\frac{1}{4}$ of weeds, not grass, but of that sickly blue colour which we see on the poor moorland pastures at home. These open spaces are backed by the eternal sad-looking forest. Yet here we found a gentlemanly, well-educated man in this dismal wilderness submitting himself to a course of life, which if inflicted upon a malefactor would be denounced as cruel.



Picture: Go Ahead Tours Travelblog.

As we were a considerable party and did not wish to try hospitality too far, we determined to camp that night in the bush and as this was the first time that I spent a night in this primitive manner, I shall give you a short account of our manner of proceeding. In the first place we looked about for a spot where there was tolerable feed for our horses, and then dismounting and taking off saddles, bridles etc which we had deposited upon the spot where we intended to repose ourselves, we led our horses to the water and when they had drunk their fill, tethered them for the night. Our next business was to make a fire which is a very simple matter in Australia, as the grass, leaves and sticks are so dry that there is no trouble getting them to light, and then putting on the tinpots of water to boil. We proceeded while this process was going to arrange our dormitories for the night. This is a simple enough process. A long pole is selected, one end of which rests on the ground while the other end is supported by 2 or 3 forked sticks. Green boughs are piled up on each side so as to form a species of bower.

This is called a gunya or break-wind and is certainly not calculated to serve any more important purpose than that indicated by this latter name.



A 19th century engraving of an Indigenous Australian encampment, showing the indigenous lifestyle in the cooler parts of Australia at the time of European settlement.
Source: Wikipedia, no artist information.

The blacks in this part of the colony, as you are probably aware, have no fixed residences but wander about from place to place putting up a gunya wherever they encamp. Sometimes they strip off a large piece of bark which they bend over a ridge pole and this forms rather a more comfortable gunya than the one I have described, but the green bough gunya is the one commonly in use.



Night camp, The Australian Sketchbook by ST Gill, 1865.
National Museum of Australia.

By the time we have constructed these and arranged our arms and accoutrements, the water is boiling, a handful of tea is thrown into it and a quantity of sugar and it is an excellent beverage. The cold meat and damper after a hard ride are eaten with great relish and the meal is invariably concluded by inhaling the smoke of that extraordinary vegetable which from East to West cheers that tar's labours and the bushman's rest. I assure you an encampment of this sort is an exceedingly picturesque thing, and if some painter skilled in the management of strong contrasts of light and shade like some of the old worthies of the Flemish School could see us and paint us, it would make a very striking picture. I certainly enjoyed it very much at first, and it was not until repeated trials had rubbed off all the novelty. It is often a much more comfortable way of passing the night than in a settlers hut for many times these swarm with fleas to an extent which renders them quite insupportable.

Next month:

We had an absurd alarm this night...

1. Ultima Thule refers to any distant place beyond the known world.

A Slam-Dunk for Redesdale-Mia Mia's Youth

Continued from front page:

"Sporting over there is a whole new level," Chan said, "Whereas here, there's not much publicity at all for kids in high school."

Leaving his friends and family for another country would have been a daunting task for anyone, but Chan embraced his situation with open arms. Since going to America, Chan has made friends from all over world, won a state championship, played basketball in Italy and earned a college scholarship.

It was a dream come true, but it was no fairy tale. Between games, Chan had to tackle training six times a week as well as studying for what was the American equivalent of his first two years of college. It was intensive, but Chan was happy to put in the work if it meant he was doing what he loved.

"You could get home at 1 am, and have to be up the next day at 7 for practice, and then on top of that you'll have a lot of homework. During the season you're pretty much drained all the time, and that's the hardest thing for me."

Chan has graduated from Layton and has now moved on to the Laramie County Community College in Wyoming, just above Colorado. With the spectacular rate of his accomplishments so far, there's not doubt we'll be seeing great things from Chan in the near future.

So many kids in rural areas are discouraged from following their dreams because they're too far out of reach. But Chan's story proves that while you may have to work harder to get what you want, the payout is absolutely worth it. Chan has had experiences beyond anything he could have done had he not taken the opportunity that was given to him. Now young aspiring sports stars have someone to look out for, and the Redesdale-Mia Mia community has a star of its own to keep an eye on.

"It was definitely a worthwhile experience. Not many kids get to experience it, and I think they should because it's such a great opportunity."

By Tahlia Campbell



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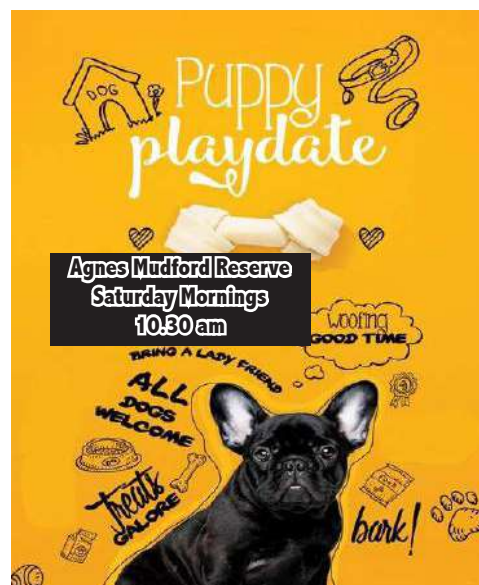
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Director Corporate Performance Kerryn Ellis said rates were an important way to help fund community services and maintain and upgrade infrastructure such as footpaths and roads.

"If residents would like to make further saving on their rates notice, they can downsize their garbage bin and save over \$100," Ms Ellis said. Garbage and recycling charges for 2017/2018 rates notices are as follows:

120/140 litre garbage bin (in Organics Waste collection area) \$125.45
240 litre garbage bin (in Organics Waste collection area) \$230.50
120/140 litre garbage bin (outside Organic Waste collection area) \$144.80
240 litre garbage bin (outside Organic Waste collection area) \$249.90
Recycling bin (140L, 240L or 360L) \$67.80
Organic Waste bin (140L or 240L) \$87.70

The rates notices issued cover this financial year and will raise a total of \$120M.

Ratepayers who do not pay their rates early can pay in full by February 15, 2018 to avoid interest penalties. Alternatively, rates can be paid over four instalments on October 2, 2017, November 30, 2017, February 28, 2018 and May 31, 2018.

Rates can be paid by direct debit, BPAY, Bpoint, Post-billpay, Easyway, via fortnightly Centrepay deductions from Centrelink benefits, by post, telephone, or at any Bendigo Bank branch, Australia Post Office or at the City's offices located in Bendigo and Heathcote

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1. What were the first names of the winning couple from The Block?
2. What is the highest grossing Australian movie?
3. Who is the longest serving presenter of Playschool?
4. What three movies are part of Baz Luhrmann's "Red Curtain Trilogy"?
5. Who are the actors who play Kath and Kim?
6. Cate Blanchett has received an Academy Award nomination for what movie?
7. What Australian movie includes the phrase "Tell him he's dreaming"?
8. What song played during Scott and Charlene's wedding on Neighbours?
9. Which actor has had leading roles in Pharlap, The Man from Snowy River and Eureka Stockade?
10. Who won consecutive Gold Logie's from 1997 to 2000

ANSWERS

- | | |
|---|-------------------------------|
| 1. Fiona and Adam | 5. Jane Turner and Gina Riley |
| 2. Crocodile Dundee | 6. Elizabeth |
| 3. Benita | 7. The Castle |
| 4. Strictly Ballroom, Romeo and Juliet, | 8. Suddenly |
| 5. and Moulin Rouge | 9. Tom Burlinson |
| | 10. Lisa McCune |



Victorian smoking ban in outdoor dining areas to begin 1st August 2017

Smoking in outdoor dining areas will be banned throughout Victoria from August 1st, 2017 which will cover all outdoor dining areas at restaurants, cafes, take-away shops and licensed premises.



Thursday 3rd August 2017 Saint Martin's Heathcote Wine Show- More info later

Friday 4th August 2017 Saint Martin's Heathcote Wine Show- More info later

Friday 11th Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th August 2017

Heathcote Football & Netball Reunion- Friday Night time- 6:30pm, Sat time- from 8am-5pm & St night- 6:30pm, Sun time- 11am (on Sunday a Spit lunch & bar available). Price: \$50 for Adults, \$20 for 11-17years old, \$10 for 10years old & under. Register your interest via email on heathcote50years@gmail.com or contact Rebecca Dickinson on 0447 332 350 or Andrew Conforti on 0408 662 508 Venue: Barrack Reserve at Pigeon Park Heathcote

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.

Sat 26th August 2017

Responsible Serving of Alcohol (RSA) Training- Time: 9am – 1pm To register contact 5431 0930 Course is a legislative requirement for all persons serving alcohol. Successful completion awarded with RSA Certificate. Cost: Members \$130 Non-members \$140. Note; cost for both courses Members \$250 Non-members \$260 Venue: Heathcote Community House, 55 Hospital St Heathcote

Sat 26th August 2017

Heathcote Film Festival- The Heathcote Film Festival celebrates its seventh year screening a diverse program of short International & Australian films. Matinee Session at 1:30pm, Meet the Filmmaker: Q & A at 4:30pm plus an Evening Session from 6:30pm. The same films are screened at the Matinee & Evening Session. If you don't like going out at night, come along to the Matinee Sessions! Bar service & supper available. Cost of tickets \$13-\$26 Tickets on sale Monday 17th July. Book tickets on www.trybooking.com/298899 Enquiries: phone 0425 759 573 or www.heathcotefilmfestival.com.au Venue: RSL Hall High St Heathcote

Sunday 27th August 2017

Mimosa Glen Woolshed presents Women in Balance- Time: 9:30am-3pm. Cost: \$110:00 (includes 2 yoga & 2 meditation sessions plus a delicious, healthy lunch). Enjoy a beautiful winter day with likeminded women. Please note bookings close two weeks prior to the event date. For all inquires, please phone Sue on 0438 568 570 Venue: Mimosa Glen Woolshed 2415 Lancefield- Tooborac Rd Tooborac

Saturday 2nd September 2017

Open invitation to Wetland Tree Planting Day- Time: 9:30am-2.30pm. Conservation Volunteers Australia will help provide planting advice and support. Members from the Taungurung Clans Aboriginal Cooperation will perform a traditional welcome to country. BBQ lunch provided and lots & lots of trees! RSVP for catering Joel North 5431 0417, 0448 981 484 or j.north@mandalayresources.com.au Venue: Splitters Creek Wetland (off Heathcote-Nagambie Road).

Saturday 9th September, 10am to 4pm Lions Centennial Quilt Display, Heathcote Guide Hall, High Street. 9th September, 10am to 4pm Gold Coin Donation. Raffle. Craft Stall / Quilters Trading Table. A talk on the making of the quilt will be given at 11am & 2pm A presentation by Lions Club of Heathcote. All Welcome

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The Nationals call for feedback on population policy

Member for Euroa and Deputy Leader of The Nationals Steph Ryan is urging locals to give input into a new plan to manage Victoria's exploding population. The call comes following the release of an interim report this week by the population policy taskforce established by The Nationals and the Liberals to develop a policy to rebalance the state's population growth. Ms Ryan has invited Danny O'Brien and Tim Smith who are leading the taskforce to hold roundtables in Seymour and Benalla in August to provide further feedback on the plan.

"Victoria is the fastest growing state in Australia, with more than 100,000 people moving here every year, but less than 10 per cent of the people coming to the state are settling in rural or regional Victoria," Ms Ryan said. "If we don't address current settlement patterns, by 2051 there will be an extra 3.8 million people in Melbourne but only an extra 690,000 people in regional Victoria.

"It is crazy that we have great schools like Thoona and Tatong closing because they can't get enough students while in Melbourne's outer suburbs schools are bursting at the seams."

Ms Ryan said the taskforce had consulted with communities around Victoria including Mildura, the Latrobe Valley and Shepparton over the past six months and the interim report presented an overview of the key issues raised so far.

"Country communities raised concerns about a shrinking population and expressed frustration about unreliable public transport and the rising cost of energy," Ms Ryan said.

Taskforce vice chair Danny O'Brien said the policy was a

"no-brainer" when regional communities were crying out for jobs, investment and population.

"We've had some great ideas at the forums so far and I look forward to hearing the perspective of residents across the Euroa electorate," Mr O'Brien said.

Leader of The Nationals Peter Walsh said Daniel Andrews had no plan and no vision to decentralise Victoria's exploding growth.

"Of the people who move to our state each year, 90 per cent will move to Melbourne, but still the Andrews Labor Government is doing nothing to make sure our country communities share in this growth," Mr Walsh said.

"There's more to regional and rural Victoria than just Bendigo, Ballarat and Geelong and the Liberals and Nationals' population policy taskforce has been listening to our country communities as we develop a whole of government approach to managing population growth in our state."

Quote of the month

"Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better." -

Maya Angelou

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MP LAUNCHES ROUND 3 OF STRONGER COMMUNITIES GRANT PROGRAMME

Federal Member for Bendigo, Lisa Chesters MP, is today launching Round 3 of the Federal Government Stronger Communities Programme with the First Strathfieldsaye Scout Group.

"In Round 2 of the Stronger Communities Programme, the First Strathfieldsaye Scout Group received a grant of \$20,000 to upgrade facilities at the Scout Hall – a great example of what community groups can achieve with the funding this programme provides," said Ms Chesters.

The Stronger Communities Programme is designed to fund small capital projects in local communities in each of the 150 Federal Electorates.

The Bendigo Electorate will have \$150,000 to fund projects worth between \$2,500 and \$20,000. Local governments and incorporated not-for-profit organisations are eligible to apply.

"This programme funds small capital projects which deliver social benefits by supporting community participation and contributing to the vibrancy and viability of communities," said Ms Chesters. Recent successful applicants from previous rounds of the grant programme include MASARG who received \$13,900 to purchase internal fittings to the MASARG respite community house and the Discovery Centre who received funding for the "Mini-beasts at Discovery" program.

"I'm inviting local organisations to submit an expression of interest outlining their project. The Bendigo electorate community consultation committee will identify priority projects and then invite selected groups to formally apply for funding.

"Expression of interest forms can be downloaded from my website, lisa.chesters.org or my office can arrange to have a copy mailed to you.

"Applicants are required to match the SCP grant in cash or in-kind on at least a dollar for dollar basis. I encourage interested groups to visit <http://investment.infrastructure.gov.au/funding/scp> or alternatively, please contact my office on 5443 9055," said Ms Chesters.

"There really is a shortfall in funding available in our communities for small capital works projects. This is an exciting opportunity for all our invaluable community organisations and I am looking forward to learning more about what projects are important to Central Victorians," said Ms Chesters.

FARMERS' MARKETS

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Daylesford Primary School
03 5664 0096 Peter Arnold

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St Pauls Park, Piper Street, Kyneton
54 221 025 Veronica Manifold

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Sat August 19th
Riddells Creek Primary School, Riddells Creek
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What is your community's story?

BY KERRY ANDERSON

Recently I was reminded of the importance of being able to articulate your community story. Not an easy task when we all come from different backgrounds and have different opinions on what is important. Unashamedly I am an advocate for rural entrepreneurs and businesses but to many people this is a complete mystery. Others would argue that the natural environment, tourism, heritage or sport is important. The reality is that all of these elements contribute to a rural town's culture and then there are the possibilities not even considered. What is really special and what opportunities should we be exploring into the future so our rural community remains a great place to live for everyone? It is impossible to get everyone to agree on everything but the key is to find the points that you can agree on. Once that is established



you can then move forward much more effectively.

Naturally we all tend to stick with the people and places that we know and feel comfortable with so it is important to have a variety of meeting places and discussion channels to include everyone in the conversation. Then, most importantly, you need to feed the results back so everyone knows WHY this is important and HOW it will make a difference.

Why is feedback important? Because we are the best ambassadors and tellers of OUR community story.

Over a decade ago a small interest group in my local community erected signs at the town entries proclaiming Castlemaine to be the Street Rod Capital of Australia. Did everyone agree or understand this? Probably not at first but it was certainly established as an authentic point of difference and helped articulate the vision of what we could be in addition to all the other

aspects of our community. As we clock up half a century of street rodding activity and a growing specialist automotive industry, local residents have become ambassadors whether we have a direct interest or not. During June I toured Dodge City in Kansas, the largest cattle producing and processing centre in the USA. Also renowned for its wild west heritage and windy environment, yet another new significant industry, wind energy, has been reflected in the county's promotional materials.

Articulating a collective vision is an important part of taking the conversation forward and making it a reality.

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Christmas in July at the Redesdale Hotel

On July 22nd, our pub hummed with at least 60 yuletide revellers in glittering Christmas attire and festive spirit. Local sparkling wine, oysters and sumptuous hors d'oeuvres were served at the 6 o'clock arrival and the dining room buzzed with excited greetings, animated conversation, with a hint of Christmas carols in the background.

There were tables of Heathcote wine growers, Redesdale families and welcome friends of the Redesdale and Mia Mia community.

The "Turducken", a clever roasted fusion of turkey, duck and chicken, was simply a triumph, not only of cuisine but also of visual pleasure. All the food was superb and the excitement of the night, as a relief from the freezing temperatures we have been experiencing, led to a noisy and joyous evening.

Congratulations to Beth and Garth for putting on such a special and memorable evening.

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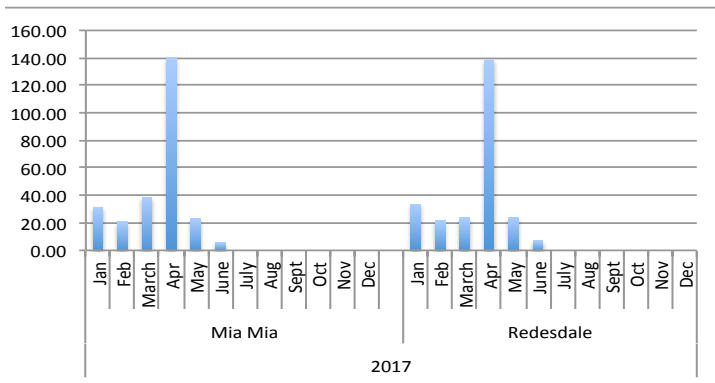
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RAINFALL

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



Romsey set to receive a \$550,000 facelift

To stimulate business growth and create opportunities for local employment, Macedon Ranges Shire Council will upgrade infrastructure to improve the attractiveness and accessibility of Romsey's town precinct.

The Victorian Government announced today that it will contribute **\$400,000** to the upgrades, with Macedon Ranges Shire Council providing the balance of the **\$550,000** project.

The works will be completed over twelve months and include safer pedestrian access, improved amenity and visitor experiences, new lighting at key locations, landscaping, public seating and bicycle facilities.

Council's Mayor, Cr Jennifer Anderson said the funding is a major win and fantastic outcome for the township.

"We've been able to develop this project in partnership with the Romsey Region Business and Tourism Association and community to enhance the town and create an atmosphere that aims to attract visitation, new business and employment," she said.

Business operators in Romsey have faced some challenges in recent times, with a number of closures and a growing community—a high proportion of which travel outside of the town to work and shop.

"We are glad to be able to support the business association in their endeavours to revitalise the business precinct and support businesses who provide employment opportunities.

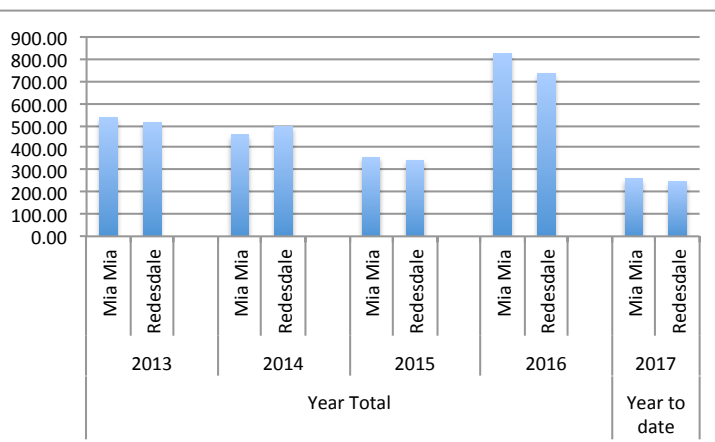
"We all know that local employment is important for the health and wellbeing of our residents...less time spent travelling, means more time with your families and friends," she said.

The works will begin later this year and Council will work closely with businesses in the area to minimise disruption while the works are completed.

For more information, contact Kylie Lethbridge, Manager Economic Development & Tourism on 5421 9620 or klethbridge@mrsc.gov.au

Media enquiries:

Communications unit, 03 5422 0310 or email comms@mrsc.vic.gov.au



CHURCH SERVICES

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 Sutton Grange: 4th Sunday of each month

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Redesdale: 2nd Sunday of each month 11 am



Behind The News

His Silent cry was unheard by the crowd,
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And his pockets bereft of pay.

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AGM

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Redesdale Hall

General meeting @ 6pm

All Welcome

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Redesdale Ramblings:

Hoop-petticoat Daffodils

Many readers will know about these little daffs with their inflated “cups” reminiscent of the nineteenth century women’s undergarment for which they’re named. *Narcissus bulbocodium* is the typical “hoop” and has a yellow, bell-shaped cup with thin yellow petals sticking out like propellers behind it. They are usually quite short, less than 1 foot (30cm) high and they flower in spring followed by thin reedy foliage which is much less obtrusive than full sized daffodils when dying down at the end of spring. *Narcissus cantabricus* has sparkling white flowers with slightly more flared cups and can be seen covering the hillsides in Spain wherever their habitat has not been destroyed by housing development. *Narcissus romieuxii* is similar but colours can vary from pure white to lemon to deep yellow.

These 3 species in particular have been

crossed to produce a range of hybrids which are easier to grow in gardens and their flowering times can vary from early winter to late spring.

In the middle of the 20th century Douglas Blanchard in the UK released his “Fabric Group” with names such as ‘Tarlatan’, ‘Tiffany’, ‘Taffeta’ and ‘Nylon’ – many of these are still grown today and are mostly white, cream or pale yellow.



Above Hoop Petticoat Daff Quen Dor

Towards the end of the last century Rod Barwick at Glenbrook Bulb Farm in Tasmania introduced a new race of hoops which took the mini-daffs world by storm – especially in Australia it was now easy to get hoop petticoat daffodils to flower regularly even in the suburbs of Melbourne where pots of “grass”

were what most growers had to put up with. Because the true species originate in places like Spain and Morocco they don’t always like the climate in colder, wetter places – in parts of the UK they are much better grown in a glass-house designed for alpiners or bulbs so that they can be kept dry in the summer and aren’t flattened by winter gales. Rod’s hybrids were given whimsical names like ‘Kholmes’, ‘Smarple’, ‘Sporoit’ and ‘Orcluse’ which were in his “Little Detective” series.

Following in his footsteps, Graham and Helen Fleming at Keira Bulbs in Canberra began breeding some superlative dwarf daffs including some fine hoops such as Clay’s Gold and Pilgrim Clay which are quite substantial, solid daffs and can be over a foot (30 cm) tall. They also have a range of smaller hybrids, often released under a seedling number rather than being named. More recently they have been joined by another Canberran, Lawrence Trevanion, who has unleashed the unpronounceable ‘Gefk’, ‘Fwav’, ‘Nug Nutsch’, ‘Quen Dor’ and

‘Gwuv’ amongst others which he calls his “Baby Talk” group and were apparently sounds produced by his children when very young.

Despite the funny names all of these hoops are worth growing in our gardens because they grow through the cooler

months when it rains (usually!), they appear to be imperious to the cold, they are dormant during the summer when it doesn’t rain (usually!!!) and the heat seems to assist in “ripening” the bulbs so that they flower well. Most of them also are fertile and set copious seed – the resultant seedlings can vary greatly because of the

mixed heritage of their parents.

They excel in raised beds or large pots and don’t need a lot of feeding to get them to flower. By planting a range of hybrids you can get flowers from May to October which is quite a long time for just one type of daffodil. If they have a fault it is that they increase too quickly and if not divided and replanted they can get overcrowded and that can reduce flowering as the smaller bulbs don’t get a chance to “bulk up” to flowering size.



White Hoop petticoat daffs from Glenbrook Bulb Farm

Cheers

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Hello Dear Readers,

Lady Bombay here!

Here we are in -yet again - the depths of one's Winter. It's almost like switching the television from colour to black and white. As for my garden and all my endeavours to ensure the safe passage through this dormant time. Jack Frost has managed to creep into uncharted areas. Hot

houses and shade houses have all been decimated by this cruel beast. With the succession of minus 2,3 and 5 degrees, one can only hope for the warmth of spring to rejuvenate growth.

I have Thorn, the gardener, on permanent frost patrol, with myself instructing him what to move and when. Although I do think to myself that it's slightly like rearranging deck chairs on the Titanic. I think we all know the outcome. One can only tip prune those affected with the onset of warmer pastures.

Thorn and myself did do something productive, however. We finally succumbed to building a retaining wall around his little cottage at Mia Mia Manor. When it has rained in the past, the path has come to resemble the Campaspe in flood. Happily, recycled materials were the way to go with old railway sleepers that Thorn found. Hopefully the Bendigo railway service was not affected remembering his past endeavours in finding things. Note to one's self, "must ask Thorn where he retrieved them from."

We planted Weigela hedge around the border of the retaining wall and it all looked quite ship-shape until I returned to ponder on the magnificence of one's achievements, DISASTER! Randy, my beloved black Labrador had decided to do some gardening of his own and decided to pull out every single one of the thirty plants. Naughty Randy, I say. We have since put chicken wire around the whole area.

Meanwhile the firewood stacks are depleting at a rapid rate. Things were looking rather dire until Poppy, my niece, and her boyfriend Todd, (clearly not a graduate of Glenormiston), arrived the other day with a huge trailer load of wood from his family's 3000 acre property. Not that I wish to encourage the relationship but as I feel that my comforts far outweigh the importance of their not so well-matched relationship, I shall encourage them never the less.

Time for Mothers ruin in front of the roaring fire. Till the bountifuls of Spring I write,

Lady Sapphire Bombay

Garden Lore

Quote:

"A flower is an educated weed"

Luther Burbank



Bombay and a Bex

Send in your questions for Lady Bombay Sapphire to bridgeconnection.editor@gmail.com

Dear Lady B,

Friends of mine who have a beautiful garden are constantly sending me photos of it in all its glory.

The trouble is they keep asking me to send them current photos of my garden which at the moment looks like Hiroshima after the frost.

What do you suggest?

Jealous Jenny

Dear JJ,

That's easy, dear. Do as I do. Superimpose past photos of the garden from other winters with an insert of a current photo of yourself.

Best to get the help of any child aged between 12-16 to assist you. I mean that is what grandchildren were created for. Also possibly sneak in a photo with any celebrity gardener you can find. Should do the trick. Aren't we sneaky? And make sure you can do anything to upstage them.

All the best,

Lady Bombay

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THANK YOU

To everyone who has passed along *old greeting cards* to be recycled into new ones I currently have enough! Thank you for all your contributions. Janette.



Fosterville Gold Mine Exploration

In recent times the Fosterville Gold Mine has been experiencing record production and continued growth with increasing gold grades indicating exciting times ahead. Kirkland Lake Gold who are the owners of the Foster-ville Gold Mine see this as an opportunity to increase our exploration activities with a focus to extend the current underground operation.

Currently Kirkland Lake Gold holds two Exploration Licences, EL3539 and EL49637. These licences extend approximately 56 km north and south, and 9km east and west of the current mining operation. The southern boundary of these is currently about 2kms north of Redesdale. Over the next few months there will be a soil sampling program being undertaken within these areas and information from this will allow the company to make informed decisions on where to undertake follow up work which could include surface drilling, seismic surveys and electromagnetic surveys.

The company has also submitted an application to expand the Exploration Licence areas which will encompass the Redesdale area.

Further information will be distributed over the coming months in regards to specific works and projects proposed to be undertaken in the Redesdale area. In the meantime people are welcome to contact FGM's community team via

email: fgmcommunity@klgold.com.au or phone 5439 9000 if you have any queries.

Redesdale Precinct Project Community Meeting

On Sunday 23rd July at 3 pm at the Redesdale Hall, approximately 35 residents of the Redesdale and surrounding area met to discuss the business case for the precinct development and to gather nominations and volunteers for the planning advisory committee.

Andrew Plant (Community Development Officer, City of Greater Bendigo) chaired the meeting and Wayne Street, of Street Ryan and Associates Pty. Ltd. author of the Business Plan was an invited guest.

Andrew Plant began by summarising the journey that Redesdale has taken from community plan to business case which has now led to the \$60,000 commitment from the CoGB in their current budget for the planning process for the Redesdale precinct development.

Wayne Street and Andrew Plant then answered a number of questions from the floor.

Readers will remember the executive summary of the business plan published in the May edition (Edition 84) of Bridge Connection. If anyone would like a digital copy of the Business Plan, please contact bridgeconnection.editor@gmail.com. In summary, the business plan divides the future operations of the precinct into 3 areas;

1. Events function – this includes the functions of the hall and kitchen which will continue to hold meetings and functions with a commercial kitchen.
2. Business tenancies – this includes office space for visiting professionals and health care practitioners. This will require good internet facilities.
3. En-suite caravan park – initially with 4 spaces to accommodate the needs of passing travellers.

Following clarification of various details, there was a call for nominations and volunteers for a planning advisory group to work with the planning consultants appointed by the City of Greater Bendigo. In coming days, after careful consideration, the planning advisory group will be formed.

The meeting finished and delicious cakes were enjoyed with tea, coffee and conversation.

Bridge Connection will update you regularly regarding developments over coming months.





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Redesdale Recreational Reserve Committee Inc.

Chairman's Monthly Report

August 2017

Hi Redesdalian

What exciting times we are heading into, with the fourth stage of the Redesdale Community Precinct Project about to begin. By the time you read this, a Community meeting will have been held at which the project Business Case report was discussed and nominations taken from interested people, to form a project working group. This group's job will be to work with the nominated architect and consultants to progress the project through the detailed design stage, which will develop plans and specifications to submit for the required permits, funding applications and ready to call for tenders.

This has come about by the \$60,000-00 set aside in the CoGB 2017/18 budget. The CoGB obviously has faith in the community groups to get the project completed. As this is now around \$90,000-00 the CoGB has allocated to the project, which includes the Feasibility Study followed by the Business Case. It now relies on the community rallying together with the right skilled people nominating for the working group. It's about four years since the town plan was formed. Hard work put in by the Key Com-

municators working group, council officer Andrew Plant & consultant Wayne Street in developing the Business Case, has shown the CoGB that the community totally believes in the project.

It's been a long journey to get this far, and there's still a long way to go, but it will be worth every second when completed.

Finally the pavilion store room is completed and the committee is about to start the decking at the front of the store to bring the floor level of the whole pavilion to one level. Things are certainly moving along in our great little town. Keep smiling until next time.

Les Pocock.

Redesdale Recreational Reserve Committee Inc.



Redesdale sale yards at the Redesdale Recreational Reserve

RECIPE OF THE MONTH 24

Quick Lemon Pudding



It's been a good year for lemons and even though some of them have been spoilt by the frost, you can use your damaged lemons in this delicious recipe. The puddings freeze well.

- 4 eggs (beat)
- 1 cup desiccated coconut
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup sugar
- 1 cup milk
- 1 cup lemon juice
- Zest of 2 lemons
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup plain flour
- 100g almond meal

Preheat oven to 180°C

Lightly oil pie dish

Mix all the ingredients together and put into pie dish.

Bake in oven for 30 to 40 mins

Garnish with sifted icing sugar and/or extra coconut and serve with ice-cream

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 27th 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 Printmaker Saturday 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

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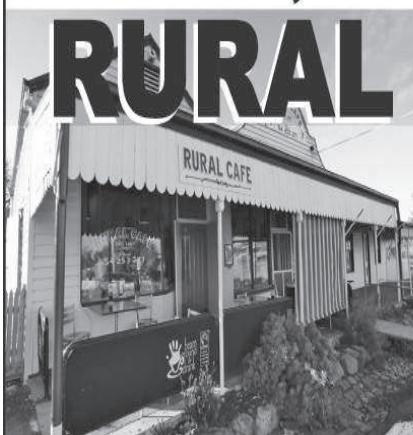
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With increasing pressure on household budgets from many directions, I sometimes wonder why we don't look at more economical food options as a community more frequently.

Have you considered beans as a suitable nutritious and economical staple food to include in your diet?

What is there not to like about beans as a regular meal?

Beans have been part of the diet in many parts of the world for thousands of years as we know from archaeological evidence and historical texts.

They were cultivated in middle eastern countries thousands of years ago, and have spread in their use today so that Antarctica is the only country they are not grown - for obvious reasons.

They are highly adaptable, easy to grow and the nitrogen fixing abilities of beans, or at least of rhizobia, the bacteria that symbiotically live in nodules in bean

roots, make them an invaluable food crop.

The native Americans of course used beans very much as a staple, in conjunction with corn and squash. As one of the "Three sisters" as the combination of crops is termed, beans helped increase nitrogen content in the soil, squash acted as a "living mulch" and corn provided support for the beans to climb.

Contact with Western Europeans from the time of Christopher Columbus on, helped to further popularise and spread their use.

Nutritionally they provide so many components of a balanced diet, they truly deserve the status of dietary staple. With stacks of protein - much more than the average vegetable - and a great mix of soluble and insoluble fibres, low in fats and rich in important elements like iron, magnesium, copper and manganese, you can hardly go wrong with a bowl of beans.

And they come in so many varieties which makes it easy to add interest to cooking.

Is there an image problem for beans? If an advertising company was to take the issue of our underutilisation of beans seriously, I'm sure they would be able to blow plenty of hot air talking up their benefits, however for some reason that has never seemed to be a commercially viable option.

Anyhow - it's time to get back to the recipe books and see what you can find - I'm sure you will be pleasantly surprised how well a meal with beans goes down at the dinner table!

Dr Tim Stobie 54221397



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Baynton Sidonia Landcare Group Bonfire Night

The annual BSLCG bonfire was held recently on a clear and cold night - perfect for standing around two very large bonfires, drinking mulled wine and eating a wonderful BBQ dinner of sausages, hamburgers, veggie burgers, salads, and then desserts.

The children even had their own small bonfire to toast marshmallows.

The Landcare Group also held their AGM at this event, and explained that due to pressures on committee members, activities will have to

be curtailed, although the LC group is very much still active.

Projects that will continue are the planting and maintenance of the display garden at Rowanston on the Track and also at the Baynton Hall, the annual distribution of rare/endangered tubestock and the creation of a local Acacia Identification booklet (still in progress).

As there are now only four members left on the committee, anyone who is interested in helping out would be welcomed. New members and volunteers to our working bees (only Rowanston and the Hall) would also be

very welcome. Morning tea is always provided! Please contact any of the following for more information:

Bob Gray 5425 5537
Barbara James 0458 590 642



PETER WALSH MP

Leader of The Nationals

Deputy Leader of the Coalition

Shadow Minister for Regional Development

Shadow Minister for Agriculture

Shadow Minister for Water

State Member for Murray Plains

Letter to the Editor: Call for submissions to Water Inquiry

Dear editor,

Water is the lifeblood of communities across Northern Victoria.

It fuels agriculture, recreation, and tourism, and has a multitude of other functions from which our communities and environment derive important benefits.

The Nationals recognise the importance of healthy waterways in Northern Victoria, which is why recently we moved to establish a Parliamentary Inquiry into the Management, Use and Governance of Environmental Water.

This is a chance for water users, concerned community members and stakeholder groups to give their views and tell their stories about blackwater events and about the use of environmental water in our region.

The inquiry will help future policy makers identify any actions that can be taken to manage blackwater events and to make optimum use of environmental water for the health of our waterways. Written submissions are now being accepted. These can be emailed to enrrdc@parliament.vic.gov.au

Terms of Reference, other contact options and general information about the inquiry is available at www.parliament.vic.gov.au/enrrdc or by contacting my Echuca electorate office on 5482 2039. I strongly urge all interested parties to take up this opportunity before submissions close on August 25.

Yours sincerely,
Peter Walsh

Member for Murray Plains
Leader of The Nationals
Shadow Minister for Water

Yersiniosis, are your livestock at risk?

Dr Jeff Cave

District Veterinary Officer

As we move into the winter months, ill-thrift and scouring in our herds can be a common occurrence, with multiple causes to be considered. One possible cause of these signs in your herd is Yersiniosis.

Yersiniosis is a bacteria, usually found in cattle and sheep grazing on poorly drained or muddy pastures.

The condition is commonly seen after flooding, or a wet period, and most cases are seen in winter. Most of the time Yersiniosis does not cause any ill health in your animals and will go un-noticed. Rarely, Yersiniosis can cause problems when the animal is under stress or there is already damage to the gut wall (such as with a large worm burden).

In these situations signs of ill health are most commonly seen in younger stock. Typically you may notice a history of ill-thrift and ongoing scouring that has not responded to drenching.

The good news is most stock recover from infection and become immune to the disease. Occasionally, some deaths occur in your stock but treatment with antibiotics is often successful.

In the meantime there are things you can do on your property to prevent losses from Yersiniosis and other similar diseases.

Simply optimising pasture usage during these colder months, practicing good parasite control, ensuring good hygiene, and minimising stress in your herds will help protect your stock.

It is important to remember that other causes of ill-thrift and scouring can look like Yersiniosis, so it is best to contact your veterinarian to investigate these cases.

For further advice contact your local veterinarian or Agriculture Victoria veterinary or animal health officer, or in NSW your Local Land Services.



Redesdale Biggest Morning Tea 2017



Castlemaine Art Museum

MEDIA RELEASE

The Board of the Castlemaine Art Museum (CAM) announced today that museum will temporarily close to the public, effective Friday 11 August 2017. The museum is currently facing a range of operational and strategic challenges.

- Significant reductions in revenue, along with deep-rooted vulnerabilities in financial structures
- Extensive compliance, maintenance and infrastructure demands arising from a heritage-listed building

- The need for intensive planning around governance, financial sustainability and proposed building redevelopment

In the light of these challenges, the Board has determined that CAM must focus its resources and activities on developing a sustainable operational and financial model, a strong network of partners and sponsors, and a feasible plan for the upgrading and expansion of the building.

The Board's goal is to undertake a full review of operations and develop a blueprint for the future and reopening museum. CAM will be supported in the pursuit of these targets by Creative Victoria, Mt Alexander Shire Council and Regional Development Victoria. CAM seeks to re-open as a stable and sustainable organisation, delivering the ambitious cultural programming that regional audiences deserve.

The Board thanks our Director and staff members of CAM for their unflagging commitment to the museum, their tireless work and their dedication to the cultural life of the community.

The Board acknowledges the support of all our visitors who attend and participate in events, as well as the interest and support from the community of Mt Alexander Shire, and beyond.

The Board is also grateful for the support of partners such as our Trustees, Mt Alexander Shire Council and Creative Victoria, and especially to our passionate members' group who have energetically supported recent changes to governance and programming at the museum. We want to reassure supporters that the Board will work hard to preserve and revitalise CAM.

During closure, the museum building will remain functional as a secure facility housing art works and historical items of significance to the Castlemaine community.

The historic house and garden, Buda, is held by the CAM Trustees and is managed by an incorporated association with its own Committee; it remains open to the public.

For media inquiries:

Jan Savage, Chair, Castlemaine Art Museum Board 0447 005 959

Bryon Cunningham, Deputy Chair, Castlemaine Art Museum Board 0412917373

Granting the chance for rabbit control to the community

A 2017 grants program for communities to take action on wild rabbits has today been released by the Victorian Rabbit Action Network (VRAN).

Wild rabbits are a destructive pest animal in our landscape, and can destroy our cultural heritage, biodiversity and agricultural production systems.

The new calici virus RHDV1 K5 was released in March 2017 at more than 600 sites across Australia to help combat the pest.

"The 2017 grants program will enable communities to enhance the impact of the virus by adding other control measures to the mix," VRAN chair Gerald Leach said.

The grants will arm communities with integrated rabbit management programs throughout Spring and Summer.

"Many community groups will also be planning tree planting and doing other landscape restoration works," Mr Leach said.

"I strongly recommend addressing your rabbit issue first, so your restoration project is successful in the long term.

Local community groups can apply for grants of between \$2,000 and \$5,000 as part of the 2017 Community Action Grant round, with \$41,000 allocated to support important community activities.

Community support to manage rabbits is high, with more than 150 members throughout Victoria already volunteering to participate in the release of the virus, Mr Leach said.

Agriculture Victoria Biosecurity Manager Established Invasive Animals John Matthews said he was pleased to see VRAN investing in these community grants to complement the virus.

"The VRAN Community Action Grants provide an additional opportunity for communities to work together and plan rabbit management programs," Mr Matthews said.

He said communities could not rely on the virus alone to reduce rabbits and that best practice rabbit management principles were also required.

The last rabbit biological control virus was released 20 years ago.

The Community Action Grants for 2017 is an initiative of the Victorian Rabbit Action Network (VRAN) and is funded by the Australian Government Agricultural Competitiveness White Paper in collaboration with Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources. More information on the Community Action Grants see www.rabbitaction.com

Hall happenings



The Hall Committee are hibernating for the winter. We do not have anything on this month, but I forgot to mention the great job the schoolchildren did with their singing and dancing at our Biggest Morning Tea for the Cancer Council on the 23rd of June. We have some budding artists among the children. Our thanks go to them. We really enjoyed their items.

Norma Barker.

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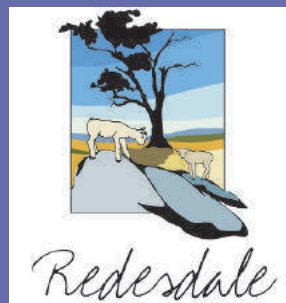
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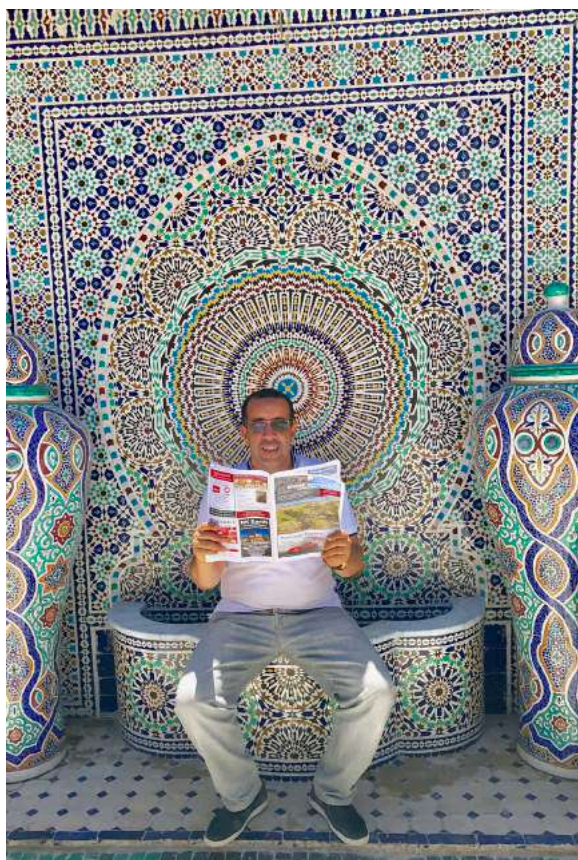


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