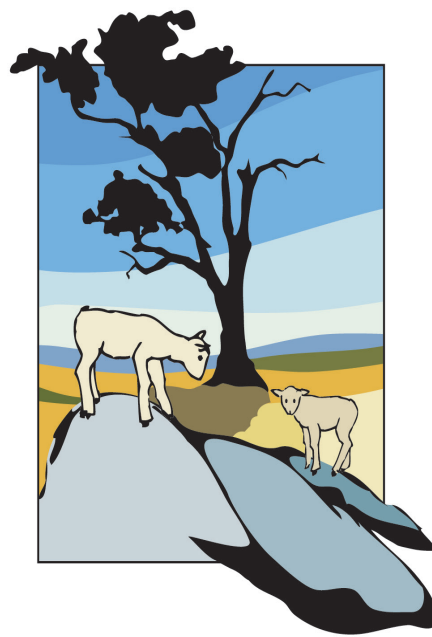


# Background to the 2018 Redesdale Community Plan Review



*Redesdale*

# Community Plan Review Redesdale 2018

## Introduction

Redesdale is a small township lying at the crossroads leading to Heathcote, Kyneton, Bendigo and its closest neighbour Mia Mia. To reach Mia Mia, one has to cross a unique and famous iron bridge and people from far and wide have recently celebrated this bridge's 150th birthday.

This is Redesdale's third community plan. The last plan review was held in 2013 and a number of items on that plan have either been completed or are works in progress.

Redesdale lies within picturesque rolling granite hills and is surrounded by thriving sheep farms, vineyards, olive and walnut producers and many other small businesses. The people are energetic and enthusiastic and in the five years since the last plan, the hotel, café, and studio-gallery have opened after unwelcome protracted closures. The Redesdale and District Association has again taken the lead in reviewing and renewing the plan after community consultation through a community survey and workshop assisted by the City of Greater Bendigo.

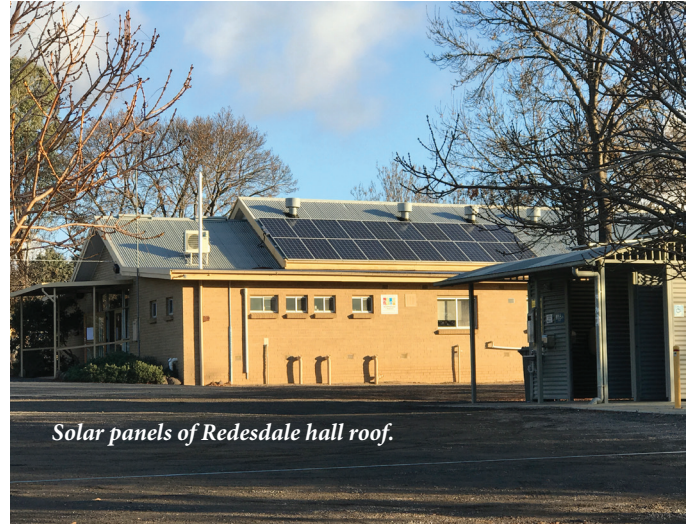
The success of the community plan relies on the commitment and participation of the community and it is hoped that those who are able will work hard to make it a success.

## The 2013 Community Plan Review

The 2013 community plan review was divided into three sections: infrastructure, economic issues and community wellbeing. Please see Appendix 1. for the details of the items on this plan.

The Infrastructure section was itself divided into 'Recreation Reserve', 'Hall and Community Assets', and 'Township'. In order to address the issues of all the improvements desired for the recreation reserve and the hall, a feasibility study was commissioned by the council after further community consultation. Following a business

case, the plans for upgrading the reserve and the hall as a "Redesdale Precinct" are now with architects. The community working group and the City of Greater Bendigo (CoGB) council are managing the 'concept design' stage. So apart from the installation of solar panels at the hall, which is complete, the rest of the 2013 suggestions are still work in progress.

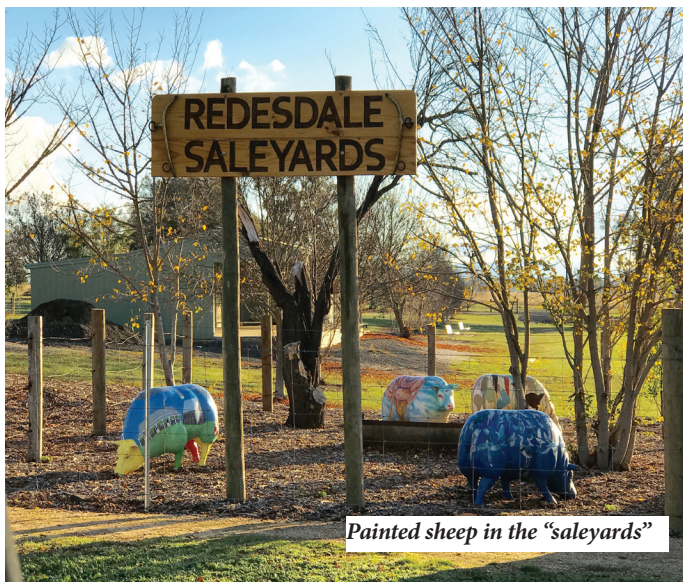


*Solar panels of Redesdale hall roof.*

In terms of the 'Township' items, the safe footpath between the school and the store has been created. The traffic has been slowed through the town (Vic Roads) and the trees are kept trimmed. None of the other items have been fulfilled despite advocacy for parking at the bridge (meetings with council and Vic Roads during planning for bridge sesquicentenary), frequent requests for better signage and reminders to council to request better roads when council meet with Vic Roads. CoGB has stated that an annual hard rubbish collection will not take place.

There were two main 'Economic Issues' in the 2013 plan; 'farming' and 'tourism'. Under 'farming', there was a wish to promote enforcement of noxious weed control through education and follow-up strategies. Although a popular item in the plan, no particular strategy was followed up. It seems that is because it is an individual farmer's responsibility and is usually promoted via Landcare groups. Under 'tourism', there have been a number of regular events developed, such as the Art Show, Redesdale Festival and the Winter Wine and Dine event. Also a display of artistically embellished sheep in a "saleyard" display has been created at the Agnes Mudford Reserve.





*Painted sheep in the "saleyards"*

Over three years, residents of Mia Mia and Redesdale collaborated to sew a huge triptych wall hanging, or quilt, depicting Mia Mia, the school and Redesdale for the bridge sesquicentenary. Negotiations are beginning regarding where this can be displayed.

A 'History Wall' or display was discussed at length during the Redesdale Bridge sesquicentenary planning process but no agreements were reached.

There are ongoing discussions with CoGB about where such a board could be displayed. A 5th Saturday Farmers Market idea was followed up but those who organise the farmers markets did not feel that this was a viable possibility at this stage. Developing a museum/art gallery remains on the wish list especially as the sesquicentenary celebrations unearthed such valuable historical photos, documents and mementos. A local museum/art gallery would be an ideal place to hang the sesquicentenary quilt.

The 'Community Wellbeing' section of the 2013 plan was divided into the following subsections: 'Communication and Access', 'Recreational Activities', 'Art', and 'Health'. Under 'Communication and Access' a great deal of activity has occurred. The Bridge Connection newspaper has continued despite a number of hiccoughs with editors and a need to close down for a short period. The website has been developed and has been renovated recently. A community bus service has not eventuated but the council is very aware of this need and has a special task force working on the public transport needs of all rural CoGB communities. The 'welcome to new residents' package has not been developed in Redesdale. Mia Mia has worked on this and there have been preliminary discussions regarding setting up a joint

package for new residents to the area.

All the items under 'Recreational Activities' are either a work in progress through the Redesdale precinct concept design process, or are continuing as before. There have been several cricket matches which have been popular and their success has stimulated the improvement of the pavilion at the reserve – which is still a work in progress.



*Pavilion: a work in progress*

In summary, there have been significant developments in Redesdale as a result of the 2013 community plan. There have been frustrating delays in the renovation of the hall and reserve as a result of them being caught up in the planning process for the Redesdale Precinct. The reason for this delay is that a holistic approach to redevelopment is better than piecemeal development that might require further expensive change. The process of producing the 2013 plan has led to the development of a close and mutually respectful relationship between the City of Greater Bendigo and the Redesdale Community and a significant financial investment by the council in improving our township centre.



*New path from school to store*

# The 2018 Community Survey

A survey was developed cooperatively between the Mia Mia Mechanics Institute committee, Redesdale and District Association (RaDA) and the "Strong Communities" department of the City of Greater Bendigo (CoGB). Hard copies were sent by post to the CoGB and Mt Alexander ratepayers who live within Redesdale. Unfortunately Mitchell Shire ratepayers did not receive a hard copy. Hard copies were distributed to the Redesdale Hotel, Rural Café and General Store. The survey was available to complete online via "survey monkey". A flyer outlining arrangements for completing the survey and for the forthcoming community meeting was printed on a full page of Bridge Connection, and posters of the flyer were distributed at the above venues. Emails were sent with the flyer to all on the wider RaDA email list.

Although a joint survey with Mia Mia, the respondents were asked which community they identified with and the results from 37 respondents who named Redesdale as their main community were analysed. The results are reported in Appendix 2.

## Survey Summary

Most of the people who responded were local to the area and were full-time residents, as distinct from a few who live most of the time out of the area.

There was a range of time for which the people have lived/had a link in Redesdale, ranging from 68 years to 1.5 years .

People valued the local people's sense of community and their links with others. A number of respondents highlighted the energy and willingness of community members to volunteer and the range of local events and activities. However a number also identified a perceived lack of unity.

If they could change one thing, respondents identified their wish for closer unity and cohesiveness between community groups, with perhaps fewer committees. Other desires included a swimming pool, a 'better' general store or a move to Mt Alexander shire.

Most respondents feel closely connected in their local neighbourhood. They are able to learn what's happening local and have a sense of people working together for common purposes . There was a spread of responses about people's desire to

be more involved in local community activities. Many people had not been affected by emergency events, but fire has affected many others. Road safety was another concern expressed.

Most respondents feel well-prepared to deal with fire and have a fire management plan, but somewhat less have discussed their plan with neighbours. Most people didn't think there would be a problem to leave their property in an emergency, but personal health and pets were the main barriers, as well as access and egress.

The Bridge Connection and word of mouth, local notices and Midland Express are the main sources of information about community events and activities.

While about 60% of respondents expressed familiarity with the previous community plan, there is still a fairly high number who are not aware.

People identified the footpath, community hub feasibility study, the defibrillator and upgrades at the Rec Reserve as successes with the previous community plan.

70% of respondents felt more social events would be beneficial, with strong support for recurring events, occasional and informal events and events sponsored by Council

There is strong support for more local social activities – generally all of the types of activities that are currently offered in Redesdale are supported positively. There was also support for Christmas Carols, attracting new businesses and yoga/pilates.

Wider social issues for advocacy included support for road and traffic safety, pedestrian and cycle safety, protection of forests areas, indigenous recognition and revegetation.

The changes that were suggested for future consideration to build a stronger connected community included activities that enable community members to connect and build unity, stronger connections with Mia Mia, including development of a walking path, consolidation of community committees and upgrading sporting infrastructure.

Respondents used a range of words to describe their ideal community in three main themes:

Peaceful/caring/happy

Friendly/welcoming /supportive/inclusive

Connected/collaborative/tolerant



Priorities for the new community plan included upgrades for the hall kitchen, promoting tourism, precinct development and upgrade to facilities, opportunities for connection, and activities to support older people .

## The 2018 Community Plan Meeting

A community workshop was held at the Redesdale Mia Mia Primary School on Sunday May 27th at 3 pm accompanied by afternoon tea. There were forty attendees. (See appendix 3). Jo Smith-Sargent, Chair of RaDA hosted the meeting and Dr. Lyn Talbot, Strong Communities officer, CoGB facilitated the meeting. The 2013 Community Plan goals were displayed as posters and these were annotated to show what had been achieved. The results of the community survey were also displayed. The meeting was conducted along the lines of 'Asset Based Community Development' and as such, discussions amongst participants were to concentrate on what was 'strong' about Redesdale rather than what was 'wrong' about Redesdale. In the first section, people were encouraged to join people who they did not know well and share stories about something that they did with their neighbour to make things better. Secondly, people were asked, "What should people of Redesdale keep doing together?" After this, people were encouraged to change groups and discuss 'what communities do best' and 'what should Redesdale people start doing together?'

The meeting was joined by Kate Hicks and Wendy Hulls from Mia Mia as there were some points raised at the Mia Mia community meeting the previous day which could potentially involve collaboration.

Some examples of what people spoke about in these small groups can be found in Appendix 3. Lyn Talbot then explained the concept of relationships between government (local, state, or federal) and communities coming under 4 main headings:

1. Where government does something **TO** the community (e.g. as in immunization programs),
2. Where government does something **FOR** the community (e.g. as in rubbish collection),
3. Where government does something **WITH** the community (e.g. in partnered projects),

4. Where something is done **BY** the community alone.

Under three headings, people were asked what they would like for the future of Redesdale. The headings were:

- What could be done **BY** Redesdale?
- What could be done **FOR** Redesdale via advocacy?
- What could be done **WITH** Redesdale?

The suggestions were called out and entered on the paper. The participants were then asked to take two dots and place them against the suggestions they thought most important. Those suggestions added by individuals to the paper after the communal session have not been included. The suggestions and emphases through 'dot placement' can be seen in Appendix 3.

# APPENDIX 1

## COMMUNITY PLAN REVIEW 2013

### 1. INFRASTRUCTURE

GOAL	ACTIONS	PARTNERS
<i>A town with modern, safe and attractive amenities to support the rural way of life.</i>	<u>Recreation Reserve</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review the architectural drawings originally made for the Reserve when the oval was developed. (See Appendix</li> <li>Upgrade the Agnes Mudford Recreation Reserve including landscaping, irrigation, fencing, sporting surfaces, seating, and the provision of netted goal posts, basketball hoops, skating ramps and flying fox.</li> <li>Improve sporting facilities with consideration to replacing or upgrading the pavilion and erecting a rebound wall and cricket practice nets etc.</li> </ol>	Redesdale Reserve Action Group DEPI CoGB Redesdale Reserve Committee RaDA
	<u>Hall and Community Assets</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improve facilities at the Hall including the kitchen, storage and smaller areas for meetings and offices.</li> <li>Improve visual appearance and landscaping of the external Hall area.</li> <li>Install solar panels to decrease electricity costs.</li> <li>Provide rooms for community offices, visiting specialists (farming, health etc), tourism information (including a history board) and meetings, possibly as a separate “neighbourhood house”.</li> </ol>	Redesdale Hall Action Group DEPI CoGB Redesdale Hall Committee Redesdale reserve Committee RaDA
	<u>Township</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide a bi-annual hard rubbish collection.</li> <li>Improve road signage both on entering Redesdale, within Redesdale, out of Kyneton and at the Calder Freeway turnoff as well as erecting signage to reduce braking noise at approach to Redesdale-Mia Mia Bridge. Signage should also reflect the regional tourism assets, such as “Gateway to the Heathcote Wine Region”.</li> <li>Develop a safe footpath between the school and the General Store and improve safe amenities for school children, walkers, push bikes and skateboarders.</li> <li>Improve the streetscape throughout Redesdale by maintaining wayside stop opposite the store, slashing roadsides and removing rocks so that residents are able to mow outside their properties. Landscape the Racecourse Road/ Redesdale- Sutton Grange roundabout.</li> <li>Upgrade the bridge at Siddles Road to eliminate weight restrictions.</li> <li>Improve parking at Redesdale-Mia Mia Bridge and access to the water-hole and associated site-seeing.</li> <li>Enforce business zoning restrictions and land management standards to protect the visual amenity of Redesdale.</li> <li>Lobby Vic Roads to upgrade Redesdale –Sutton Grange Road, and Redesdale Heathcote Road, and slow traffic through the Redesdale township.</li> <li>Improve tree-limb trimming (for visual safety at intersections), verge maintenance, car park marking and signage in central Redesdale.</li> </ol>	Redesdale Township Action Group  Vic Roads  CoGB

## 2. ECONOMIC ISSUES

GOAL	ACTIONS	PARTNERS
<i>A thriving local farm- ing and tourism in- dustry which is well advertised and sign- posted, celebrating local produce and talent.</i>	<u>Farming</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote the enforcement of noxious weed control through education and follow-up strategies.</li> </ol>	Redesdale Farming Action Group  DEPI  Landcare groups
	<u>Tourism</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support existing and develop new community events such as art, food, wine, open gardens, fishing, scarecrow competition and kite flying competitions.</li> <li>Develop a museum and art gallery including a history wall display.</li> <li>Provide clear signage to Turpin Falls.</li> <li>Develop 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday bartering or farmers market.</li> </ol>	Redesdale Arts and Events Action Group  Regional Arts Victoria  CoGB

## 3. COMMUNITY WELLBEING

GOAL	ACTIONS	PARTNERS
<i>A community where young and old are cared for and that residents are involved and visitors welcome. Provide an environment where residents have access to health services and where young children are well occupied.</i>	<u>Communication and access</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue community newsletter, and develop a website which contains a news page and a “welcome to new residents” document among other things.</li> <li>Provide a community bus service to Kyneton and other local towns for access to health and library services.</li> <li>Welcome to new residents letter for distribution via mail for those without internet access.</li> </ol>	The Bridge Connection newspaper  RaDA  Redesdale Transport Action Group
	<u>Recreational activities</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop bike and walking trails.</li> <li>Organise regular community dinners at the Hall, invite new residents and educational speakers (such as health and farming updates).</li> <li>Continue Hall activities ( e.g. Redesdale Revellers shows and dancing) but develop new interests such as internet usage lessons.</li> <li>Work towards the development of sporting teams (e.g. netball, tennis , cricket and football).</li> </ol>	Redesdale Arts and Events Action Group  RAV  RaDA
	<u>Art</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote local art shows and artistic activities for all ages.</li> <li>Promote visual artistic works in the township.</li> </ol>	Redesdale Arts and Events Action Group  RAV  RaDA
	<u>Health</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider encouraging a general medical practitioner and allied health practitioners to visit the area for consultations. (This underlines the need for improved facilities in the town).</li> </ol>	Redesdale Hall Action Group  RaDA  Dept of Health, Victoria

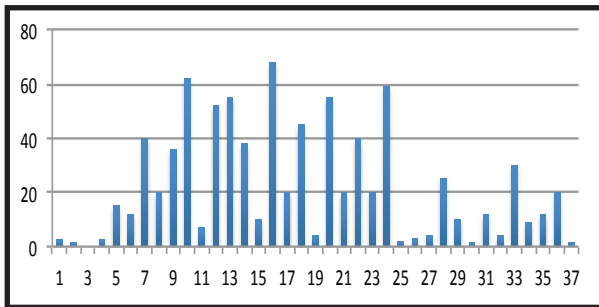




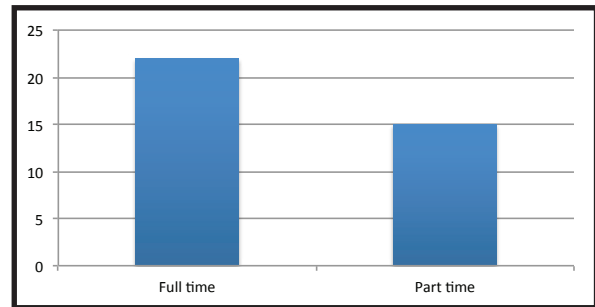
## Appendix 2

### Community Survey Results 2018

How long have you lived in this locality?  
37 responses.



Are you a full time or part time resident?  
37 responses



What do you think makes your community strong? 29 responses

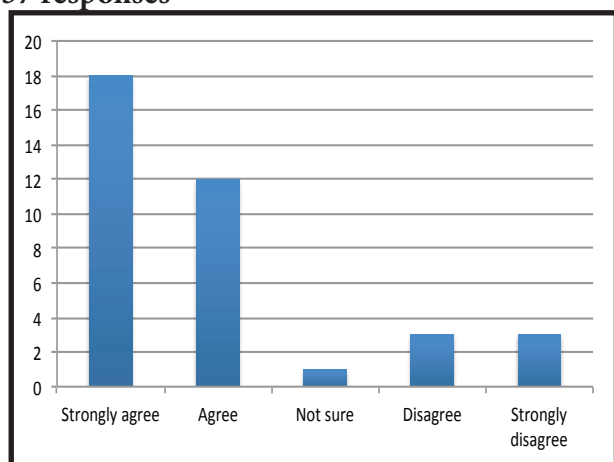
Sense of purpose around Redesdale's locals to improve the community  
Friendly. There are people in the community that care and contribute  
Good neighbours  
working together when possible  
To again become a united community  
The people and their consideration for others  
Group activities  
Popular community events that bring people together  
Community care eg fire brigades  
We look out for each other  
There used to be unity  
Working together for the good of all  
Cooperation and enthusiasm  
Nothing at present.  
Communication, RADA has brought a new life and purpose to the community.  
Our volunteers- Fire Brigade, SES and Redesdale Hall Committee- the community spirit  
community voice  
The people  
location and size  
Unsure, I am not in Lyal often enough unfortunately. It seems the local eateries are a great.  
place to engage with locals  
Used to be that people looked out for one another , that now has gone  
Occasional visits to cut the grass  
religion, friendliness of residents  
A coterie of energetic community-minded people who pursue the actions in the community plan  
The willingness of local residents to volunteer for so many community activities  
Bonding of a small community with extraordinarily diverse backgrounds.

A sense of family, same aspirations and dreams for the town  
communication & participation  
Good facilities and amenities, beautiful location. Also appears to me that neighbors are  
very supportive of each other here.

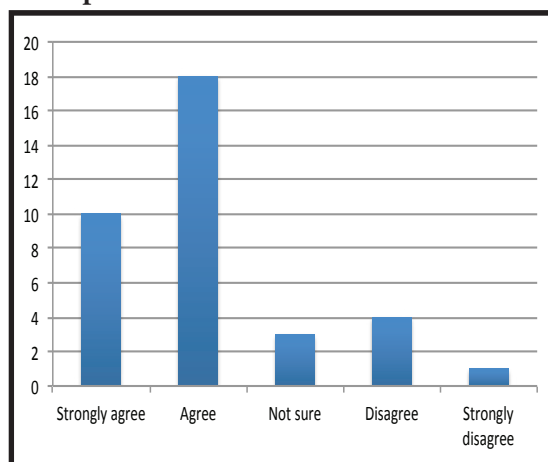
## If you could change one thing about your community what would it be? 23 responses

Better decisions, plans and actions for community events and promotion of local farms and businesses  
 More cooperation and events between Mia Mia and Redesdale  
 more shops  
 Learning to accept each other as we are  
 To have a place where you can meet up  
 Less committees. eg RADA and precinct committee  
 a swimming pool  
 Condense committees  
 For the committees to be compatible- they're fractured !!!  
 people who know little about the community wanting to change it  
 Better general store  
 More than one community notice board and an online presence that is update regularly  
 (Redesdale.net infor never changes)  
 Resolution of differing power groups. Resentment with some community members towards  
 "new comers".  
 Go back to Small Town Meetings - not what we have now  
 A more cohesive community  
 Some properties downgrade the appearance of the area  
 Closer relations between Hall, RRC and RaDA committees  
 Unsure.  
 Encourage people to make Sunday at time for God and family  
 Convert the negativity of the pocket of naysayers into the pursuit of community, not selfish, objectives  
 Move it into Mt Alexander shire  
 Increase the number of residents  
 Everyone got along although I realize that is not always possible

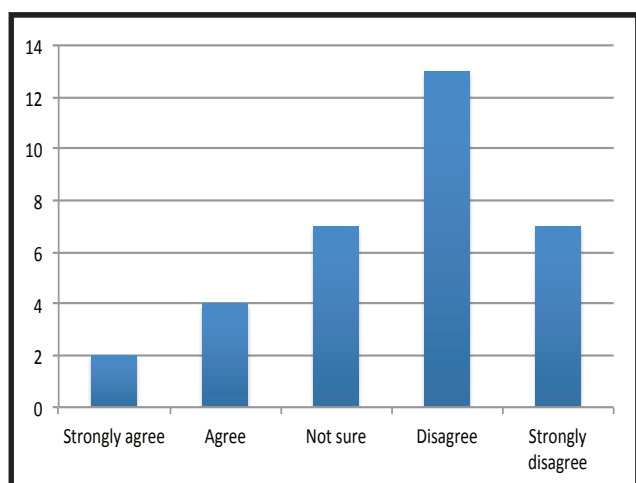
### I am on first name terms with many of my neighbours. 37 responses



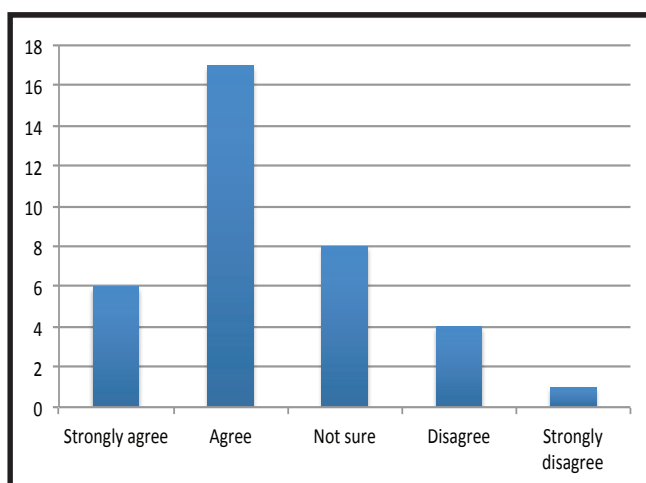
### I feel a strong connection to my community 36 responses



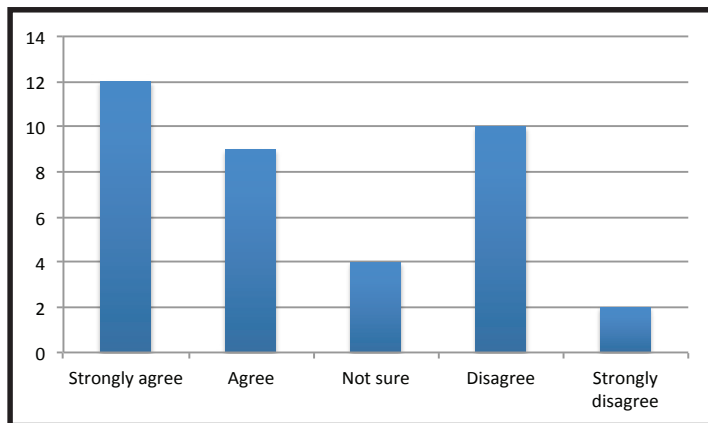
### I never know what is happening or where to go for information. 33 responses



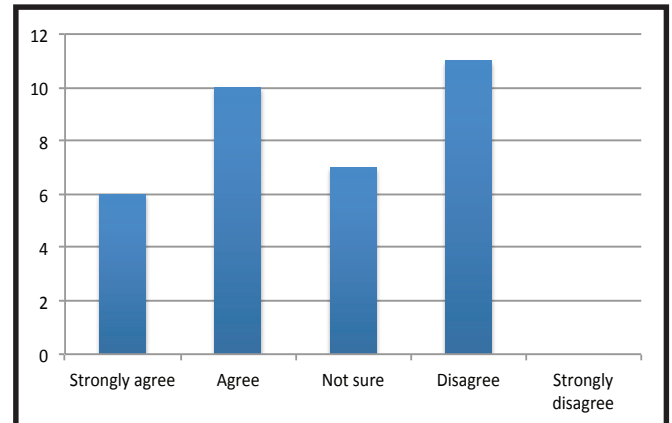
### People in my community work together to improve things. 36 responses



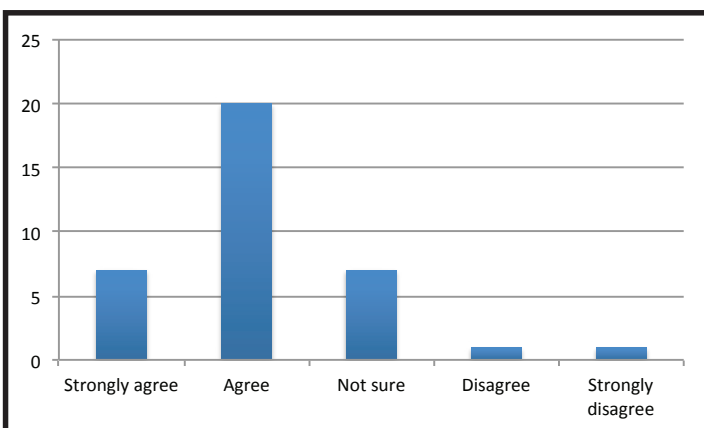
**I am involved in community groups in my community**  
37 responses



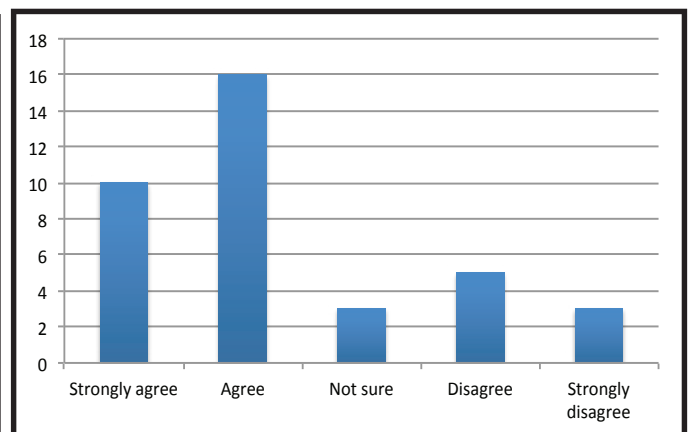
**I would like to be more involved in my community activities.** 34 responses



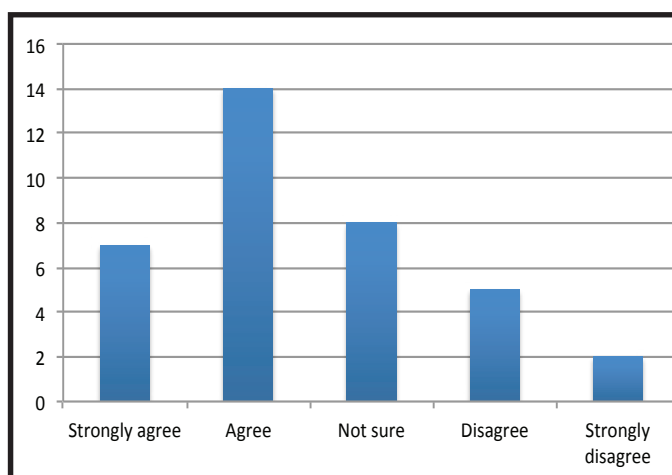
**My community is a safe environment.**  
36 responses



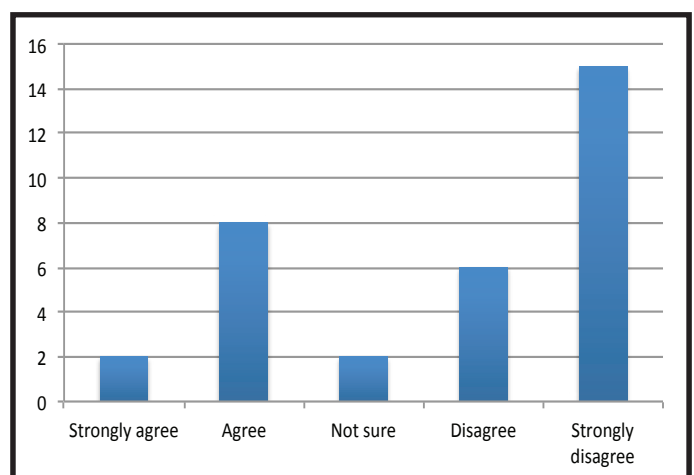
**I know what groups are active in my community**  
37 responses



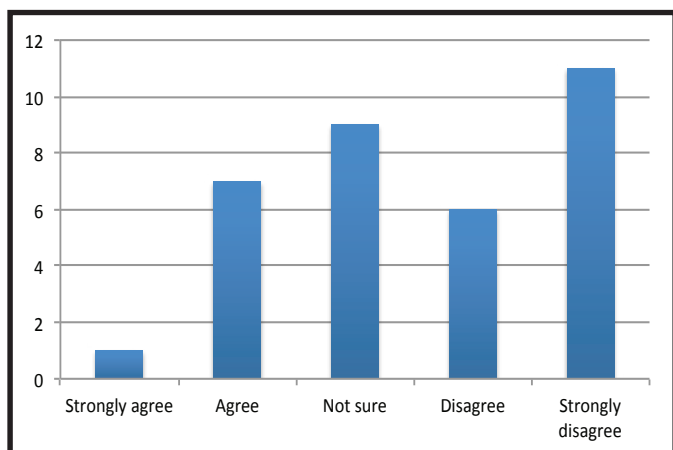
**My community encourages and welcomes volunteers.**  
36 responses



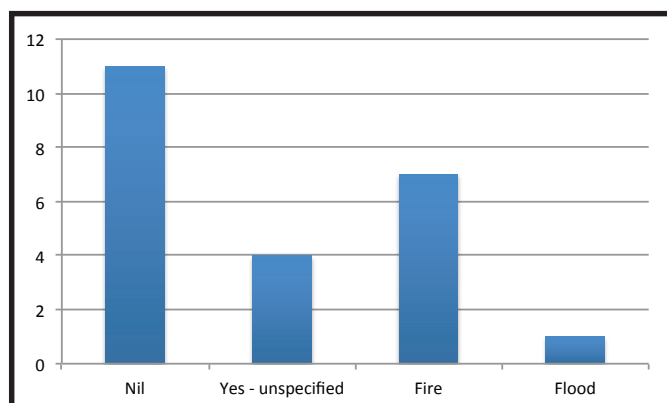
**Mobile telephone coverage in my community is adequate.**  
33 responses



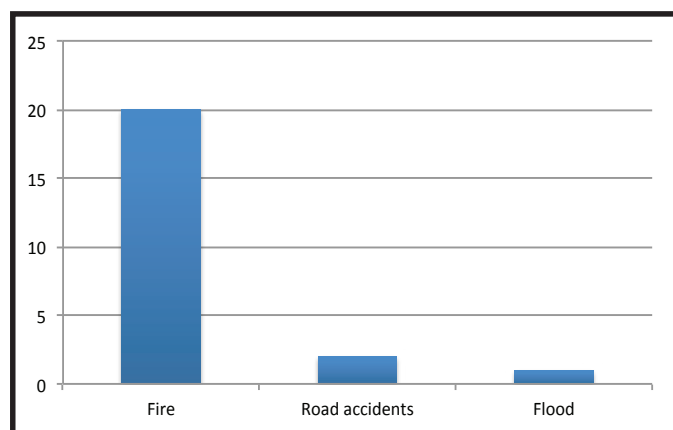
**Internet access in my community is adequate.**  
34 responses



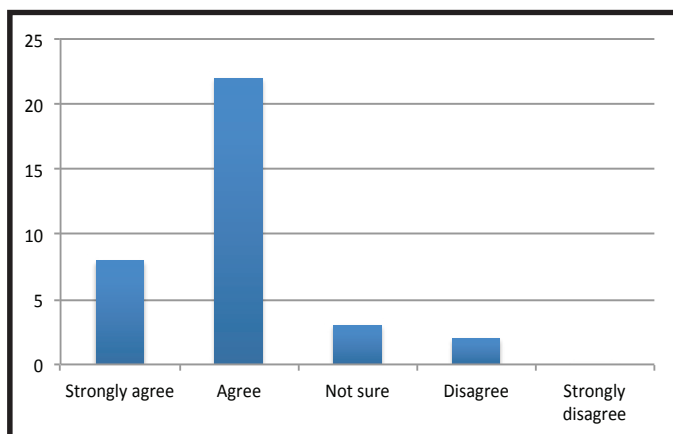
**Have any emergency events impacted you and your family in the past?**  
Open-Ended Response. 23 responses



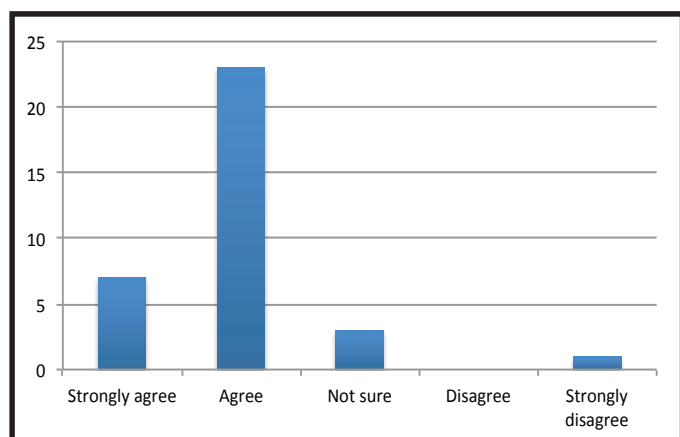
**What emergency events do you think could impact you and your family in the future?**  
Open-Ended Response. 23 responses



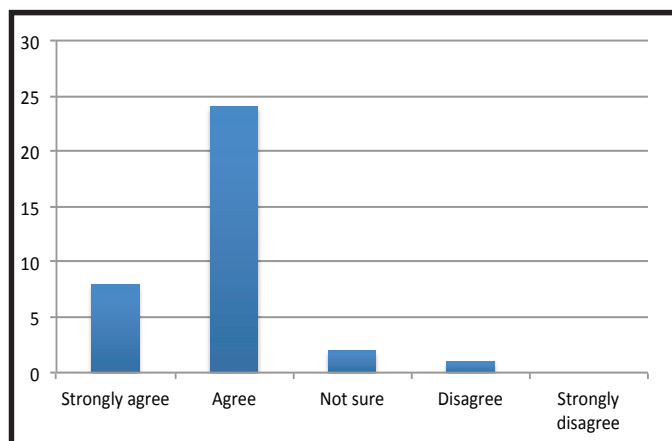
**I feel well prepared to deal with fire in my area**  
35 responses



**I have an emergency management plan.**  
34 responses

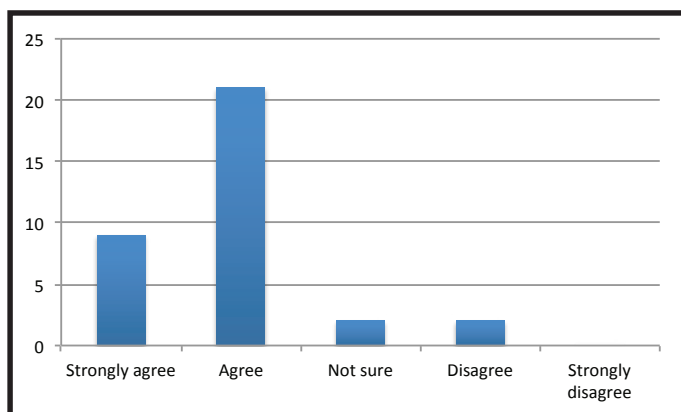


**I feel well prepared to deal with heatwave conditions.**  
35 responses

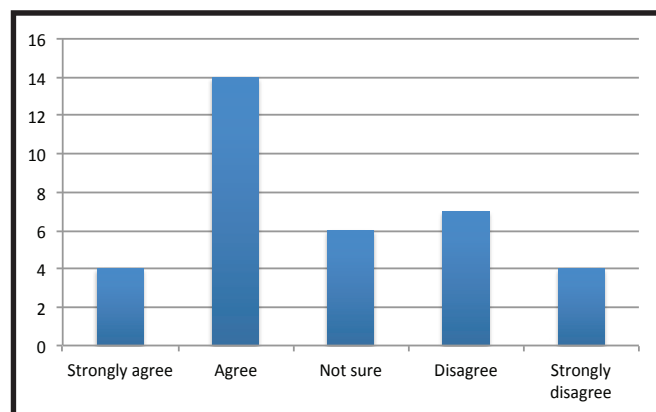




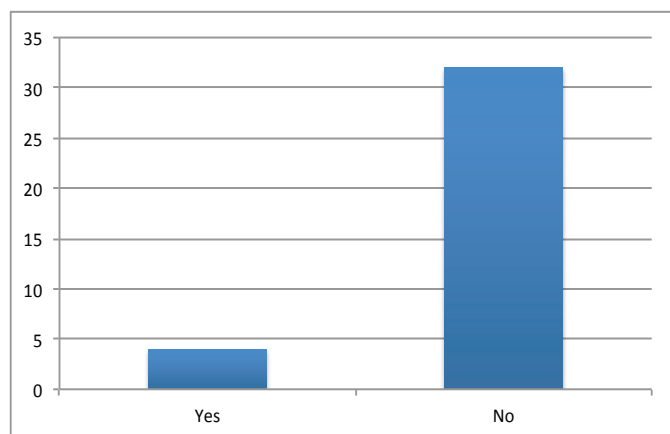
**I feel well prepared to deal with flood conditions**  
34 responses.



**I have discussed my emergency plan with neighbours.**  
35 responses



**Would you have difficulty leaving your home or property in an emergency?**  
36 responses.



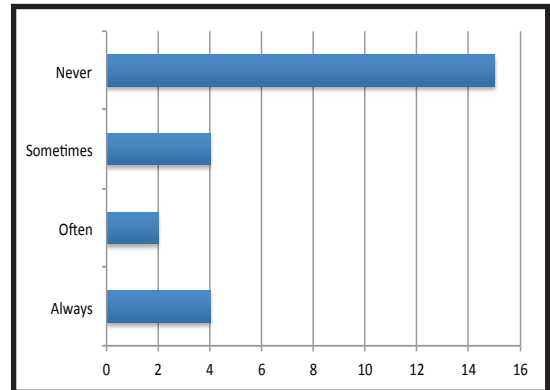
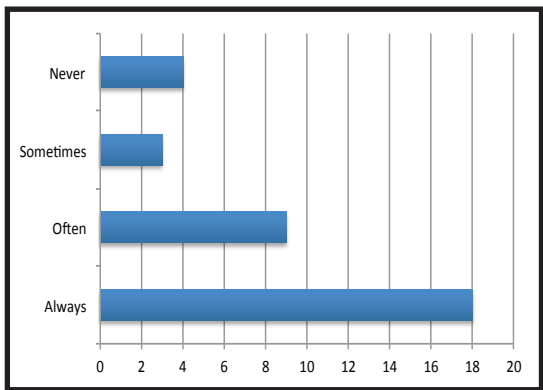
**If you would have difficulty leaving your home in an emergency, what would your main issues be? (e.g. Issues relating to health, transport, pets, disabilities).**

9 responses.

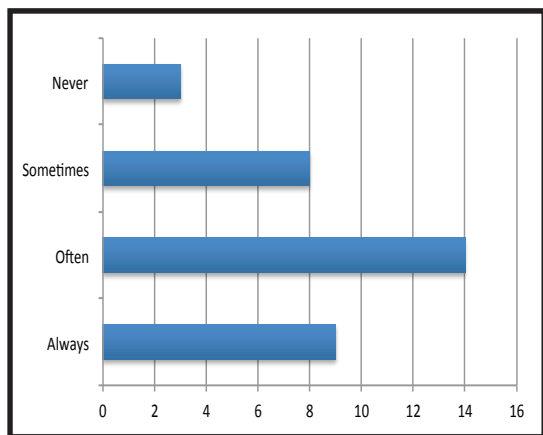
- Not driving (only walking )
- Health
- Pets, I suppose
- Land-locked property, access and transportation
- Want to protect my home
- Health , pets, emotionally difficult
- Security, pets/stock
- Surrounded by bush, overhanging trees, too much vegetation on sides of the roads, preventing exit if on fire
- If a fire was coming from the north east and blocks our lane

**Community information and connection: How do you find out about local community events and opportunities?**

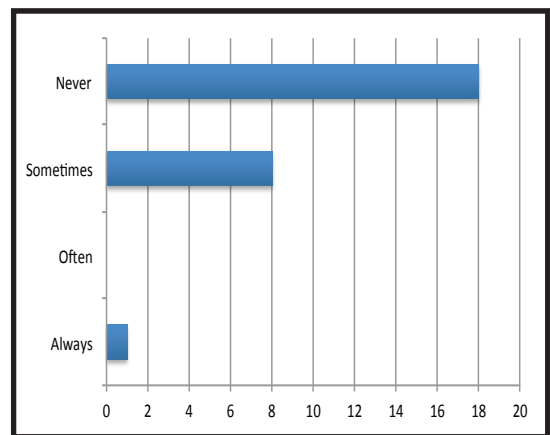
**Bridge Connection**  
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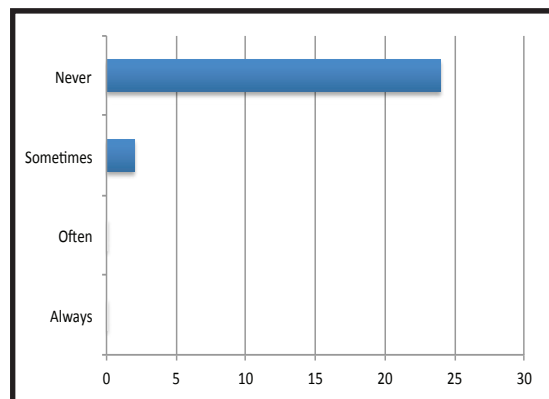
**Word of mouth**  
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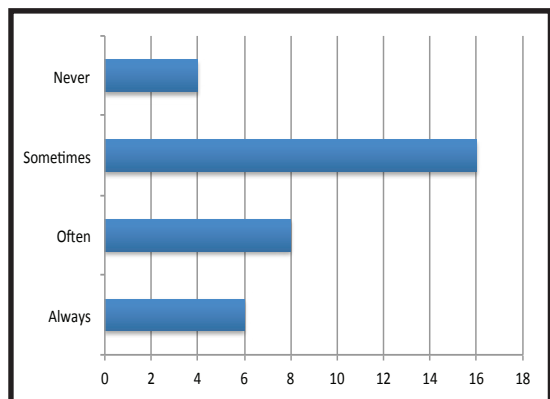
**Redesdale Web page**  
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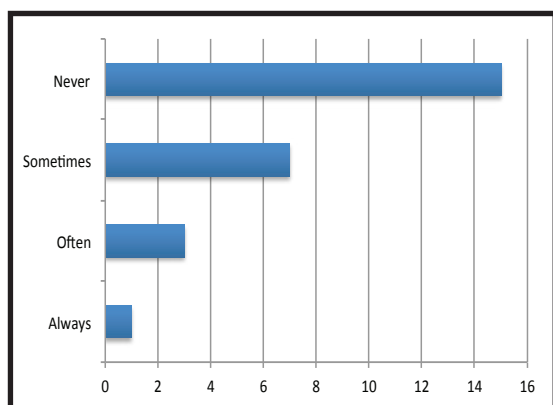
**Mia Mia web page**  
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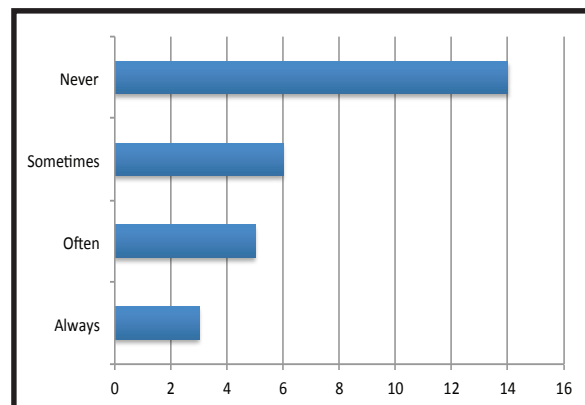
**Notices/flyers posted in local businesses**  
34 responses



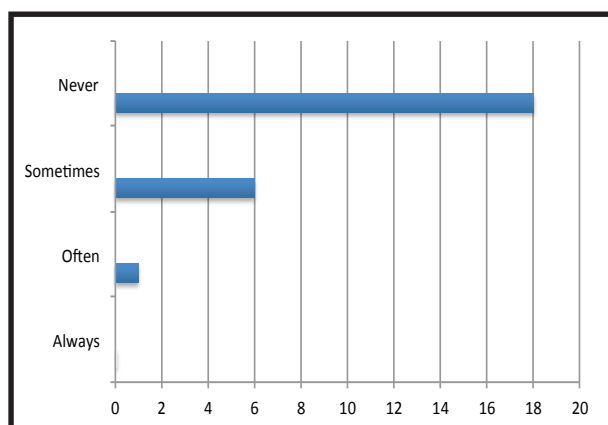
**Community noticeboards**  
26 responses



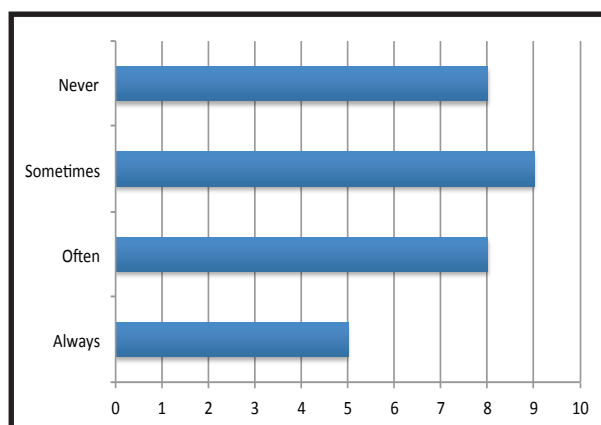
**Bendigo print media (Advertiser, Weekly)**  
28 responses



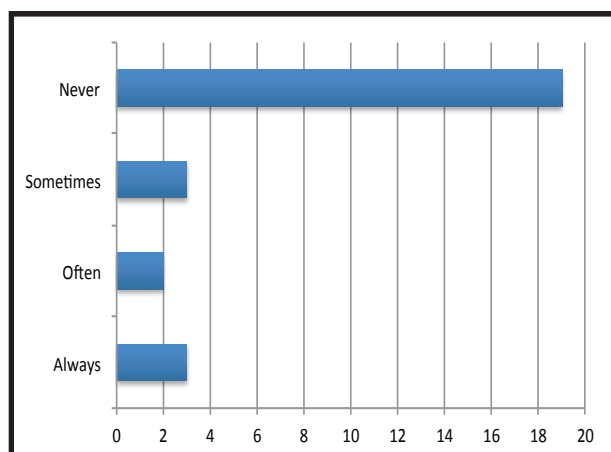
**City of Greater Bendigo website**  
25 responses



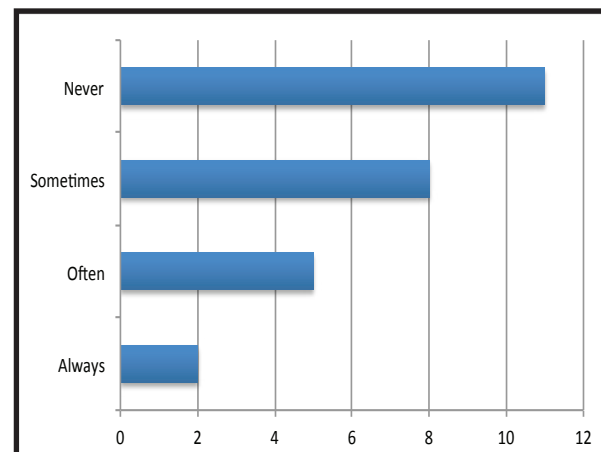
**Kyneton print media – Midland Express**  
30 responses



**McIvor Times newspaper**  
27 responses



**Social media**  
26 responses



## Community information and connection: How do you find out about local community events and opportunities? - continued:

### Other:

Emails -1

Local radio - 1

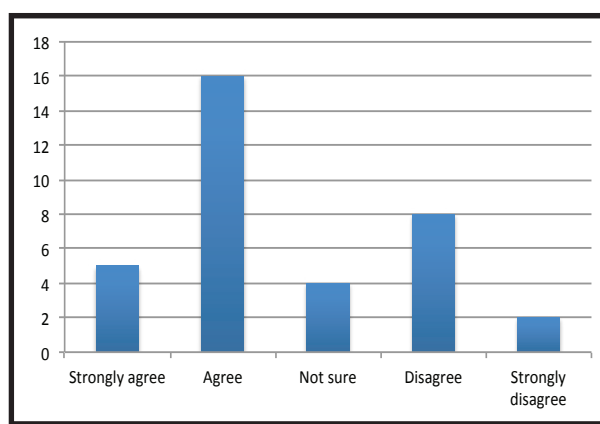
Redesdale Pub - 1

Axedale Antics - 1

## Community facilities and activities:

### I am familiar with the previous community plan in my area.

35 responses



## What do think were the successes of the last community plan?

Open-Ended Response: 14 responses

- None really: caused a lot of friction within the community of redesdale
- Footpath outside Reserve and Reserve improvements
- New road work, footpath
- School path; Feasibility study for community hub
- Bridge connection
- Not sure
- No idea
- Most goals achieved
- Unsure
- Improvements to the reserve, Relationships with CoGB, Website
- Its existence; Its practicality
- Upgrade of facilities at the Reserve.
- Achievement of certain areas in the 2013 com plan
- Defibrillator



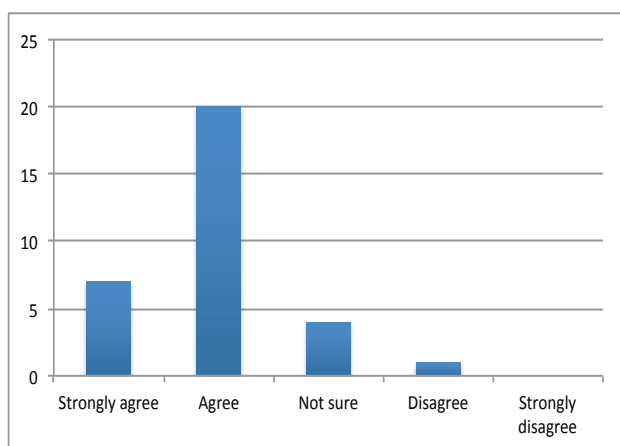
## What aspects of the last community plan do you think could have worked better?

### Open-Ended Response 11 responses

- The need to change things just for change sake . Small communities such as Redesdale have worked successfully before.
- Noxious weed control- this was the number one item from the last plan, and virtually nothing has been done
- Not sure
- No idea
- Little movement on long term aims. ie development of the Redesdale Hub
- Too much money spent for no gain. The Redesdale Hall needed money spent on it; not the oval.
- Unsure
- Support from Greater Bendigo Council
- Not sure - apart from the above, probably most things
- All groups working together a bit more
- No comment

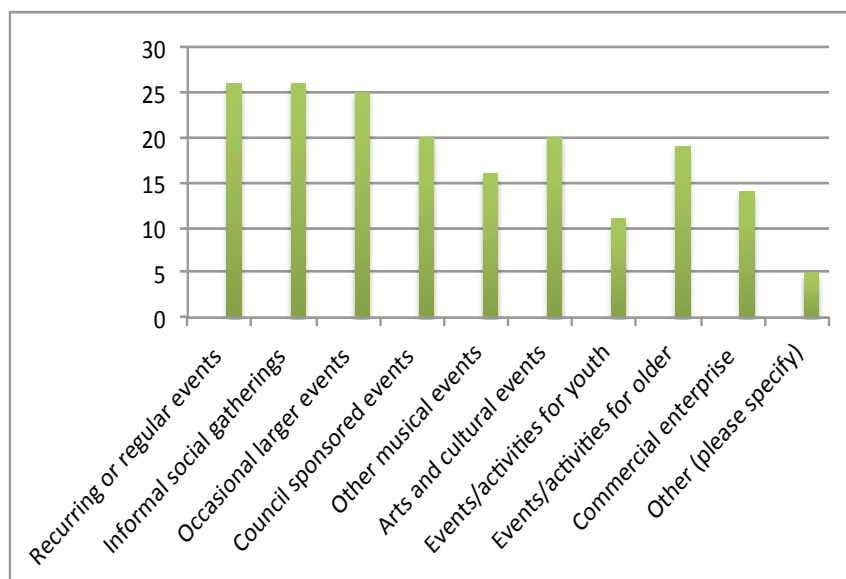
## I would value more social events that build and maintain connection between local people.

### 32 responses



**What form of community events or activities would you be most likely to support or take part in? (Tick as many as apply). categories:**

Recurring or regular events (eg. Community Market, Tai Chi)  
 Informal /occasional social gatherings (BBQ/casserole nights, social tennis or cricket)  
 Occasional/annual larger events (e.g. e.g, Flower Show, Opera, Revellers, Big Sing, Dog show )  
 Council sponsored events (e.g. Summer in the Parks event)  
 Other musical events  
 Arts and cultural events  
 Events/activities for youth  
 Events/activities for older people  
 Commercial enterprise or business activities (e.g. Wellness activities, Yoga, dance classes)  
 Other



Other:

- craft classes, cookery classes
- Camp-oven cook off (CFA)
- Country Pride March
- Small town meetings we have had for years to great effect and people attending worked in the main to better the community.

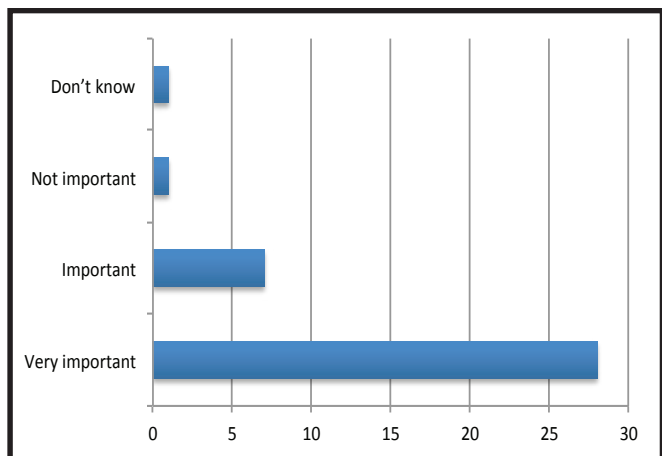
**Is there one form of event you are especially interested in?**

**Open-Ended Response**

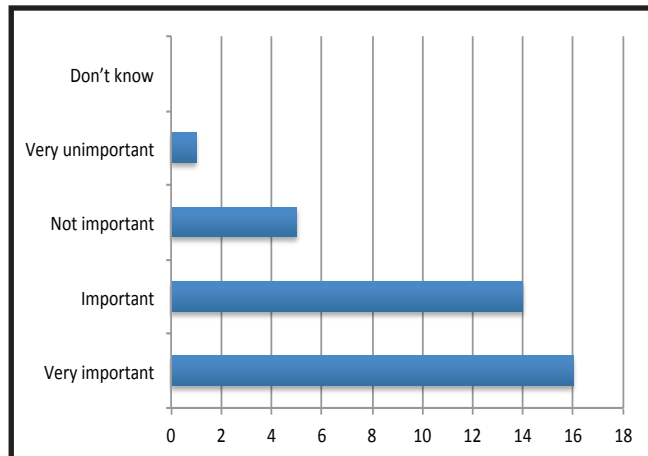
- Promotion of local businesses and their wares. Open Gardens
- Social tennia, casserole night
- Revellers
- Redesdale revellers, Redesdale bush market
- Yoga/ pilates classes
- Bootcamp is currently running in Redesdale and is fabulous
- Films
- Anything run by the Hall committee
- The art show
- Country Pride March
- Attracting new businesses to the area
- Christmas Carols
- Tennis/Cricket match between Mia Mia and Redesdale

# Wider social issues for community advocacy: How important are the following items for the future of your community?

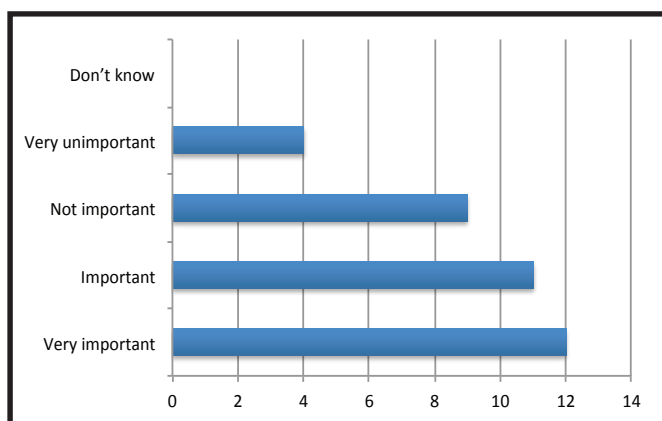
Road and traffic safety and upgrades.  
37 responses



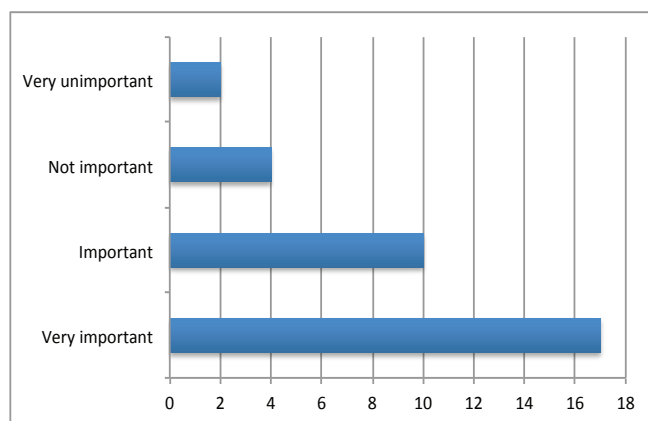
Pedestrian and cycle safety  
36 responses



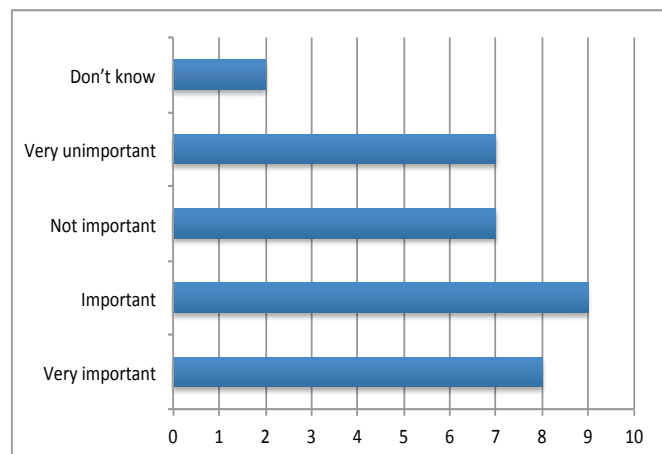
Pedestrian and cycle trail development  
36 responses



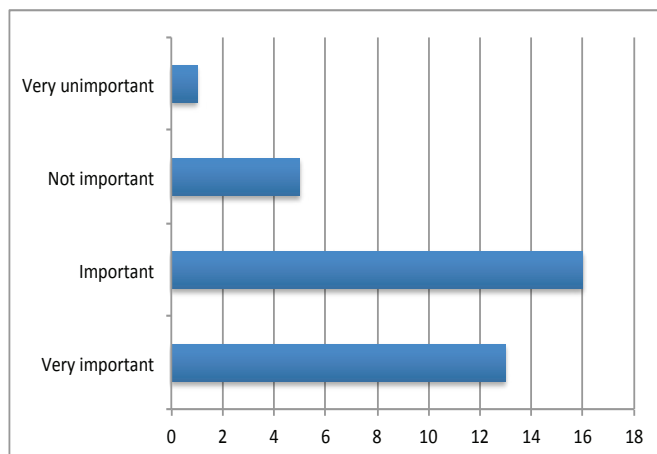
Protection of the forest areas  
33 responses



Indigenous recognition  
33 responses



Revegetation for biodiversity  
35 responses



## **Wider social issues for community advocacy: Other:**

### **Open ended**

- Attracting tourism ventures
- Church services
- Mobile Phone coverage very important - visitors unable to use mobiles/ access internet.

## **What activities or changes would build a stronger sense of community?**

### **Open ended**

- Resources to assist locals in developing their own businesses that celebrate the region, such as permits required to operate cellar doors and farm sales.
- Those that the whole community supports.
- Get together and discuss for the future.
- Time to talk with each other.
- Dispense with egos.
- Acknowledging members of the community who have lived in Redesdale for many years, still are valued members and who have good ideas for the community.
- Equipment hire/sharp centre.
- Linking the Redesdale bridge to the town via a walking track.
- Have one 'progress group' not all these different committees.
- Sporting infrastructure
- More physical involvement in local fundraisers and events
- It's already good
- Redesdale residents ONLY social media site?
- Increased harmony between warring factions.
- Small town meetings and more consideration for the Hall Committee who spent many years making the hall what it is.
- Consolidation of community committees.
- Get back old values.
- Muscial events.
- More people 'buying in' to the community plan.
- Ownership (sense of) of public lands.
- Informal community nights at the hall



## What three words would you use to describe your ideal community?

### Open ended

Collaborative caring sharing

Friendly safe social

quiet liveable friendly

working happily together

respect unity inclusion

friendly accepting tolerant

Empathetic Connected Tolerant

supportive group activities access to facilities

Connected Respectful Inclusive

caring togetherness

Connected sense of direction more young people

country community welcome

hardworking harmonious caring

happy sociable sensible

Accepting Collaborative More businesses

Social Interaction Awareness of others and their needs. A range of services which can be accessed within the local community

peaceful cooperative active

OK

friendly inclusive open

Inclusive Diverse Connected

friendly supportive protective

peaceful together positive

environmentally-conscious inclusive supportive

stop belly checking

connected friendly reaching out to disadvantaged

pride involvement

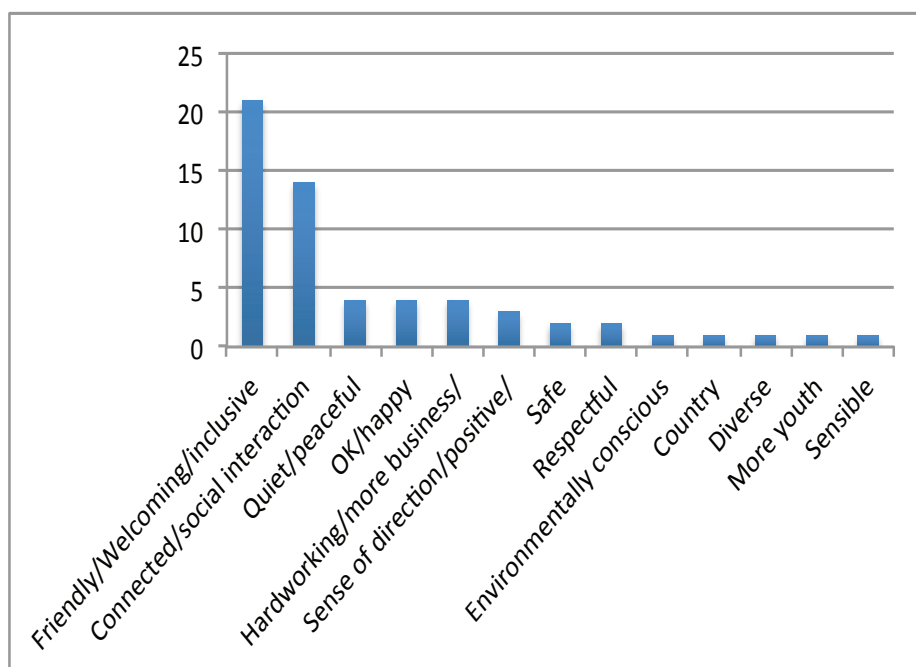
connected aware supportive

Welcoming Inclusive Progressive

welcoming inclusion connected

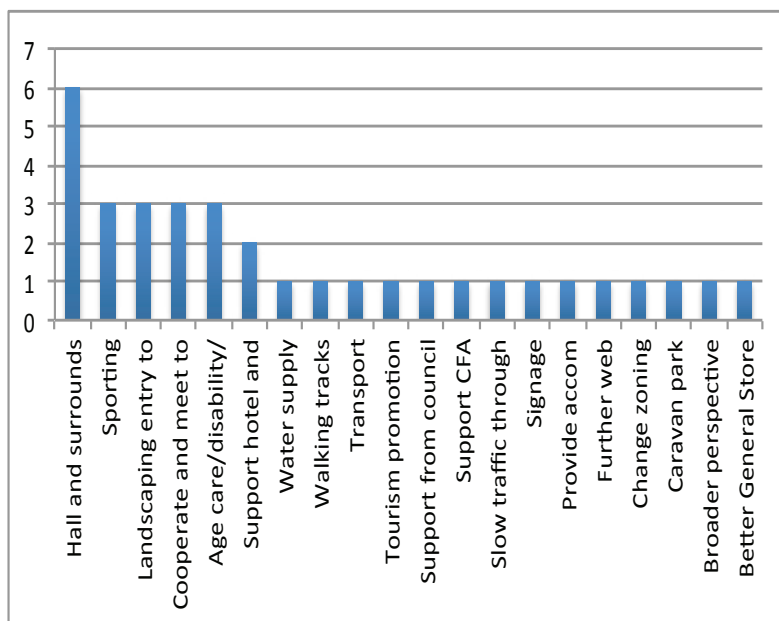
helpful friendly happy

Safe Peaceful Happy



## What are your priorities for inclusion in the next community plan?

To find a way for all the groups to get along  
 Hall up-grade  
 Water supply for Redesdale before any communitiy hub is built  
 Transport options for elderly or disabled for access to health specialists  
 Promoting tourism  
 Old age help  
 Change zoning  
 Sporting infrastructure  
 Fix hall kitchen and floor  
 Better general store  
 Let's not be 'Agnes Mumford Reserve' centric  
 Development of the Hall and environment.  
 Lets see the plan first  
 Better cooperation  
 Caring for elederly or disadvantaged  
 Precinct development commencing  
 Support from Greater Bendigo Council  
 Upgrade of Hall  
 Beautification at the entrance to Redesdale  
 Further develop web site so it can be a useful tool for the community  
 Providing accommodation  
 Roundabout  
 Support for Redesdale Hotel  
 Redesdale community gatherings to discuss how people in the area are going / what we can do as a community  
  
 A caravan park  
 Public land management  
 Upgrade of pavilion  
 Walking tracks off the road  
 Build on the already successful parts (Opera, flower shoe, Aust Day in Mia Mia, Revellers, Easter CFA drive, Festival and Bush Market)  
 Support local small business and traders  
 Landscape  
 Support for CFA  
 Strength Training for older citizens  
 Better signage  
 Trucks not whizzing through the high street  
 Fill gaps in the year for events and maybe some sporting events?



## **Please provide any additional comments**

### **Open-Ended Response**

- Certain members of this community of Redesdale are not being considerate to other members of the community a lot of bullying and resentment in this town towards certain groups.
- Consultations with community members is better able to be met by having our community meetings restored (not whistle-stops).
- Activities to bring young and old together.
- Redesdale Mia Mia Primary School is not supported by local families and is in danger of closing.
- Some people come into our community still urban-minded and want to show locals that they can do things better and do not want to fit into our rural lifestyle.
- Favourable changes from a farming community to a haven for weekenders and retirees. Makes for more vibrancy, but not welcomed by all residents.
- Too few people are now in control of our village and the money they are to spend is ludicrous for 350-400 rate payers. Get back to basics.
- Upgrade of the hall to bring it up to date and fresh and clean.

## Appendix 3

### Community Meeting May 27th 2018 Redesdale Mia Mia Primary School

1	Tas Johnson	<b>What do we do well with neighbours?</b>
2	Chris Sargent	
3	Fermi de Souza	Helping our neighbours when they need it
4	Terry Mackenzie	150 year commemorative quilt was made between Mia Mia,
5	Kym Delany	Redesdale and the school.
6	John Beurle	
7	Peg Higginbottom	<b>What should we keep doing together?</b>
8	Sandra Aitken	
9	Gloria Pocock	Form a group to pick up rubbish
10	Kathy Hall	Keep talking to each other
11	Yvonne McGrath	Keep Redesdale Mia Mia beautiful
12	Graeme Newnham	Start a craft group between Mia Mia and Redesdale
13	Sue Newnham	Informal social gatherings
14	John Barker	
15	Cynthia Huston	<b>What do communities do best?</b>
16	Robbie Huston	
17	Will Arthur	Look out for each other
18	Kate Hicks	Rally after disasters
19	Wendy Hulls	Welcome new people
20	Brain Lauder	Instigate stimulation ideas
21	David Cheal	Fund-raising
22	Rob Chapman	Keep bush telegraph going
23	Simon Webb	
24	Gaynor Shannon	<b>What should we start doing together?</b>
25	Alwyn Charville	Healing processes
26	Doratheia Kriewaldt	Stop bickering
27	James Boyd	Get on the same page
28	Carolyn-Anne Boyd	Litter walks
29	Ruth Booker	
30	Regina Bennett	
31	Deidre Hankinson	
32	Andrew Campbell	
33	Wayne Smith	
34	Lisa Smith	
35	Jo Smith-Sargent	
36	Jill James	
37	Les Pocock	
38	Rod Gibson	
39	Sarah Trezise	
40	Lyn Talbot	
41	Yvonne Wrigglesworth	



### **What could be done BY Redesdale?**

	No of dots
Amalgamation of committees	10
Informal parties	5
A walking rubbish collection group possibly as a Mia Mia joint venture	3
Thai Chi/ exercise/yoga	3
Food donation from supermarkets program (as in Heathcote)	3
Sponsorship of others - such as overseas students	2
Local Uber driver	2
Local collaboration	1
Off leash dog area on reserve	1
Orienteering group - Mount Lofty	0

### **What could be done WITH Redesdale?**

Development of Stony reserve	10
Rebound wall for young people	5
Landscape Redesdale entrance e.g.roundabout	4
Walking - bike trail between Redesdale and Mia Mia	2
Loop the Lake walking - cycle path	1
Horse riding tracks between Mia Mia and Redesdale	1
Tourism	0

### **What could be done FOR Redesdale via advocacy?**

Public transport improvement	3
Outside lighting at reserve	0