

# LOKI'S LODGE



*Tinkerbelle and Jiminy are mother and son. They were part of an RSPCA seizure in QLD several years ago.*

*Mighty Mouse (the butt in front!) was re-homed when his owners downsized about 4 years ago. Cookie on the right came as a companion for Mighty.*

*Above left to right Danielle Press, Lauren Van de Oord and Billy Pritchard.*

Based in Derrinal, Loki's Lodge is a registered not-for-profit organisation dedicated to the welfare of animals. Founder Danielle Press shares the story of how a simple weekend and a herd of cows changed her life as she knew it.

Around 5 years ago, Danielle bought an 80-acre property on Lake Eppalock, approximately 1.5 hours north of Melbourne, as a quiet retreat from her professional, city lifestyle. To her surprise, there were several cows left on the property

by the previous owner. Initially intending to move them on, "plans changed when one morning a calf arrived", she says. It soon became apparent that the cows would not be going anywhere. "Then came some alpacas from a friend in a similar circumstance and so began the journey of animal rescue."

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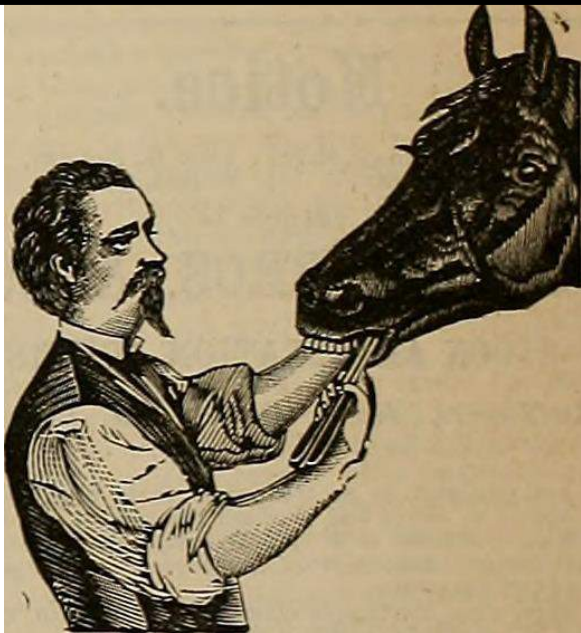
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MONDAY 27 AUGUST 2018

AT SUTTON GRANGE HALL

7.30 PM

ALL COMMITTEE POSITIONS WILL BECOME VACANT AT  
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**Monday 27 August** AGM. 7.30 start. All welcome.  
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**Saturday 22 September** Fun night 7 pm start. Games. bring a plate for supper.

**Wednesday 21 October 21st** Treasure hunt. 10 am start. \$2 per child, \$5 per family. Morning tea provided.

**Saturday 10 Nov 10th** Bingo. 7 pm start. \$5 per card. Supper provided. Prizes for winners.

**Sunday 2 December 2nd** Christmas Tea. Satrt 6 pm. bring a main and desert to share. Santa visits at 8 pm.

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or any Bridge Connection  
committee members, contact numbers on  
page 3.**



The poster features a man playing an acoustic guitar. Text on the poster includes: 'BRIDGE CONNECTION COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER', 'TICKET \$30pp', 'FUNDRAISER', 'Saturday 6 October 7pm at the Redesdale Hall', 'MC: Lady Sapphire Bombay', 'Featuring Jefferson Smith THE VOICE', and 'BYO or drinks available to purchase • Substantial finger food included'.



## Go the Welsh!

Residents of a village in South Wales - exasperated by their hopeless internet speeds - have dug 15 miles of trenches to lay their own superfast cables. The project, planned in the pub in Michaelston-y-Fedw (population 300), involved thousands of volunteer hours as well as government grant money. Internet speed will jump from 4 Mbps to 1,000 Mbps. Carina Dunk, 61, one of the organisers, said: "It used to take a few days to download a film, now it takes less than a minute."

Source: The Week 7 July 2018



## BRIDGE CONNECTION

### AGM

FRIDAY AUG 10TH

9.30 am

Redesdale Hall

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## REDESDALE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

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THURSDAY

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# THE MUNRO LETTERS

## Episode 16

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

It is very doubtful if the originators of the scheme of sending those who had broken through the laws of our native country to a land on the opposite side of the world, the coast of which only had been seen and described by Captain Cook, ever contemplated the results which have followed, or rather I believe there is no doubt they did not. It required a much more accurate knowledge of the country and more forethought in colonisation than was possessed to be able to predict with any manner of confidence what was likely to follow. But the extraordinarily rapid growth which has followed upon this settlement of the scum of the earth on the shores of Australia would almost make it appear that in colonising it is as in gardening. The more your foundations consist of dung, the more rapid and striking is the production.



*THE LANDING of the CONVICTS at BOTANY BAY*

If you remember the early history of the colony, the first attempts made were to produce from the soil subsistence for the individuals landed, but these attempts proved at first quite unsuccessful and misfortunes having overtaken the vessels bearing provisions to the colony, it was subjected to very great privation and was very nearly annihilated by the frightful process of starvation. But relief at the end arrived, and the settlement went on – fed, clothed and paid for by the mother country. The next feature which calls for our attention is the introduction of a new element: the colony becomes not merely a place of detention and reformation of convicts, but free agriculturalists resort to it and from that time on its condition very anomalous commences as an ordinary colony and penal settlement at the same time. It may now be said to be the subject of the process of hot bed forcing which no other colony perhaps ever experienced; the settlers in it found a certain and splendid market for their produce, they had abundance of labour for nothing, and more than this, they were maintained at the expense of the mother country for two years from their starting, afterwards for a shorter period, and were given cows, pigs and other useful animals to form the nucleus of their herds. In short there was a great expenditure of government money: there was great abundance of labour that cost nothing; land was given gratuitously also; the farmer was started and supported at first at the expense of the public in a direct manner by receiving from government his food, clothes and implements of husbandry and afterwards was supported in an indirect manner by the government purchasing all the wheat he could raise, at 16 shillings a bushel. If anything would make a colony go ahead, this ought certainly to do so, and accordingly we find that these were palmy times. Everything was done, in short, at the expense of honest John Bull at home, and those fine buildings which adorn Sydney and other parts of N.S.W. at present and which an Australian points out to you as marks of the prosperity and value of the country and which have contributed

along with other things to delude the may into the most absurd ideas of underdeveloped sinews were built for and made a present to the colony by our countrymen at home, paying for the light of heaven and every comfort of life.

There was nothing censurable in this – on the contrary, it was in the course of events. There were an immense number of convicts to be employed and it cost the Home Government the same whether they were idle or worked. The Colonial Government was embarrassed to find occupation for them, but this was necessary both as a means of reformation and as a means of obtaining an equivalent for the expenses of their maintenance.



*The Migration Heritage Centre at the Powerhouse Museum NSW*

There were few settlers to employ them and therefore the great majority was set to work erecting public buildings and making roads. Thus the settlers in the colony not only had as much labour as they could use for nothing, but likewise had their gaols, hospitals, and other public buildings built for nothing, and roads made for them, so essential to the prosperity of a colony. I wish I had been a settler in those days. Under this regime of course, things worked well and the settlers prospered; fresh settlers came out from Home and the Government which at first did not know what to do with all the convicts soon found no difficulty in disposing of the majority of them to the agriculturalists of the colony.



*Captain John Macarthur - Wool pastoralist - Wikipedia*

In 1803, Captain Macarthur brought before the notice of the home legislature the aptitude of the colony for producing the finer sorts of wool. A new epoch now commenced. The colony which had hitherto been supported from home was now about to assume a more independent attitude: it was discovered that its mild dry climate and large pastures were suited to the growth of the finer wools, and the export of this article commenced.

### **Next month:**

The immense advantage to be derived from this export became gradually apparent...

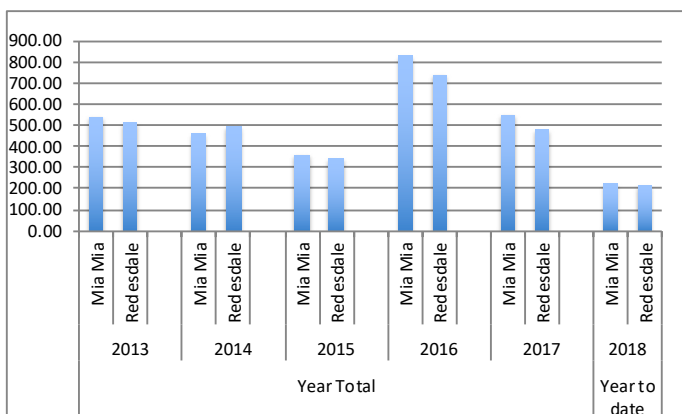
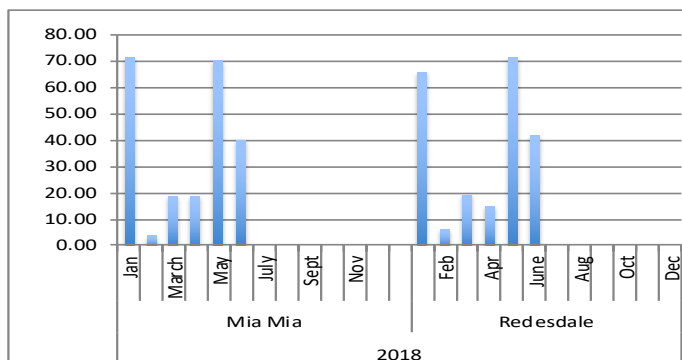
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Thank you to Mary Bennett for the Mia Mia readings.



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*Benjamin Franklin*



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Sutton Grange: 4th Sunday of each month

Morning tea is served at each of these Uniting Churches at 9.45 am and services start at 10 am. If there is a 5th Sunday in the month, services may be found at Kyneton.

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Over time, two things became evident to Danielle, “there is an increasing need for rehoming of rural animals that are surrendered due to changing circumstances as people are move off the land, back to smaller properties, towns and retirement villages”. Secondly, she says people lack an appreciation of the essential nature of farming and welfare needs of farmed animals.

With the growing demand for rehoming of animals and a continued concern about the disconnect between the society and our food source, “and the surrender of a cheeky pig named Loki”, says Danielle, Loki’s Lodge was born. A not-for-profit dedicated to rehoming of rural animals, education around animal welfare and the prevention of animal cruelty. Danielle, together with her nephew and a small dedicated group of volunteers, care for around 115 animals including cows, alpacas, sheep, goats, pigs, donkeys, ponies, poultry and a water buffalo. When asked which animal is her favourite, Danielle laughs, “I find the question difficult to answer as they all have different personalities and quirky traits. That said, I think the donkeys are my favourite - widely misunderstood, they are gentle, inquisitive and funny creatures, they are hard not to fall in love with.”

Loki’s Lodge is open to the public, to educate them on the plight of farmers and farmed animals. The work embarked by the Loki’s Lodge team also extends to local community groups and schools, providing hands on experience with animal care. “We believe that providing experiential education raises awareness.” The organisation encourages people to seek out local free-range farmers and to be aware of the origins of their food. Raising awareness of the ethical choices around food, for example, free range vs caged, and encouraging people to make the best choices they can afford, are the endeavours of Loki’s Lodge.

For more information about Loki’s Lodge or how to get involved with the organisation, visit their **website [www.lokislodge.org](http://www.lokislodge.org)**



# A History of Redesdale

By Ken James & Noel Davies

## The Land

### Aboriginal Occupancy

Prior to the coming of the squatters with their flocks of sheep, Redesdale was Taungurung country. The Taungurung consisted of nine clans, the clan most likely to have occupied the Redesdale area being the Leuk-willam.<sup>8</sup> The destruction of the way of life of those of the tribes who occupied the district commenced following the arrival of the squatters with their shepherds and flocks of sheep, conflicts soon arising. Deaths also occurred from introduced diseases to which they had no immunity.

### Late 1830s: Overlanders

The initial occupation of the Redesdale and neighbouring districts was by squatters from southern New South Wales. In the Redesdale district this was Henry Monro and his Campaspe Run of around 20,000 hectares (50,000 acres). The land was initially occupied in the days before Government leases to Crown Land were established hence the term

‘squatters’. The appeal of the region, including Redesdale, to pastoralists was that it was

‘exceptionally well-grassed and watered’.<sup>9</sup>

The occupation of the district came about as a result of exploration in 1836 by Major Mitchell who travelled from Sydney to Victoria’s Western District looking for new pasture lands for the growing flocks and herds of the settlers in New South Wales. On his return, between 29 September and 2 October, he and his party travelled between Castlemaine and Redesdale, climbing and naming Mount Alexander along the way. He also named the Campaspe and Coliban Rivers. His path marked the northern boundary of Yaldwin’s Barfold Run.

It was a good season when Major Mitchell passed through Victoria and his glowing accounts soon saw pastoralists and businessmen of southern New South Wales heading south with their flocks. The trickle in 1837 became a flood and by 1840, central Victoria was a sheep run. William Yaldwin of the Barfold Run was one of these men coming south from New South Wales.

Sheep were in direct competition with indigenous people for the sheep ate the grasses and murnong (yams) the tribes were accustomed to harvesting. When George Robinson, the official Protector of Aborigines, first visited the area in 1840 he was told by Mr Monro of Campaspe and Spring Plains Runs that kangaroos were so abundant 18 months ago that they came up to the door of the tent but now there were none seen. Other traditional food sources were used by the squatters and their men, although not necessarily as a food source. For example, ducks were trapped in order to make a bed with their feathers. Deprived of traditional food sources conflict between squatters and aborigines flared as sheep and cattle were speared. Shepherds were threatened and sometimes killed and retaliation left numbers of aborigines dead.<sup>10</sup>

<sup>8</sup> Diane E. Barwick, Mapping the past: an atlas of Victorian clans 1835-1904

<sup>9</sup> Argus, 23 August 1926

<sup>10</sup> Karen Twigg and Wendy Jacobs, Shire of Metcalfe heritage study 1994



## Mia Mia Mechanics' Institute

There's a bit going on with Mia Mia Mechanics' Institute at the moment - grant applications for much needed Hall renovations, starting with restumping, but also fixing some water issues and cladding issues, plus windows that need repairing. Do not be concerned about the auditorium - it will remain just as perfect as it now is. We are also finishing off our evolving new community plan, a copy of the revised draft will be sent out to you, hopefully by the end of July. There's a few projects that need more volunteers than we currently have. With the new community plan we need some current Mia Mia photos - if you have a great Mia Mia photo that you would like to see considered for the new printed plan, send it to me. I can always use good photos in Mia Mia Messenger issues, perhaps one of you has a Mia Mia image as good as Deb Agnew's on the cover of the Mia Mia book? We are also going to seek tax deductibility for donations for the Hall renovations so we can continue with all our cultural events. This takes a bit of new paperwork and a reworking of our current rules of association. We need tax deductibility in case we don't get any grants of significance. There will be an update as soon as we have more information. If anyone is experienced at drafting rules of association, we could do with some assistance on that.

Hope to see you on 11 August,

Kate Hicks

On behalf of Mia Mia Mechanics' Institute

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0487 444 090 Sharon Kittson

### Daylesford Farmer's Market

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Daylesford Primary School

03 5664 0096 Peter Arnold

### Kyneton Farmers' Market

Sat 11th August

St Pauls Park, Piper Street, Kyneton

54 221 025 Veronica Manifold

It is recommended that  
you check these dates  
with the market website  
if possible.

### Riddells Creek Farmers' Market

Sat 18th August

Riddells Creek Primary School, Riddells Creek

0408 254 626 Ali Bant

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Sat 25th August

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## Liberal Nationals will set up weeds and pest animals taskforce

An elected Liberal Nationals Government will help support Victorian farmers and land managers in the fight against weeds and pest animals with a new taskforce that will properly enforce laws.

Weeds strangle the productivity of our farmers, costing an estimated \$4 billion through yield losses and product contamination across the nation each year.

An elected Liberal Nationals Government will provide an additional \$6.88 million over four years in a new weeds and pest animal enforcement taskforce which will be established in Agriculture Victoria.

The taskforce will strengthen compliance with Victorian laws and will support the hard work of landowners who already properly manage weeds and pest animals. Supporting our farmers and land managers just isn't a priority for Labor.

Weeds and pest animals are running rampant after Daniel Andrews cut the Department's number of property inspections and has failed to enforce laws which are in place to protect private and public land.

It's left landholders who do the right thing by controlling invasive species on their own properties negatively impacted by neighbours who flout laws which are not being properly enforced.

Comments attributable to Leader of The Nationals and Shadow Minister for Agriculture Peter Walsh

A Liberal Nationals Government will boost enforcement activity with a new, dedicated taskforce.

We need to urgently reverse the damage Daniel Andrews has caused by cutting inspection rates and failing to properly enforce weed and pest animal laws.

There are lots of farmers who do the right thing, spend money and do the grunt work controlling weeds and pests on their properties but all that good work is undone if recalcitrant neighbours flout the laws.

Weeds and pests like rabbits can severely impact on productivity so it is critical that we do everything we can to support farmers, because profitable farm businesses are critical for local economies and jobs throughout Regional Victoria.

Media contact: Emma Manser 0437 225 386 emma.manser@opposition.vic.gov.au

## Travel grants for local sports stars

Talented sportspeople in the Euroa electorate currently have the opportunity to apply for travel assistance grants under the 2018/19 Athlete Pathway Travel Grant Program.

Member for Euroa and Deputy Leader of the Nationals Steph Ryan said the program assists athletes, coaches, officials and teams with the travel costs of participating in training and competition at national championships or selection events.

"Meeting the costs associated with travelling to sporting events, competitions and training can put a huge amount of pressure on families," Ms Ryan said.

"This program aims to help talented young people pursue their sporting dreams.

"Applications are open until the 24 July and I encourage any interested athletes to consider making an application."

There are two categories of grants available:

Category 1: State Sporting Associations or organisations and peak bodies recognized by Sport and Recreation Victoria can apply for up to five grants per funding round on behalf of Victorian teams or individuals for travel to compete at national championships and/or an event or series of events constituting national selection trails. Grants of up to \$6,000 are available for teams with a maximum of \$1,000 per team member. Grants for individuals are available up to a maximum of \$2,000

Category 2: Victorian community organisations delivering sport and active recreation opportunities can apply for up to two grants per funding round of \$750 each to assist athletes, coaches, officials and teams with the travel costs of training and competition. A maximum of two grants will be approved to any organisation in any calendar year.

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## Liberal Nationals will help farmers bridge the innovation GAPP

We must increase the productivity of our farmers if Victoria is to fulfil its potential as an agriculture powerhouse.

An elected Liberal Nationals Government will invest \$5.3 million to roll out the Growth, Adoption, Production and Profitability (GAPP) program.

GAPP will help Victorian farmers access new technologies and practices in order to boost productivity and profitability of food and fibre growers

The funding will be available to industry grower groups to deliver co-funded programs that help their members boost on-farm productivity through the adoption of new technologies and practices.

This follows the success of a pilot program, funded by the former Liberal Nationals Government in partnership with Birchip Cropping Group (BCG).

When Victorian farms are more productive it's good for regional jobs, good for regional economies and for all Victorians.

Only an elected Liberal Nationals Government will make sure farmers have access to the R&D programs they need in order to boost on-farm productivity and profitability.

Comments attributable to Leader of The Nationals and Shadow Minister for Agriculture Peter Walsh

With strong demand for Victorian food and fibre products, both in local markets and overseas, it's more important than ever to drive sustainable, long-term growth in Victorian agriculture.


A Liberal Nationals government will be committed to developing innovation and R&D partnerships with our agricultural sectors because this will deliver the best outcomes for Victorian farmers, and for the Victorian economy.

The Premier for Melbourne and his city-centric Labor Government have failed to help secure the opportunities that are knocking at our farm gates.

A Liberal Nationals Government will deliver a better deal for our farmers and for Regional Victoria.


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## LABOR'S NBN SERVICE GUARANTEE ANNOUNCEMENT FOR BENDIGO

Federal Member for Bendigo, Lisa Chesters MP today announced that Labor's NBN Service Guarantee will tip the scales back to Bendigo consumers and give NBNCo clear expectations – lift your game or you'll face penalties.

"This is a great announcement for Bendigo as far too many local businesses and residents continue to have shocking NBN experiences," Ms Chesters said.

During today's announcement Ms Chesters met with businesses in Killian's Walk and Centre Way Arcade who have had a negative NBN experience to discuss how Labor's NBN service guarantee policy will ensure their business stays connected.

Ms Chesters spoke with Flight Bar, City Copy Works, Fountain Health Foods and Cartwright Optometrist. All businesses have experienced difficulties with NBN connections and service, one business is yet to be connected.

"The NBN is a critical project for Central Victoria's future – but under the Liberal Government, consumers are paying the price for faults, downtime and poor service.

"Currently there are no meaningful remedies to make NBN accountable for missed appointments and customer downtime.

"That's why Labor is acting to support small businesses and consumers by developing clear standards for connection timeframes, fault repair timeframes, and missed technician appointments.

"If NBNCo doesn't meet these standards then they'll be fined and the consumer will be compensated – it's that simple.

"We can't have small businesses going weeks without internet and phone services," Ms Chesters said.

As part of this policy, responsibility for wholesale NBN service standards and the consumer pass through will be consolidated within the ACCC to ensure there is a single line of regulatory oversight.

Labor will work with the ACCC, NBNCo, experts and other key stakeholders to develop and finalise the standards and set appropriate penalty amounts. Penalties will be structured around individual consumer outcomes, with stronger penalties in place to help safeguard small businesses from excessive downtime.

"Labor's policy will mean fewer delays, less downtime and better accountability," Ms Chesters said.

MEDIA CONTACT: HARRY MC ANULTY 0431 157 684

# Bilarni

On Saturday 1st September the Barfold Hall is host to a fabulous one man show called Bilarni.

Bilarni is a story about the life of a bushman who returned from WW1 to live amongst Aboriginal people, as a husband, lover, father, fisherman, Patrol Officer and finally as the first Ranger at Uluru, where he was known as the Custodian of the Rock. Performed by the acclaimed Jan 'Yarn' Wositzky, a reknowned local musician and actor with a solid reputation for performing Australian stories in a fresh, often revelatory, sometimes quirky and always entertaining fashion.

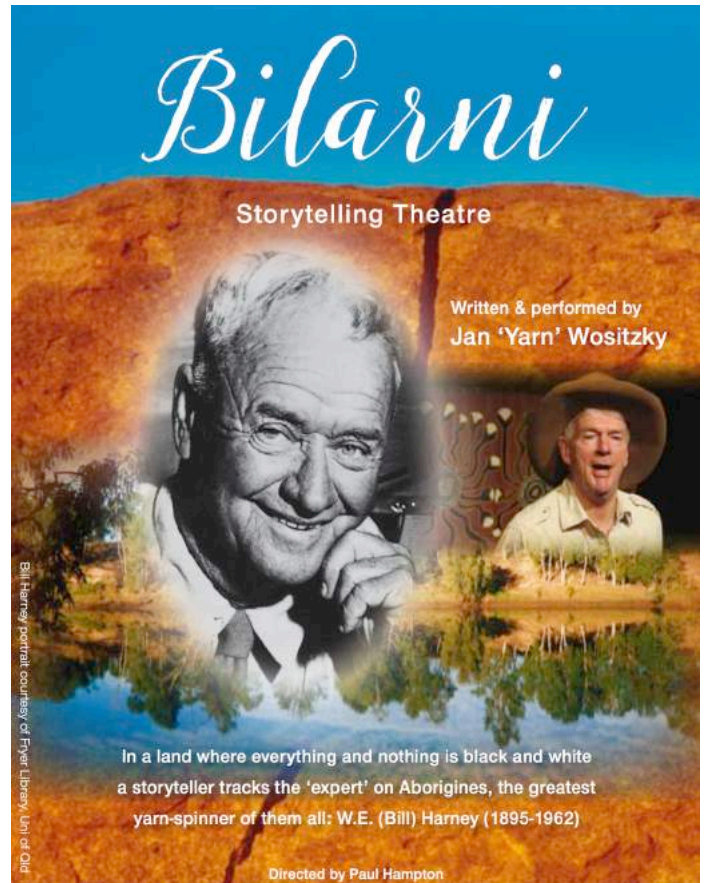
Tickets are only \$25 including supper.

For Bookings please go to [www.trybooking.com/XAEU](http://www.trybooking.com/XAEU) & enquiries contact Sandra 0412 243 315 / 5423 4225



Above Jan 'Yarn' Wositzky performing in *BILARNI*

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## Successful grant application for Kyneton Saleyards

### Successful grant application for Kyneton Saleyards

The historic Kyneton Saleyards will be improved and upgraded and local jobs will be created following a successful grant application by Council to the federal government.

Council will receive \$878,500 through a Building Better Regions Fund – Infrastructure grant to assist in funding stage one of the \$1.757 million Macedon Ranges Livestock Exchange and Truck Park project.

The project aims to make Kyneton Saleyards a competitive, sustainable and safe facility that supports local and regional economic growth, meets industry standards, builds on its existing strengths and capitalises on its strategic location in central Victoria.

Improvements to the livestock exchange area will include:

- A new roof with solar panels, lighting and soft floors on the cattle site to improve animal welfare and yield
- Water harvesting and reuse from the new roof to reduce water consumption and volume of water discharged to the waste water treatment facility
- New fencing, walkways, upgrades to cattle loading ramps and walkway rails to improve conditions for both people and animals.

Upgrades to the adjacent truck wash area will see two additional truck wash bays established to help meet user demand, parking improvements, road sealing to assist with dust compression, extra water storage tanks and pumps, and an upgraded amenity block with showers and change areas.

About 25 jobs will be created during construction work, and up to 18 new staff will be required by the saleyards and local stock agents to deal with increased demand at the facility.

Chief Executive Officer, Margot Stork said the flow-on effect to the local economy would see about 100 jobs generated in the agricultural, construction, transport, services, tourism and hospitality sectors.

"The new and upgraded saleyards and truck wash facilities will be of great benefit to the region," she said.

"The project will not only deliver improved animal welfare standards and conditions at the saleyards, it will help us to attract more livestock sellers and buyers to the area."

Ms Stork said the improvements also would lead to reduced operational costs, and help boost the facility's income.

"A flourishing and successful saleyards precinct will be of great benefit not only to the users and to the township of Kyneton, but to the wider region as well.

"The saleyards has been operating on its site for more than 150 years and these improvements will help us to ensure its ongoing viability in the long term."

Council will provide a matching contribution of \$878,500 for the project, which is expected to be completed next year.

For more information on Kyneton Saleyards, see

[mrsc.vic.gov.au/saleyards](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/saleyards)

Communications unit, (03) 5422 0336 or

[email\\_comms@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:email_comms@mrsc.vic.gov.au)

## Chewton Landcare tools for lending

Chewton Landcare is kindly offering the lend of some of their tools and other equipment to help other local Landcare groups and landholders with weed control. See attached a list of the tools they have available. Call Pat on 0422 759 661 if you would like to borrow any or for more information.

### CHEWTON: LANDCARE TOOLS FOR BORROWING

- Whipper-Snipper (Stihl F590) with line and blade plus harness, helmet with face shield & earmuffs + Oil x 2 + 5 litre fuel can.
- Long handled loppers x 2
- Shears x 2
- Pruning saws x 3 (folding)
- Sharpening tools x 3

### FOR SPRAYING POISONING

- 20 litre backpack with wand applicator
- Small spray bottle with wand applicator Dabbers, spray bottles, Glyphosate

### FOR DIGGING

- Steel Rakes x 2
- Plastic rake
- Mattocks x 2 (different sizes)
- Gardein fork
- 3 prong cultivator with long handle Hand tools
- Steel rake short handle
- 3 prong cultivator
- 2 prong hoe mattock x 2 Short pick mattock

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Redesdale Ramblings:

## Winter Jobs and Flowers

We are extremely lucky to have a relatively mild climate and can garden all the year 'round even in the coldest parts of Central Victoria. Getting rugged up in coat, scarf and beanie can still allow you to be active in the garden now. July and August are of course important times to get stuck into pruning and cutting back of shrubs (including roses), fruit trees (other than apricots/peaches/nectarines) and climbers such as clematis and wisteria. It's also the best time to plant new deciduous trees – best bought as “bare-root” items now so that you can inspect the root structure and trim back anything that is damaged. We've found that trees planted straight out of pots never do as well because the potting mix is a lot more attractive to the roots so they never venture out into the surrounding soil unless you clean off all the mix – which you can only do at this time of year when they are dormant.

Of course, it shouldn't be all work and there are some winter flowers to enjoy outside and indoors. Most gardeners will tell you that the best scent at this time of year is the “Winter Sweet”, *Chimonanthus praecox*, which can fill a garden with its sweet and spicy fragrance. It makes a rather large and ungainly shrub which for most of the year is, to be honest, uninteresting but comes into its own in winter. The rounded buds expand into small translucent bells of pale to deep yellow, sometimes marked with red on the inner petals but it's grown for its scent and not its appearance! Stephen Ryan at Dicksonia Rare Plants Nursery on Mt Macedon often says the best thing to do with it is to grow a summer flowering climber such as a Hybrid Clematis over it which you cut back before the Wintersweet flowers in winter after shedding its foliage.

In colder climates Witch-hazel (or Wych-hazel), *Hamamelis* species, can bring a varying amount of scent but the most intriguing flowers which are basically thin, ribbon-like petals which unfurl to give the impression of hundreds of miniature sea-anemones in yellow to red and shades in-between. We've not had any luck with them here, losing them to drought or some other affliction – they come from parts of North America and Asia where they never experience the sort of summers we have. Being difficult to propagate they remain rather expensive so three attempts was enough for us.

The best winter-flowering shrub in our garden is the “Winter Honeysuckle”, *Lonicera fragrantissima*, which really is “the most fragrant” and it isn't a rambunctious climber! Ours is about 5ft/1.5m tall and about as wide after a dozen years. Like the Wintersweet it's rather unprepossessing and ignorable until late autumn or early winter when the first flowers open. It has typical honeysuckle perfume and on a still day it wafts about the garden so that you can smell it before you see it. I think its worst fault is that it doesn't drop all its leaves before it flowers so that rather tatty old leaves clutter up the plant and only manage to fall off when you pick a bunch for indoors!

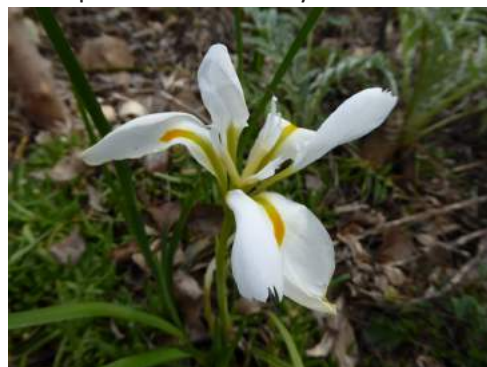
Moving down to ground level some of the smaller bulbs get more attention now as there is so little competition. Snowdrops (*Galanthus* varieties), Snowflakes (*Leucojum aestivalis* – the rather misnamed “Summer Snowflake” which is often mistaken for the “True English Snowdrop”), “Hoop Petticoat Daffodils” (*Narcissus bulbocodium*, *N. cantabricus* and *N. romieuxii* and their hybrids which I wrote about 2 months ago) and the “Winter Iris” (*Iris stylosa*, which is sadly now called *Iris unguicularis*) are a few that grace our garden and should grow in very garden in this area – they need so little care, they look after themselves!



*Above Summer Snowflake*

We've found that the Turkish *Galanthus elwesii* does the best here to the extent that it has self-seeded and spread a little without any interference from us. While we associate snowdrops with the English countryside this robust little bulb is perfectly at home in Central Victoria in sun or shade. It can be kept quite dry during summer but will tolerate being planted where it gets irrigated – as long as it doesn't then get baked.

Winter Iris is remembered by many of us as that weed-infested clump of long, straggly leaves which looked untidy most of the year and was a harbour for snails and slugs! But in August the pale, silvery spears would appear that would open into mauve umbrellas with a sweet smell like violets. Nowadays you can also find it in pure white and there is a mottled one which makes me think it has some sort of plant virus. David Glenn at Lambley Nursery sells ‘Mia’, a deeper purple selection of the Cretan subspecies of this hardy winter charmer.



Cheers

Fermi de Sousa    The Redesdale Rock Gardener







Hello Dear Readers,  
Lady Bombay here with this month's repartee of horticultural delights. Now what does one write about the garden in the middle of this rather extreme winter of ours? Dormant is the word of the moment. I know that these days, I tend to reminisce, particularly when sifting through the library with all my gardening books. Recently, I came upon one of my favourite that Lord B gave to me about 14 years ago. It was of a garden that I had never heard of, "La Mortella, an Italian Paradise". It is a

garden oasis set on the island of Ischia. As I was so taken by the beautiful photos of this garden on the designs in the book. Lord B and I set off to find the horticultural wonder 12 years ago. Ischia is an island on the bay of Naples in Italy. Mainly popular with the northern Italians for vacation and not particularly tourist driven like its neighbours of Capri and the Amalfi coast. After arriving in Naples, we took the ferry ride to Ischia, sea sickness and all. Remember, never eat a big lunch prior to going on choppy waters. Once arriving there, we were escorted to our lovely rented villa near the port with the most stunning views of the Mediterranean and Mount Vesuvius. Simply breathtaking!

The following day with bottles of water on hand, wide brimmed sun hats and a hot summers day ahead, we booked a taxi and off we went to La Mortella with high expectations. As one has a set idea of sweeping vistas and large gates as one arrives at such places, we arrived down a narrow lane with high walls and fertile trees bordering this long wall going up a steep hill. A small gatehouse greeted us upon entering where we paid our admission fee. As we walked along this meandering driveway

the vistas opened to reveal a large sunken valley surrounded by volcanic rock and an oasis with everything conceivable. An abundance of rare tropical plants, fountains and waterfalls that one could only imagine. We spent the whole day there with so much to absorb. In every direction, there were staircases to take you to different focal points with a folly or a lookout point. An abundance of hot houses, orchid house and a little Thai temple surrounded by a huge bed of cannas of every colour imaginable which inspired my passion for them. At the very highest point of La Mortella is the monument to the owner who started this magnificence, Sir William Walton, the famous twentieth century composer. Think of the Queen's coronation march amongst other accolades. However all the effort and work to create this timeless piece of paradise was due to his beautiful wife Suzanna who was still living at La Mortella when we visited there the first time. Sadly when we came back to La Mortella five years later, she had passed away, and there was a monument for her next to Sir William's.

One does wonder how such a verdant garden could exist on a rocky island with very little soil? It did remind me of Mia Mia Manor. After some research I discovered that clever Suzannah had asked all the residents on the island to deposit their garden waste and clippings in her then abandoned quarry garden. After two years there was a rich compost for her to create the wonder that we see today. A girl after my own heart. Luckily for the Walton's, a friend, Russell Page, the well-known landscape gardener was commissioned to design the basic layout of the garden with the recruitment of all the locals on the island. I like to think we have created a bit of La Mortella here at Mia Mia Manor. I could go on about this garden, however if you want to know more, simply and I hate to say it, GOOGLE.

So if you happen to be in southern Italy, pop over to Ischia as I am sure you would not be disappointed. Lord B and I weren't.

My reminiscence has been cut short by Thorn, the gardener, who does not know how to get the ice off the Bentley. So I shall show him how the rocket scientists do it.

Time for Mother's ruin at 4:30 today as the manor's library has a lot of books for me to forage through.

Till next month my dears,  
Lady Bombay



Handy hint of the Month

Keep snails away from potted plants by smearing Vaseline around the edge of the pot every couple of weeks.

## TITBITS

Did you know...?

Due to gravitational effects, you weigh slightly less when the moon is directly overhead.

The earth is not round but slightly pear-shaped

Six of the seven continents can grow pumpkins. Antarctica is the only continent where they won't grow.

There is an average of two earthquakes every minute in the world.

Siberia contains 25% of the world's forests.

20% of the earth's surface is permanently frozen.

Natural gas has no odour. The smell is added artificially so that leaks can be detected.

A huge underground river runs underneath the Nile, with six times more water than the river above.

Mexico City sinks about 10 inches every year.

## Bombay and a Bex

Send in your questions for Lady Sapphire Bombay to  
[bridgeconnection.editor@gmail.com](mailto:bridgeconnection.editor@gmail.com)

Dear Lady B,  
My husband and I look forward to your article every month and as he is a cocktail barman, we thought you might like something new for your after Fives. Here are two unusual ones.

Queens cocktail-Very you.

1 part dry gin  
1 part vermouth  
1 part sweet vermouth  
1 part pineapple juice  
1 Maraschino cherry  
1 piece of pineapple for garnish

Shake gin and vermouths, add juice and serve in a cocktail glass with the cherry on top and pineapple wedged on the rim.

Fallen Angel Cocktail (Am I rude or accurate?)

2 parts gin  
2 dashes of crème de menthe  
Juice of half a lemon  
Dash of bitters  
Crushed Ice

Chin Chin,  
Tania Tipple



Dear TT,  
I am off to the bottle shop this instant for the ingredients. One suspects I am not the only fallen angel in the area. Thank you dear, always nice to have a new recipe that's drinkable.  
Lady B

## Chronic Pain Chronic Misunderstanding



## Your Health! with Dr Tim

Straight up - there's nothing funny about chronic pain. According to some estimates one in five Australians live with chronic pain - but in the over 65s that figure rises to one in three. It is a significant social and economic burden that we all share through personal experience or through the hardship shared with family and friends. Again - this is only estimates only - but perhaps up to 80 percent of chronic pain sufferers are under-treated. The flow on effects of chronic pain are massive - with mental illness, poor mobility and inappropriate medication use and abuse of other substances such as alcohol and cannabis compounding the long term health consequences of chronic pain.

Even in children, rates of chronic pain are high, with headaches, abdominal and pelvic pain, limb pain and "complex regional pain syndrome" being the most common causes.

The frustrating thing of course about chronic pain is that we understand the mechanisms which cause it very poorly. Sometimes it is an acute injury that never really settles - sometimes it is something that happens without any injury at all. Diabetes is a common cause of chronic pain and clearly there are biochemical reasons why pain can be triggered in some diabetics, though certainly not all.

As a clinician I am constantly surprised by people's experience of pain or lack of it! This just emphasises the complex and convoluted connection between the site where pain is "felt" and the central parts of the brain where pain is finally registered as something requiring "attention". Pain is supposed to be a protective mechanism to encourage resting of an injured part - on the contrary with chronic pain there has never been any evidence that rest makes it better - to the contrary it will often make it worse.

So in line with the complex causes of pain, management requires a variety of different approaches to get the best out of treatment. The idea of the "silver bullet" analgesic medication that completely relieves pain is rarely experienced. Sometimes a combination of analgesic medications will do better by blocking multiple pain pathways in the body. Frequently a range of other

practitioners are required to assist with management, which could include any of a list of physiotherapists, exercise physiologists, psychologists, dietitians, massage therapists, pain specialists and other medical specialists in addition to the regular visits to the GP - which in patient surveys is the most common point of contact with health services for chronic pain sufferers. Your GP can assist with management by giving advice about other treatment modalities and monitoring medication use whilst remaining supportive and encouraging.

Often surprisingly simple things can make a big difference to people's experience of pain. Patient's with chronic pain often look to have their pain accepted and validated by those living with them, and this can make a marked difference to the pain sufferer's ability to cope with day to day tasks.

At a societal level, acceptance of chronic pain as the major health issue that it is, is also resulting in increased research efforts to find better ways to manage chronic pain. There are an increasing number of ways to get involved in trials and studies being conducted by universities and other professional organisations.

It is remarkable, considering how long lignocaine - or "local" - has been in use generally as a local anaesthetic, that its use in a slow release patch has only recently become available to assist with the control of a range of different types of chronic pain. Such a seemingly simple development has made a huge difference to the management of pain for many sufferers. This is just one of a number of new approaches to treatment of pain that are recent developments.

There will undoubtedly be many more as our understanding of pain increases. Will there ever be that eutopian world where pain does not exist? No - pain is an integral part of our experience of living - but with good management we can encourage all those who experience pain chronically to continue to also experience enjoyment and fulfilment in at least equal measure.

Tim

Dr Tim Stobie 5422 1397

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What's on



# in the Heathcote Region

**Thursday 2nd August 2018**- Mimosa Glen Homestead presents the art of Meditation- Time: 7:30pm to 8:30pm. Cost \$15 per session. For all enquires or to book your place, phone Sue on 0438 568 570, six week course for all levels of experience, learn the art of meditation and enjoy one hour of deep relaxation, with Shelly Horkins, please bring a blanket, mat, pillow, and water. All welcome Venue: Mimosa Glen Homestead Lancefield/Tooborac Rd Tooborac

**Saturday 4th August 2018** – 2018 Saint Martin Heathcote Wine Show Dinner- enjoy a winter feast as Movida's executive chef and owner, Frank Camorra, matches a contemporary menu with Heathcote's gold winning wines. Hosted by RockWiz fame Brain Nankervis. Entertainment by local Blues and Roots

**Saturday 25th August 2018**- 8th Heathcote Film Festival- More information go to [www.heathcotefilmfestival.com.au](http://www.heathcotefilmfestival.com.au) bookings at [www.trybooking.com/399744](http://www.trybooking.com/399744) Venue: RSL Hall High St Heathcote.

**Saturday 1st September 2018** – Lions Bush Market –

Booking can be made by calling Jean on 0400 675 995 Venue: Barrack Reserve Heathcote

**Saturday 6th October 2018** – Lions Bush Market – Booking can be made by calling Jean on 0400 675 995 Venue: Barrack Reserve Heathcote

**Saturday 6th – Sunday 7th October 2018** – Heathcote Wine and Food Festival - The Heathcote Wine and Food Festival has grown over the 16 years since its inception, along with the wine region's reputation. International awareness of the Heathcote brand owes as much to the modern pioneers of the industry in the region as it does to today's winemakers and vigneron. The Heathcote Wine and Food Festival is your chance to be among the first to sample new release wines from the Heathcote region and learn more about wines that have recently achieved success in international and national awards as well as the Saint Martin Heathcote Wine Show. The Heathcote Showgrounds are transformed into a stunning family-friendly village setting in the days leading up to festival celebrations, a contrast to the first festival featuring a handful of wineries in the courtyard of a local restaurant.



# Redesdale Recreational Reserve Committee Inc. Chairman's Monthly Report August 2018

Hi Redesdalian,

Well we have passed the halfway mark of 2018 and plenty is happening.

The reserve is looking a bit dormant at this time of year but RRRC members are proceeding with the rock wall at the Lyall Road corner.

Falling branches have been collected and the bonfire will be burnt in the next month.

Work on the windows for the pavilion will commence and should progress reasonably quickly.

The RRRC have received a donation of a pair of glazed double doors and security fly- wire doors thanks to the CFA and Lindsay Booker.

A sliding door and security fly-wire screen has been ordered with Tucks Doors & Windows for the main entrance to the pavilion and will arrive toward the start of August. Thanks to Tucks for their generous offer.

Nothing else to report on this month except one of our members has an "o" birthday in August and on behalf of the RRRC members wish him a very "HAPPY BIRTHDAY!"

Keep smiling until next time.

Les Pocock



## Little Treasures

We are continuing to invite stories about objects that are dear to our readers. We would love to hear from any of our readers about any inanimate object in your life that means a lot to you and that you really treasure. And send us a picture too.

Please send your contributions (about 500 words) to [bridgeconnection.editor@gmail.com](mailto:bridgeconnection.editor@gmail.com). We look forward to hearing from you.

Here is a delightful contribution from local resident J Wepner

Dear Editors. I am loving your little treasures section and thought you might like to see this. My wife bought it for me this lovely bronze dog at an auction in Hawthorn many years ago. It is made of spelter and is Victorian - about 1890, we think. I love the obedience of the dog with the hat and can in his mouth.

*J Wepner  
Metcalf*





## HALL HAPPENINGS

With Norma Barker

Not much happening this month.

Our cookery class with Scones on July 22nd was great fun, all the bakers were pleased with their results; scones were taken home for afternoon tea.

Our next class is Sunday 19th of August at the hall at 1.00pm and we will be making Lemon Meringue Pies. -- Interested? — **Contact me on 0354253174** for further details.



## Cooking With Norma

Norma and 5 keen participants getting their hands floury in a great cookery class. On Sunday 22nd July. The class was conducted at the Redesdale Community Hall. Norma used a Scone recipe from the 1974 Women's Weekly Cookery Book. The scones were a great success and tasted scrumptious with butter and jam. The rest went home for consumption.

We all decided that it would be great to continue the classes. Next month's class is all about Lemon Meringue pies. Book early with Norma if you want to join us on 19th August.

Dianne Davies.  
Class participant



*On right - Jessica Carr and Norma Barker  
on left Cynthia Huston Kym Delaney  
and Janette Johnson*



*Above Norma Barker*



*On left - Dianne Davies On right hidden - Jessica Carr  
Janette Johnson Cynthia Huston and Kym Delaney*





## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

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### Lamb shanks with couscous



This winter recipe can be cooked in the oven or is suitable for a camp oven meal.

8 lamb shanks  
2 tbs flour  
3 tbs olive oil  
6 cloves of peeled and chopped garlic  
2 tbs tomatoe paste  
6 large tomatoes, quartered, skin on  
1 tbs oregano  
1 tbs ground coriander  
1 tbs ground cumin  
1 tbs sweet paprika  
pinch saffron threads  
1 cup beef stock

#### Couscous

300 ml chicken stock  
300g couscous  
2 tbs unsalted butter  
1 tbs finely chopped parley

Roll the shanks in flour and season with salt and pepper. Heat the olive oil in an oven proof casserole (or camp oven), add shanks and gently cook them, turning until they are brown on all sides. Add garlic, tomato paste, tomatoes, oregano, spices and saffron while stirring. Add stock and bring the mixture gently to the boil.

Place casserole in oven and cook slowly for at least 2 hours. Season with salt and pepper.

#### Couscous

Bring the chicken stock to the boil in a large saucepan. Slowly pour the couscous into the stock, stirring all the time. When all couscous has been added, put a lid on the saucepan, remove it from the heat and stand for 5 minutes.

Return the saucepan to a very gentle heat and stir the butter into the couscous, lifting it with a fork to give a light and fluffy texture. Stir in the parsley and season with salt and pepper to taste.

Spoon couscous in a generous heap in the centre of the plate. Top with shanks and spoon pan juices over the top. Sprinkle with fresh parsley.

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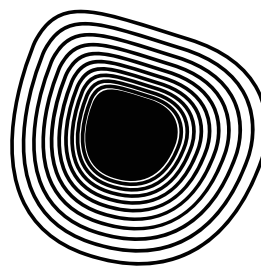


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## Letter to the Editor

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Dear Editors,

Right of Reply from the Redesdale Hall Committee Inc.

We, the Redesdale Hall Committee, read with concern a letter to the editor from S.K. Arnall published in the June, 2018 Bridge Connection. We would like to respond to the following points:

- Re. votes and proxies presented at the AGM: As stated by City of Greater Bendigo representative Andrew Plant who attended the meeting, the 'Rules of Association' to which the Redesdale Hall belongs clearly state that voting for office bearers can only be tendered by Members of the Association.
- Re. the "40 proxies" as quoted: Why the sudden interest in the Committee of the Redesdale Hall? We are well recognised locally as a hard working group with much support from within the general community, with many willing hands to help run the Bush Market & the Redesdale Revellers, etc. What more could you possibly expect from this Committee? We have financed 2 extensions to the Hall building in 1984 and 1993 with hard work...no Grants. Other members of the community (e.g. 40 proxies) are welcome to run fundraisers using the Community Hall which is always available for hire.
- Re. Membership: Newcomers to the district have always been welcome to join the Committee.
- Re. Community Plan 2018 Survey: Of 34 responses, 11 indicated that they did not wish to be more involved in community activities.

Whilst John Barker is not a member of the Redesdale Hall Committee, he has over many years provided practical support & overseen the building works when the extensions were in progress with much hands-on input. John was not only our local Councillor but also President of the Shire of Metcalfe. He was also a very active member of the Redesdale Fire Brigade for many years, so has certainly made a substantial contribution to the Redesdale community.

The Hall Committee funds are used for the upkeep and refurbishment of the Hall & also pay for the power and water supplied to the Public Toilets, Fire Brigade water tank, etc. Other community groups that have benefitted from the Hall Committee fundraising efforts are: Bridge Connection, Redesdale - Mia Mia Primary School, Sutton Grange community (Redesdale Revellers), Redesdale Recreation Reserve Committee, Cancer Council (Biggest Morning Tea), Kez's Hideaway, Otis Foundation, etc.

Redesdale Hall Committee is one of the few to offer local groups free use of the hall for their regular meetings and charge half the usual hire rate for their fundraising activities.

Since the publication of Ms Arnall's letter to the editors, it has been heartening to have so many in the community offer their support to the present Committee.

We hope that this finally clears up any misconceptions.

C. Greet,

Secretary,

On behalf of the Redesdale Hall Committee Inc.

As you will be aware by now, the Regional Centre for Culture in 2018 is an initiative of the Victorian Government through Creative Victoria, in partnership with the Dja Dja Wurrung Aboriginal Clans Corporation, Central Goldfields Shire, City of Greater Bendigo, Hepburn Shire and Mount Alexander Shire. Wherever you are in the RCC area, you'll find plenty of wonderful events and activities to enjoy. We send these updates so you can stay abreast of activities in your immediate area and for more information please see [www.rcc2018.com](http://www.rcc2018.com).

We'd like to extend an invitation to every music lover to attend the RCC massed bands concert TrumpitUp & DroneOn on September 28 at Jubilee Lake in Daylesford. The concert will feature brass and pipe bands from across the region including the Maryborough Pipe Band, Creswick Brass Band and bands from Bendigo. The highlight of the concert is a performance of a brand new composition written by Louisa Trewartha (who will also be conducting on the day). This is a free concert starting at 2pm - turn up with an appetite for music. <https://www.timeout.com/melbourne/music/trumpit-up-drone-on>

Go to <http://rcc2018.com/videos/> to watch videos of many of the Regional Centre for Culture 2018 events - from the water acrobatics and laughter of Water Hole in Newstead to conversations with artists Auntie Marilyne Nicholls and Emma Jimson. And if you didn't get to Smeaton in mid-May to see the spectacular Now You See It...projection, now you can!

If you haven't yet listened to our podcast series, Locals, grab a pot of tea and take the time to hear Maldon resident, playwright and thinker Graham Pitts interviewing Yorta Yorta and Dja Dja Wurrung elder Auntie Fay Carter, and others: <http://rcc2018.com/blog/>

There's no cosier place to spend a Sunday afternoon than in Clunes for the monthly Booktown on Sundays sessions. Take a leisurely drive to this picturesque town to meet the authors and hear the stories behind the books. <http://www.clunesbooktown.com.au/booktown-on-sundays>

It Takes a Child to Grow a Village is the culmination of a series of workshops run by ceramicist Ann Ferguson for young children and their families. See their beautiful miniature creations in this very special exhibition at Central Goldfields Art Gallery in Maryborough, alongside Oceanarium - deep sea other world. See <https://www.timeout.com/melbourne/art/it-takes-a-child-to-grow-a-village> and <https://www.facebook.com/CGAGMaryborough/>

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## Redesdale Mia Mia PS

### School news



#### Goodbye Ms Mitchell &

#### welcome Ms Groves

Ms Mitchell had her last day, at Redesdale Mia Mia PS as she has secured work at Epsom PS in Bendigo for the remainder of the year. I'd like to thank her for all the work she has done to give students some great learning experiences. She will be missed but we wish her all the best in her new job! Ms Mitchell's replacement is Ms Dee Groves. She brings a wealth of knowledge and teaching experience to the school and we know she will become a valued member of the RMMPs

"The more you read  
the more things you know.  
The more that you learn  
the more places you'll go."  
-Dr. Seuss

#### Home Reading

We will continue home reading in Term 3 and thanks to parents/carers for their continued support with encouraging and listening to the children read every night. The children have made some fantastic progress with their reading strategies at school and the home/school partnership plays such an important part in this. Well done to students

also for taking responsibility with bringing the home reader back every day.



#### MS Readathon

Embark on an epic adventure! The MS Readathon inspires kids to read as much as they can, all for an incredible cause. The rules are simple. Read whatever you like, as much as you can in August. This year's MS Readathon will be a magical quest, and the adventure kicks off on August 1st and wraps up on August 31st. By joining the quest, not only will you continue your love of reading, you will also be helping kids who have a parent with Multiple Sclerosis. Students at RMMPs will be participating in the MS Readathon this term.



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## BIRD QUIZ with NIGEL HARLAND



Last month's bird was a rainbow bee eater. It is found throughout Australia but is usually seen around our area in the summer. It is usually found near water and catches flying insects such as bees and wasps on the wing and takes them back to a perch to bang them against the branch to kill them. They nest in tunnels in sandy banks. They are a spectacularly colourful bird.

"Nigel is away" Bird quiz by Kathy Hall. This month's bird can be seen individually or in massive flocks. There is a large flock feeding on the paddocks of the eastern slopes of Mount Alexander at the moment.

If you think you know what bird this is, and you haven't received a prize before, please send in the name of the bird and your name, email and postal address and you could be in running for a \$20 book voucher from **Squishy Minnie Bookstore** in Kyneton. Send it to : [bridgeconnection.editor@gmail.com](mailto:bridgeconnection.editor@gmail.com)

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