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This is what cricket is all about...



Left to right: Jim Coombe, Will O'Sullivan, Nathan Sims, Brian Lauder, Trevor Sing, and Seamus McKenna.

Members of the Mia Mia Cricket Team show off their shirts beautifully embroidered with the club logo. This has been a hugely successful start to the season in more ways than one! See the report on page 15.

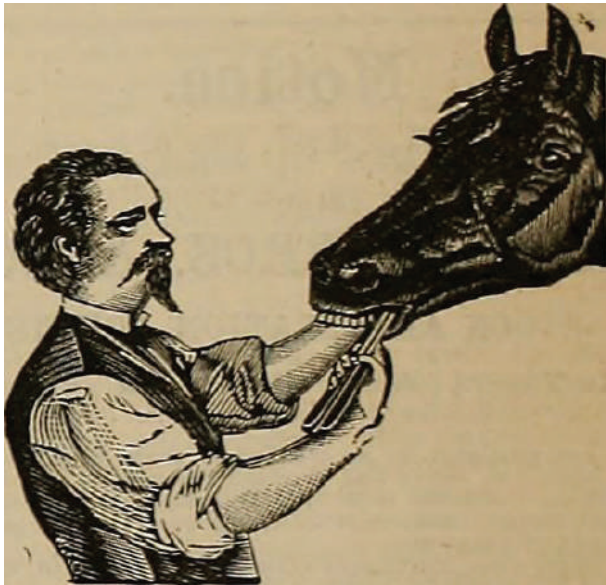
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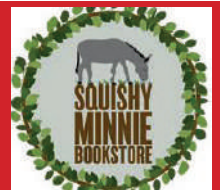
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LAST BIRD QUIZ with NIGEL HARLAND



This little bird is like a little jewel. It nests in burrows. Do you know what it is? This is our last bird quiz. Thank you Nigel Harland for your fabulous contributions since March 2015! Huge effort and much appreciated. **Eds.**



All good things come to an end. I have thoroughly enjoyed the past three years, but my collection of suitable bird photos is rapidly diminishing. I hope that our little quiz has perked your interest in our local birds, such that you might give them a name as well as just admiring them. In the current season you should be able to see different birds which migrate to the warmer climate. Yes, I am a "twitcher", but I get just as much pleasure from our local birds as from interlopers from different countries which get blown our way! Happy Birdwatching.

Nigel

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

Editorial

Happy Festive Season to all our readers!

We are pleased to see the concept plans for the Redesdale Precinct on pages 20 and 21. Well done to the design working group and here's to more progress in 2019. Unfortunately this is our last bird quiz on page 2. Thank you to Nigel for his loyal support.

Please note Bridge Connection's "Mission Statement" on page 7. As many of you know, such a 'statement of purpose' is required for registration of an incorporated body and for applications for grants. We thought we should share it with you.

Congratulations to the winners of the Pet Pals competition! You will find them on page 7 as well. Veterinary surgeon, Leigh Coghlan, is the independent judge of the competition. Keep your pet pictures coming next year. Thank you again to Kyneton Vet Hospital for their continued support.

You will notice that there is a free defibrillator and first aid session advertised by the Heathcote and District Community Bank on page 18.

Thank you to all our regular contributors for all their loyal and constant support and hard work during this year.

The deadline for our next (March) edition is February 20th.

We hope you all have a well deserved break and have a happy and safe holiday season.

Kathy Hall and Regina Bennett



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Sunday December 2nd

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Metcalfe's 30th Anniversary of the "Blessing of the Trucks"



On Sunday 11th November the 30th Annual Fire Brigade Service was held at Metcalfe Uniting Church at 11am and before the service began one minutes silence was observed, for Remembrance Day and the 100th Anniversary of the end of World War 1.

Brigades, tankers and representatives from Chewton, Elphinstone, Harcourt, Langley/Barfold, Sutton Grange, Redesdale, Taradale & Metcalfe attended and each vehicle was blessed at the conclusion of the Service, which was led by Rev. Deacon Wendy Elson of the Macedon Ranges Partnership.

Special Guests, Elaine Murphy (Langley/Barfold brigade) and Dorothy Smith (Metcalfe) spoke of their experiences as members over many years. Also Bill Johnstone, Operation Manager District 2 Headquarters, spoke at the luncheon which followed in the Metcalfe Hall.

This Service is held annually on the second Sunday in November and everyone is welcome to join us in this most important recognition of Fire Brigade members as they approach the coming fire season.

Dorothy Smith

Volunteering Made Easy at new Resource Centres

Have you ever thought about volunteering but don't quite know where to start?

Two new Volunteer Resource Centres are opening at Goldfields Library branches in the next few weeks where advice and guidance on local volunteer roles will be available.

Information and support for those interested in volunteering will be on offer along with assistance for people to find and apply for roles on the spot.

The Centres will also offer support and resources to volunteer organisations looking to recruit volunteers. Volunteering not only benefits the organisation you are helping, but is a great way to make new friends, learn new skills, find new levels of fulfilment and self-confidence as well as become more connected with your community. Anyone is welcome to come in at the times listed below and someone will be there to help with any questions you may have.

Locations:

9 Baynton Street, Kyneton, 10am-4pm every Wednesday from 31 October 212 Barker Street, Castlemaine, 10am-2pm every Monday from 5 November

Margaret McDonald, CEO Cobaw added 'This is a great partnership with the Goldfields Libraries branches and we are delighted to be able to partner with them to foster local volunteering'

For further information contact Volunteer Central Vic on 5421 1666 or visit www.volunteercentralvic.com.au

PLAN AND PREPARE

The reasons are black and white

It's your responsibility to be fire ready this summer, so prepare your property, fire plan and emergency kit now. When hot, dry, windy days are forecast, check Fire Danger Ratings in your district daily and monitor conditions via local radio, the VicEmergency website and app. **On high-risk fire days, leaving early, before a fire starts, is always the safest option.**

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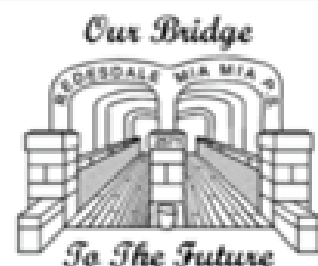
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Vision:

The community of Redesdale-Mia Mia Primary School considers itself a family that fosters well-being and embraces diversity. We strive to develop independent leaders who are globally capable.



Walk to school

Well done to all students who walked to school every morning during the month of October. It was a great way to start the day, with some glorious morning weather. We also enjoyed meeting up with furry friends along the way, got some morning 'toots' from cars and trucks and the time spent chatting helped set us up for the school day. We kept a daily tally of our walk, decorated our shoes and learnt about the benefits of exercising every day.

School news

Grade 5/6 Urban camp

We had a jammed pack three days in Melbourne - Scienceworks, Melbourne Star, Parliament of Victoria, Australian Centre for Moving Image, Old Melbourne Gaol, Shrine of Remembrance, Eureka Skydeck and the Zoo! Gabe, Sayge, Lockie and Max enjoyed three days in Melbourne, visiting some popular Melbourne tourist attractions and getting to know their friends from our cluster schools. With Remembrance Day so close to our visit to the Shrine it was a timely reminder for students about the sacrifice thousands of Australians made and the impact war had on families like theirs. Train and Tram travel was a great experience and students walked many kilometres over the three days.



Grade 2 Boomerang camp

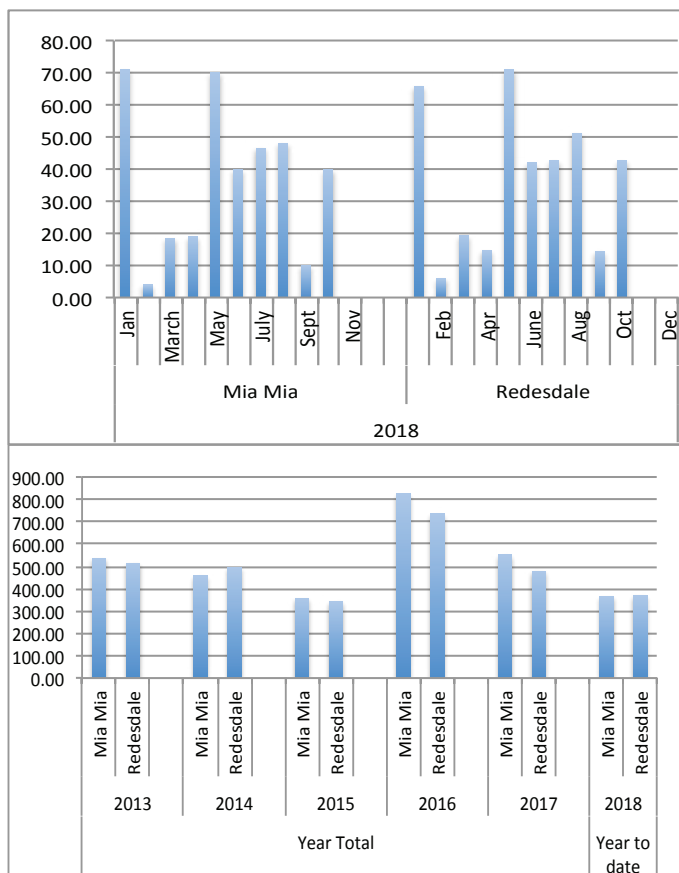
Syke has a fantastic time away and showed she was an experienced horse rider and reconnected with some friends from our cluster schools. Thanks to Ms Groves for attending the camp overnight.



Redesdale / Mia Mia Rainfall

The average yearly rainfall for Redesdale is about 601mms.

Thank you to Mary Bennett for the Mia Mia readings.



Bridge Connection Mission Statement

The Mission of Bridge Connection is to bring people together by:

1. Providing information about local issues, goals and events, and to celebrate local achievements,
2. Encouraging economic growth in the area,
3. Fostering geographic identity, and
4. Providing a platform for public debate.

Bridge Connection is published by local people who volunteer, for local people as a free paper and online at redesdale.net and on [facebook.com/RedesdaleMiaMia](https://www.facebook.com/RedesdaleMiaMia)

CHURCH SERVICES

UNITING CHURCH

Barfold: 1st Sunday of each month
 Metcalfe: 2nd Sunday of each month
 Mia Mia: 3rd Sunday of each month

Sutton Grange service is on the 4th Sunday, which is December 23rd and this will be at 7pm and is a family based service with stories and lots of carol singing, supper to follow.

During January there are no services in the above churches.

February is back to normal.

More information on church services can be found at www.macedonrangesunitingchurch.org.au

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An initiative of the City Of Greater Bendigo's 'Summer In The Parks' scheme.

MAMMA MIA!

— HERE WE GO AGAIN —



Swift response to anthrax incident

Over the weekend, Agriculture Victoria veterinarians and animal health staff responded to the positive identification of anthrax on a property near Swan Hill.

Victoria's Chief Veterinary Officer, Dr Charles Milne, said the affected property had now been quarantined and appropriate biosecurity protections were in place.

"We are urging local farmers to continue to be vigilant and report any symptoms in livestock that may be related to anthrax," Dr Milne said. Anthrax is not a concern for the public:

- Anthrax does not spread rapidly and is not contagious.
- There is no general public health risk associated with anthrax.
- Any risk is confined to people who handle dead livestock such as farmers, veterinarians and knackery workers.
- There is no impact on local produce or food safety.

Anthrax is caused by a naturally occurring bacteria, *Bacillus anthracis*, which is known to exist in soil in parts of Northern Victoria.

Dr Milne said it was not unusual for incidents of anthrax to be detected in cattle and sheep in the region, with several farms in the Swan Hill area affected in March 2017 and a property in March this year.

"Incidents tend to occur during the warmer months when it's drier and livestock forage deeper into the soil when eating grass," Dr Milne said.

"We are well prepared to handle these incidents and we are currently contacting local farmers and veterinarians."

Dr Milne said all sheep on the affected property had now been vaccinated. The current evidence suggests that one property has been affected.

Agriculture Victoria will continue to work with nearby farmers, veterinarians and the local community to monitor the situation.

FARMERS' MARKETS

Woodend Community Farmers' Market

Sat 1st Dec
Cnr High & Forest Streets, Woodend
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Sat 1st Dec
Daylesford Primary School
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Kyneton Farmers' Market

Sat 8th Dec
St Pauls Park, Piper Street, Kyneton
54 221 025 Veronica Manifold

Riddells Creek Farmers' Market

Sat 15th Dec
Riddells Creek Primary School, Riddells Creek
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Lancefield & District Farmers' Market

Sat 22nd Dec
Centre Plantation, High Street, Lancefield
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Sunday 9th Dec

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

Farmers are urged to report any cases of unexplained livestock death to the 24-hour Emergency Animal Disease Watch Hotline on 1800 675 888, their local vet or to Agriculture Victoria animal health staff.

www.agriculture.vic.gov.au

A brief history of time

The idea of dividing the day into 24 hours dates back to the ancient Egyptians. The Romans cut up the day into 12 periods of equal length that they called hours – but which actually varied in duration according to the time of the year, from about 45 minutes in winter to 75 in summer. This wasn't very precise but it gave them their own version of daylight saving. Measuring time – done by sundial and water clock, if at all – remained an impressionistic business until the 17th century, when the pendulum clock was introduced. Even so, until the 19th century, time was a local affair.

That all changed with the railways. In Britain, the Great Western Railway went first, standardising its timetable based on Greenwich Mean Time. The other railways followed and, despite some local resistance, in 1880 the Statutes (Definition of Time) Act set a standard time for the whole of Britain. In 1884, at a conference in Washington DC, an international standard was agreed. All localities would use the same time, base on Greenwich as the prime or zero meridian, and the world would be divided into 24 time zones. Today, the same system, somewhat refined, is called Universal Time.



Letter to the Editor

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Dear Kathy and Regina,

I wish to thank the people of Redesdale for their kindness during the illness and passing of my late partner Ray Ellis.

To Liz and her Staff of The Rural Cafe and to Cynthia, Sonia and Simone of Heathcote Health, my heartfelt appreciation.

And, for the most generous ladies and gentlemen of the Redesdale Hall Committee, from Ray's family, friends and myself, a very big thankyou for your contribution to bring about a truly memorable afternoon in celebration of Ray's life.

Kind regards,

Joyce Hopwood-Knights.
The House Gallery,
Redesdale.



Letter to the Editor

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Dear Editors,

I refer to Clare Claydon's article "Out and About on a Wintery Night without their Coats!" (BC Ed 99).

To state that a pest exterminator is the one needed to remove a swarm of bees from under weatherboards or in a tree is ill-informed, and statements like this are helping to contribute to the current plight of the declining bee populations.

There are many other local beekeepers prepared to assist homeowners in these types of bee relocation's (Castlemaine Bee Sanctuary is one I know of), done at a cost to the homeowner.

Of course, should someone be allergic to bee stings, then stay away from them, call the beekeeper, explain the situation and I would think they will get the job done as soon as possible. Paying a local beekeeper to relocate the girls will result in ongoing benefits to all (pollination, honey, beeswax etc) and, in my opinion, far outweighs paying for the option mentioned in the article.

Thank you.

James Turner

Please see Clare Claydon's response on page 22. - Eds

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Cancer compensation

Member for Euroa and Deputy Leader of The Nationals Steph Ryan today said a Guy-Walsh Government had vowed to introduce a Presumptive Legislation Bill in the first parliamentary sitting week of 2019, if elected this November.

Ms Ryan said the bill would ensure all career and volunteer firefighters have fair and timely access to cancer compensation. "Labor lied to firefighters when they promised this vital piece of legislation would be introduced within 100 days of the 2014 state election." "When Labor finally introduced their proposed laws they discriminated against volunteer firefighters who were not covered and tied the cancer compensation to reforms to tear apart the CFA. "Every day CFA volunteers leave their families to save lives and keep us safe. I am committed to protecting their rights."

The Nationals' presumptive legislation would cover the 12 specified diseases consistent with the legislation previously introduced in Parliament.

Victoria is currently the only state in Australia that doesn't offer cancer presumptive rights compensation to volunteer firefighters.

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Labor blows last chance on rail

The Andrews Labor Government has blown its last chance to deliver for regional rail, failing to include the north east and Shepparton train lines in its long awaited 'regional rail' plan.

Member for Euroa and Deputy Leader of The Nationals Steph Ryan said regional Victorians could be left with no doubt about where Labor's priorities lie. "Daniel Andrews has made it painfully clear that the north east and Shepparton train lines do not matter to a Labor government," Ms Ryan said.

"This week's announcement that Labor will spend \$340 million for 18 new trains on the Ballarat and Geelong lines is an affront to people living along any of the other long haul train lines across Victoria.

"Despite appalling punctuality and reliability, and having some of the oldest rolling stock in the state, the north east and Shepparton lines did not even rate a mention in Labor's plan. "It's time someone told the premier that regional Victoria is much more than just Geelong and Ballarat."

Ms Ryan said Daniel Andrew's had promised new rolling stock for the north east line, but with less than two weeks until the election, time had run out. "Daniel Andrews stood in Wangaratta in April 2016 and said he would buy new trains for the north east line if the Federal government provided money to fix the track," Ms Ryan said.

"We have been successful in securing millions for track works from the Federal Coalition, but Daniel Andrews has completely failed regional commuters along the north east line, backing down on his promise to buy new trains.

"Just 10 days out from an election, Labor's big announcement for regional rail doesn't include most of Victorian's regional rail network. In government The Nationals will buy new trains for all of Victoria's long haul."

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

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Nut Loaf



1 cup washed and chopped dates
1/2 teaspoon bicarb.
3/4 cup raw sugar
1 cup boiling water

1 cup 'Boonderoo' Redesdale walnuts.
2 cups SR flour
1 well beaten egg

Put dates, bicarb sugar and boiling water in a bowl. Mix well and let it cool.

When cool add Boonderoo walnuts, flour and egg and stir. Bake in a greased and floured loaf tin for 45 mins at 175 C.

Thank you, Mary Bennett!

Keep cool and take a dip in our outdoor pools this summer

Grab your towel, hat and sunscreen, and make the most of the refreshing water and shade at one of our local outdoor pools. The Lancefield and Woodend outdoor pools will open for the 2018/19 summer season from Saturday 1 December until Monday 11 March. There will be some key changes to the operations of Council's outdoor pools based on a detailed review conducted earlier this year.

The Lancefield and Woodend outdoor pools will be open for the 2018/19 summer season as follows:



Monday–Friday (during school terms)

- 26 degrees and above: 3.30pm–6pm (possible extension of hours past 6pm dependent upon patronage and weather conditions)
- Under 26 degrees: closed

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weekends

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- Under 26 degrees: closed

Council's outdoor pools and indoor aquatic centres will be closed on Christmas Day.

Save with our swim membership special. We're offering an early bird special on family and adult swim season passes to an outdoor pool in either Lancefield or Woodend. Buy a pass before Friday 30 November and pay only \$99.99 (regular price is \$217 based on a family pass). Terms and conditions apply.

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Labor will extend preschool access to 3 year olds

Lisa Chesters MP was today joined by Shadow Treasurer Chris Bowen MP to confirm Labor's commitment to funding preschool for both 3 and 4 year olds.

"Access to affordable preschool and kinder programs should be a priority for any Government.

"Federal and State Labor will work together to guarantee permanent funding for preschool and kinder programs. This is the biggest investment ever made in early childhood education in Australia," said Mr Bowen.

"Local teachers and centres have told me that the current cost of three year old kinder is the main barrier when it comes to accessing programs.

"From 2021, every 3 and 4 year old in the Bendigo electorate will be able to access 15 hours of subsidised early childhood education and I know how excited many local families will be about this.

"We know that 90% of a child's brain development occurs in the first five years of life so it is vital families are given this support to get the best start for their children," said Ms Chesters.

Labor will also extend the current arrangement for four year olds accessing preschool programs – creating a quality, two-year program that boosts development in the most important years of a child's development, an investment of an additional \$1.75 billion into early education

"The Liberals see education as a cost – that's why they've cut \$14 billion from public schools and left preschool funding in limbo. Labor sees it as an investment in our collective future.

"Labor will work in partnership with the states and territories to deliver this important reform, including in setting enrolment and attendance targets, particularly for Indigenous and vulnerable children.

"We've made tough and overdue decisions to rein in unfair tax concessions that predominantly benefit the wealthy – including negative gearing reform and dividend imputation reform – so we can fund the priorities that will make a fairer and more successful nation," said Mr Bowen.

This announcement supports the Victorian State Government's funding commitment to preschool.

Quote of the month:

"How desparately difficult it is to be honest with oneself.
It is much easier to be honest with other people"

Edward F Benson



Redesdale Recreation Reserve Committee

Chairman's Report

December 2018

Our committee celebrity for this month is Lindsay Booker secretary extraordinaire. That's him on the right.

Lindsay and his wife, Ruth, purchased their property in Sutton Grange Road back in 1995 and have manicured the residence, gardens and paddocks beautifully.

After many years of being there part time they finally retired to Redesdale full-time in 2006. Lindsay had completed a 40year career with the Education Department including principal at Yandoit & Somers PS and outdoor education teacher for many at the Somers School Camp. Lindsay is also heavily involved in the CFA both in Somers & Redesdale Brigades as Training Officer, Deputy Group Officer with the Eppalock Group and a Pad Operator/Instructor at the CFA Huntly Training Ground.

Lindsay and Ruth have two sons living in country Victoria. Ruth also worked in the Education Department as Finance Manager for over 20 years. Since moving to Redesdale, Ruth also has been involved



in many projects including CFA Recovery Support Liasion after 2009 Fires, non-active support member RFB, Treasurer for RADA 2yrs and the 150th Redesdale Mia Mia Bridge Centennial Quilt Project. Ruth is also a very keen golfer and plays regularly at Kyneton Golf Course with other local ladies.

Lindsay has been the Secretary for RRRC for past three years doing a sensational job, always willing to communicate with third parties and always has the minutes from our meetings ready within 48 hours. He is also always available to help around the reserve either with his tractor to do the heavy lifting or just generally as a helping hand.

The pavilion has progressed to the lock up stage and we have lodged an application for a grant from council to hopefully help us proceed with the addition of the front decking and internal lining.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Steven Atkins very much for his excellent electrical work in wiring the pavilion and relocating the switch board inside. Although he works full time in Bendigo he is always available to help out the local community and I would recommend him if anyone needs an electrical job done.

The RRRC wishes everyone a merry Xmas and happy new year.

Mike Abramowski Chair RRRC



Thursday 6th December 2018 – Poetry Open Mic- Venue: Palling Bros Brewery, 168 High St Heathcote. Free Event. Start Time: 6pm. Any poets interested in performing please email brewery@pallingbros.beer.

Sunday 9th December 2018 – Axedale Tavern Busker's Day – This is the first in a series of 'Busker's Days' being held at the Axedale Tavern. email: info@axedaletavern.com.au.

Friday 14th December 2018 – Lions Night Market - Bookings for a stall can be made by calling Jean on 0400 675 995.

Saturday 15th December 2018- Lions Club presents Christmas Carols in the Park- Time: 7pm. Bring a rug & picnic hamper or grab a bite to eat at one of Heathcote's great eateries. Santa might make an appearance. Venue: Barrack Reserve High St Heathcote

Monday 24th December 2018 – Christmas Eve at the Heathcote Inn - Live Music from the talented Jefferson Smith. 6pm – 9pm. Venue: 9 Hunter Place. Tuesday 25th December 2018- Christmas Day Banquet Lunch at Heathcote Inn- Time: 12pm-4pm. Bookings essential ph (03) 5433 2409 or email: bookings@heathcoteinn.com.au Venue: Heathcote Inn 9 Hunter Place, Heathcote.

Sunday 13th January 2019 – Axedale Tavern Busker's Day – This is the second in a series of 'Busker's Days' being held at the Axedale Tavern. info@axedaletavern.com.au.

Friday 25th January 2019 – Lions Night Market - Join us for a series of twilight markets in Heathcote's Barrack Reserve. Bookings for a stall can be made by calling Jean on 0400 675 995.

Friday 22nd February 2019 – Lions Night Market - Join us for a series of twilight markets in Heathcote's Barrack Reserve. Bookings for a stall can be made by calling Jean on 0400 675 995.

Sunday 24th February 2019 – Axedale Tavern Busker's Day – This is the last of a series of 'Busker's Days' held at the Axedale Tavern. Performers of all ages are invited to register to participate in these events, which (weather permitting) will be held in the beer garden of the Axedale Tavern, 105 High Street, Axedale. Registration is free. Performers will need to have prepared 2-3 songs for the competition, any

genre is permitted, although the Tavern is a family friendly environment and excessive curse language is not permitted. Prize money is on offer for the winner. Winners will be determined by public voting on the day and will go on into the grand-final competition, to be held on Sunday 3rd March 2019. Please contact the Axedale Tavern to receive a copy of the full conditions of entry and to register, via email: info@axedaletavern.com.au.

Sunday 3rd March 2019 – Axedale Tavern Busker's Day Grand Final – The winners of the series of Busker's Day competitions held over the summer at the Axedale Tavern will play off today. Prize money and three paid gigs during 2019 are on offer for the ultimate winner. Further information will be available to the winner of each Busker's Day competition as appropriate.

Friday 22nd March 2019 – Lions Night Market - Join us for a series of twilight markets in Heathcote's Barrack Reserve. The markets will showcase over 40 stallholders including local wineries, craft beer, food vans, local produce, bush market stalls, live music, entertainment and children's activities. Bookings for a stall can be made by calling Jean on 0400 675 995.

Friday 22nd to Sunday 24th March 2019- Spanish Festival in Heathcote- Further information to come.

Friday 26th to Sunday 29th April 2019 – The O'Keefe Challenge – An annual event, the O'Keefe Challenge is more than just a race – it celebrates fitness, nature and the community spirit of the Heathcote region. Registrations for next year's events are now open. For more information, please refer to the website: www.theokeefe.com.au.

Friday 3rd to Sunday 5th May 2019 – Sanguine Estate Music Festival 2019, Heathcote – For information and the programme schedule for this event please visit www.semfn.net.au/heathcote/ or email info@chrisshowlett.net.au.

Friday 10th to Sunday 12th May 2019 – Sanguine Estate Music Festival 2019, Bendigo - For information and the programme schedule for this event please visit www.semfn.net.au/bendigo/ or email info@chrisshowlett.net.au.

Sunday
10th March 2019
9.00am-2pm

Redesdale **BUSH MARKET**

**CHILDREN'S
ENTERTAINMENT**



Redesdale Hall @ the Agnes Mudford Reserve

~ Outdoor Stalls Available ~

Enquiries: Alwyn - 0419 513 976 or Carolyn-Anne - 54253194

Redesdale Bush Market - Sunday, 10/3/2019

Agnes Mudford Reserve, 2631 Kyneton - Redesdale Rd, Redesdale, 3444.

The Redesdale Hall Committee Inc. are holding their annual Bush Market in 2019 on the Labour Day long weekend at the "Agnes Mudford Reserve", offering something of interest for all ages.

Entertainment includes Music, Face Painting, an Animal Farm and a Jumping Castle.

Several Car Clubs will be displaying their vehicles on the day, with room for more.

The Market begins at 9.00 am and finishes at 2.00 pm on Sunday, 10th March.

Car Clubs and individuals with a classic car are invited to call in and display

their vehicles.....always very popular!

Car Clubs please phone Carolyn on 5425 3194 to ensure that we save enough space for you. ***

Enjoy a wide selection of stalls, ranging from local produce including olives, wine, honey, jams, chutneys, preserves, herbs, and a cake stall through to clothing - new, pre-loved and vintage, plants, fishing tackle, tools, art, photography, jewellery, candles, craft items, crochet, bags & baskets, glassware, crockery, bric a brac, food stalls, devonshire tea, ice cream, great coffee and lots more!

Why not invite your family and friends along to explore this very picturesque area in Central Victoria and make a day of it? Bring along a picnic rug or chair, enjoy the music and take in the local surroundings. (Please note that the weather can be quite different to other areas - sometimes drier! If in doubt, it's a good idea to check with the Weather Bureau.) All Welcome!

Outside Stalls Available - \$25.00 (Pre-paid).

Public Liability Insurance is required and available if needed at a nominal price.

Bookings and Enquiries:

Alwyn - 0419 513 976 or

Carolyn-Anne - 03 5425 3194.

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Congratulations to Steve and Debbie Graetz for winning this year's "Best prepared property award".
 The award of a \$100 Bunnings voucher was presented to Steve and Debbie in front of a large gathering at the Redesdale Fire Station.
 Many brigade members have noticed their property on North Redesdale Road and so nominated them for the award.
 We were very impressed by how little fuel was surrounding the home, especially on the North and North West side. The house had a cleared area with no combustibles near the walls. There is ample room to get fire trucks in, and exit easily.
 An interesting feature also, was a stone wall across the North West side. This can serve -in the event of a fire - to stop embers being blown against the house. It can also stop a spreading fire in its tracks, as we have seen happen before.
 As we head into summer, I would like to wish everyone a safe Christmas. One point that I touched on last month was the lack of turnouts we have in the mornings. Unfortunately most fires occur around 3 o'clock when the temperature rises, the wind speed increases and the moisture has gone out of the air. I would like to suggest that you use machinery and do your mowing in the morning. Avoid the 3 o'clock danger time, watch the cricket or tennis instead, I will be.

Merry Christmas.
 Andrew Campbell.



Redesdale Fire Brigade

Invites you to a Community Christmas Picnic, an opportunity to come together as a community and celebrate the festive season.

16th December 2018

From 12pm

Agnes Mudford Reserve, Redesdale

BYO Picnic Lunch

Sausage Sizzle, Santa, Games and lots more!

More information to follow...



Party Equipment for hire

The following party equipment is available for hire from the Redesdale Recreational Reserve Committee (RRRC)

Commercial sized steel roaster	\$100 per weekend
Large marquee 3m x 6m	\$225 per weekend
Collapsible marquee 3m x 3m	\$80 per weekend
Tables - 1.8m x 1m	\$8 each per weekend
Table cloths, white	\$10 each
Chairs, white plastic	\$2.50 each
Umbrellas, charcoal	\$5 each

A bond will be required on most hires.
 Proceeds to the RRRC

For more information or to make a booking call:

Rod: 0418 130 296
 Les: 0427 280 814
 Gary: 0409 705 250



Redesdale and District Association

December Update

Ho, Ho, Ho... Redesdalians

The Myer Christmas windows are "up", the shops are full of tinsel and fairy lights - it must be the countdown to Christmas! In addition to getting ready for the big fat guy and his troupe of merry reindeer, the RaDA team have been busy getting a number of activities up and running for what's left of 2018 and also 2019.

We are very excited about our community library project (drum roll, please!). You may have heard of these before: sometimes called Little Free Library, Street Library or Letterbox Library. Around the world these have become huge - with communities linking up and books 'traveling' great distances. It's a simple idea: provide a central place to hold the books/magazines and DVDs, and encourage the community to donate and to borrow. Free. We will trial one in December - look out for a beautifully painted cabinet (thank you RMMPS students!) in the Reserve - behind the Community Noticeboard. Please "donate" by simply adding a book to the cabinet. And of course - please enjoy a book someone else has lent to the library. Not sure what to look for - take a sneak peak at the almost finished "library" below .



Donor of the cupboard, Pan Prendergast with School Principal, Trish Johnson and pupils Skye, Cienna & Jayden

On the 15th we hosted a "Have your Say" forum, attended by 16 Redesdalians. Mark and Morgan from the City of Greater Bendigo Planning team came along to facilitate a discussion about 3 initiatives: Public Space Plan, Greening Greater Bendigo and the Planning

Grass roots cricket at Mia Mia

After a somewhat lacklustre conclusion to last cricket season, much determination and enthusiasm has been seen down at The Flat in an effort to continue the revival of our much loved Cricket Club. With a solid pre-season encompassing all facets of the game under our belt, especially catching, we were "on field" ready. Off Field, club legend and Mia Mia Uniting church Elder Jim Coombe, rallied the Church troops and raised enough to fund new team shirts proudly emblazoned with the club logo.



And these all round efforts have been rewarded to date, brilliantly led by skipper Martin Leahy and his vice Andrew Conforti, these two master tacticians have led our team to 3 wins from the first 3 games.. We sit atop the ladder at present. Our supporter base has been most enthusiastic with families and

Scheme Review; and what they might mean for Redesdale. Whilst much of what they talked about is 20-50 years forward planning, the community were clear that there were 2 short term issues that need attention: safe crossing areas for pedestrians/children and keeping Redesdale tidy.

By the time this newsletter gets to you, we will have had our Ladies Fashion Sale - and hopefully there are a number of women in our community walking round with a smile on their face at the bargain they managed to snap up AND that great new outfit just in time for the festive season. And with any luck we will have raised some 'always needed' funds for the Primary School. Thanks to RMMPS for generously allowing us to use the school whilst the Hall hosted the election. Thanks also to Pan, Rob and Sarah for baking afternoon tea treats and helping with set up. Many hands make light work! We are about to submit 2 proposals for 2009 Bushfire memorial grants:

1. A "Message tree" sculpture - acknowledging Redesdale's history as a wayside stop and symbolising the importance of sharing stories and leaving messages for future generations on how to look after community and country in times of adversity. Situated in the Reserve next to a new park bench this will provide a calm place to reflect (or perhaps to read a book you've borrowed from the community library?).

2. Also in the Reserve, we are proposing to paint a 360 degree mural on the concrete water tank - water as the source of life and so important during our hot summers and the mural highlighting our firemen, our community and the loss that was suffered by many. Fingers crossed we are successful and you can join us for their unveiling in March 2019.

And finally, you may have noticed that the Reserve noticeboard is looking just a bit spritely! We've cleaned it up and hope to keep it looking inviting and current. Please use tape to attach any notice you wish to post inside the glass windows - pins cause it to catch and tear. If you would like some help with creating attractive, coloured signs/ads - please let Kym know and we'll see what can be done. I am thrilled that there is plenty of Christmas cheer being spread around Redesdale - hope to see you at the Hall and/or the CFA Christmas functions (and don't forget the Jan 4th outdoor screening of MamaMia!). May Santa deliver on your Christmas list; may you be kind to each other and grateful for all that we have. See you in 2019...

Kym De Laney
Secretary

Redesdale and District Association

friends enjoying the afternoons on The Flat, highlights being the attendance of our youngest member Clarence McKenna at only 7 days old, cheering the team on!

Congratulations to Marty and Alana. And we have also celebrated the marriage of Martin and Rebecca - Congratulations and best wishes for your future journey together. Our next home game is 8th December at "The Flat". All welcome.

Brian Lauder

Jim Coombe
presents the T shirts
to the team.



Redesdale Ramblings:

Giving you the Hebe geebies!

The genus Veronica is huge and has species in both Old and New Worlds. However a long time ago taxonomists decided that all the ones in New Zealand and Australia belonged in their own genera. So most of the kiwis became Hebe and Aussies became things like Derwentia. With the modern DNA techniques lo and behold, the hebes are now back in Veronica – they weren't a separate genus afterall and the DNA studies prove it! What does it mean for us gardeners? Not much really. Except for changing the labels on your plants – if you can be bothered.

The shrubby hebes are a welcome addition to any garden, whether in the mixed border, the rock garden or as hedging, all depending on the size of the plants used. In the rock garden 'Emerald Green' also known as 'Green Globe' is aptly named with tight growth of small bright green leaves. When young it can be a focal point in the rock garden but will eventually get too large. However it can be grown as part of a dwarf hedge instead or kept small by severe clipping.

A lot of the taller growing hebes are excellent as short term hedging and the purple leaf forms are especially attractive. There is the added feature of spikes of flowers. The colour of these varies from pure white (especially in the species) to purples and pinks with shades in between. Some of the trailing veronics (commonly called "Speedwells") are very useful to grow at the edge of a garden bed with a softening effect for hard edging or brickwork. Veronica umbrosa 'Georgia Blue' was a popular edging a few years ago and can still be found in some of the bigger nurseries as "tubestock" with sprays of small blue flowers in the late spring to early summer. There are also mauve or lilac forms sometimes seen.

We got a native Veronica plebia (below) from a stall at the Wesley Hill Market.



Its label says it should have small blue flowers but ours are pale pink! Possibly this is because it's being grown in pots in a shady area; it will be interesting to see if the colour is different in more sun. Like a lot of speedwells its trailing stems can put down roots where they touch the soil so this is a good way of getting more plants. It also sets seed which is another way to increase your stocks of this pretty trailer. A similar trailer from Turkey is the "Thyme Leafed Speedwell", Veronica oltensis



which has bright blue flowers in short spikes. This is another one that should be suitable for a sunny spot in the garden but we are yet to plant it out.

Another native is "Digger's Speedwell", Derwentia perfoliata (below), which has sprawling stems of bluey-green foliage and spikes of mauve flowers.



This is best grown among taller shrubs so that it can climb through them to flower. Being a plant of the Goldfields it is suited to our conditions and if you can establish it by planting in autumn or winter it should survive with little water over the summer.

There are a number of other perennial species and they are becoming popular again. "Antique Perennials" Wholesale Nursery has released a few "new" varieties which can be found at "The Garden Tap" in Kyneton or "Collectaflora" in Woodend in their distinctive purple pots.

Fermi de Sousa



Hello Dear Readers,



Lady Bombay with the last snippets of the year that has been.

I have been deluged with house guests at Mia Mia Manor over the past few weeks. In particular my dear old friends Liz-Beth and Gerard from Tasmania who had not visited the manor since we had just moved here over twenty-two years ago. To their astonishment, they could not believe the transformation of the gardens here. "Oh Sapph..." (which I barely tolerate) "...from dustbowl to distinction!" were her words. As they could not believe we

moved herein the first place, thank god she approved like so many other visitors before.

Twenty odd years ago they bought us a house warming present for the garden which fortunately I remembered for her to admire. Standing at a magnificent and triumphant twenty metres high, it was an Indian Bean tree. It is known botanically as Southern Catalpa Bignonioides, and ours has thrived from the run off from the washing machine. Lost for words which was so unusual for her, I managed to lead her around the garden with complete pride, particularly when she thought we had the gardens professionally designed. I thought I would take that as a compliment especially when they were staying for a couple of nights.

Curious as she can be, an advance towards Thorn, the gardener's cottage was on the agenda for her. However, with the "out of bounds" signs surrounding the picket fence, she ventured no further as I

Bombay and a Bex

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

Dear Lady B,

Some eighteen of my relatives have decided to join me for Christmas this year. My dilemma is that they think I should set up my front veranda for a sit-down lunch on the day. The only problem is it needs a complete makeover due to all the clutter in it and my garden is a complete mess. I am extremely time poor currently. Any suggestions?

Katie Kaos

Dear KK (not Kris Kringle),

Don't worry about the garden. If you offer a great range of alcohol they may not even notice. It is so dry now that most people understand the constraints of nature.

A key element to any entertainment area: less is more. Clear away whatever you can to a room or shed that is easily accessible. Make a visual plan of your entertaining format which will with the help of breathing get you through. If this seems all too much for you, I advise you to go to the nearest doctor's surgery waiting room and peruse the latest edition of Royal Auto for holiday houses to rent for the festive season and advise all the relatives of your change of plan plus ask them to contribute to the costs. The outcome could be A/They may come earlier and help you clean up and organise at your place or B/a carefree holiday of sorts where everyone could still be talking to each other at the end of it. Whatever the outcome, composure and confidence are essential particularly with relatives.

All the best KK
Lady B

spotted Thorn, the gardener, peering through the lace curtains. Liz-Beth has a voice similar to Ethel Merman so you would know if she were trespassing. Relatively unscathed, we survived their visit. For Christmas this year, I have started my plants in November week 2 and 3 which are all seedlings, to give as presents. My theme for this year are red and white impatiens. One red in the centre and four white around the border of the pot. For those I consider slightly challenged in all things horticultural, red and white petunias with the same planting format. Note that I do put in slow release water granules in each pot. Prior to giving, I tie a red raffia bow around the pot and the Christmas perennial present is a fait accompli.

Time for Mothers ruin.

Yuletide felicitations to one and all. And a happy 2019

*Lady and Lord Bombay and
Thorn, the gardener.*



Christmas quotes:

"I stopped believing in Santa Claus when I was six. Mother took me to see him in a department store, and he asked for my autograph."— Shirley Temple

"Aren't we forgetting the true meaning of Christmas. You know, the birth of Santa?"— Matt Groening

"Santa Claus has the right idea. Visit people only once a year."— Victor Borge

"I haven't taken my Christmas lights down. They look so nice on the pumpkin."— Winston Spear

"Nothing's as mean as giving a little child something useful for Christmas."— Kin Hubbard

The worst gift is a fruit cake. There is only one fruit-cake in the world and people keep sending it to each other. -Johnny Carson

"Christmas, here again. Let us raise a loving cup; Peace on earth, goodwill to men, and make them do the washing up."— Wendy Cope

"Twas the night before Christmas"



Your Health! with Dr Tim

How well will you sleep the night before Christmas? Will you be sleeping like the proverbial baby, with visions of sugarplums dancing through your head? Who indeed ever gave birth to the proverbial baby that sleeps so beautifully? Or are you the hapless parent perhaps, late to bed, no doubt after spending days prior getting the house tidied and ready for the big day! Certainly if every visit from St Nick was as noisy as that described in the classic children's poem then no-one the world over would get any sleep at all. Jolly old St Nick does everything to break the midwinter silence, except speaking to his startled audience of one in front of the chimney!

Sleep is a fascinating topic of health, because there is so much myth that we have created around it, and because there has been a sparsity of science fact until relatively recent times. Our efforts to investigate the issues of sleep have ranged from the awfully inhuman sleep deprivation studies performed long ago by various military services, to the ethically sound, scientifically rigorous, and even comfortable medical studies of today.

It is certain that good sleep is good for your general health, and that important restorative processes happen within your body during sleep. At its best, it is a well coordinated interplay of hormones including melatonin and numerous other hormones which make you unconscious and comfortable, whilst the mind goes through it's "defragging" maintenance mode - to borrow the computer term. The dreams we all commonly experience through sleep are apparently not necessary for a perfect nights rest however - no matter how fondly they might be remembered!

Deprivation does lead to bad consequences on the other hand. The world record for going without sleep is around 11 days, but attempts to better this should really be avoided. People have died trying to stay awake as long as this. All mammals sleep - giraffes for only about

two hours, while cats sleep a lot of the night, and the day too. And then there are those animals that hibernate through a whole winter! There is much variety amongst humans too - some people live very productive happy and healthy lives on as little as four or five hours a night, whilst others show clear signs of sleep deprivation on just a little less than twice that amount.

It is as important to recognise that as individuals we need enough sleep, whatever our personal requirements are, as it is important to recognise that not getting enough may indicate the presence of significant health problems. Be active in preparing yourself for sleep - keep potential distractions away, turn down the lighting, avoid the sudden nod-off on the couch which could mean you are over-tired. If it's difficult to get to sleep, warm milk and honey and lullabies are a good way to help get to the land of nod. Many other natural foods and behavioural techniques also help induce sleep.

If you have tried everything you can think of at home for a good nights sleep and still can't wake up feeling rested then it may be time to talk with your doctor.

One condition which is increasingly recognised as a cause of poor sleep and health generally is Obstructive Sleep Apnoea, where muscles around your airway collapse and temporarily halt breathing. Other recognised sleep disorders include Restless Leg Syndrome, Narcolepsy, Circadian rhythm disorders and the so-called Parasomnias - sleep-walking and night terrors. Mental health also can have a huge impact on the quality of sleep. The list of problems associated with poor sleep is so extensive nowadays that Sleep Medicine is an area of recognised medical specialisation. There is much that can be done to treat poor sleep, but there is also still much to learn.

Wishing you all a restful and relaxed holiday season - and if you do happen to come across St Nick perhaps suggest can he keep his clattering sleigh down to a soporific tinkle instead!

Dr Tim Stobie 5422 1397

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Heathcote and District Community Bank invites you to a free First Aid session to be held on Tuesday 4th December. You'll learn how to use a defib, where they are located as well as basic First Aid training provided by St. John's Ambulance.

The session will run from 5:30pm-7:30pm with a free sausage sizzle from 4:30pm.

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Redesdale Precinct Project Update and Feedback request by 23rd December 2018

Following the last Listening Post held in June at Redesdale Hall, the project architect has been working within the controls of financial viability, practicality and compliancy to accommodate as many of the great suggestions made as possible. The local working group met recently to review the concept plans and consensus was that they looked great. Please find the sketches below and look for larger printed format versions around the community in the hall, pub, cafe, petrol station and community message board to get a better idea of what's planned.

The hall is going to look fabulous with the front facade having local stone and once the new kitchen is in we will have a much improved facility for the community to utilise with more storage and flexible layout at the rear. The tenancy space has been tweaked to provide better privacy and the meeting room is a flexible space with the sink and windows more appropriately placed. The travellers rest has been refined with power and water supplied to the sites and the waste dump point relocated to a more suitable location. Potentially a shower could be added to the existing toilets offering more flexible use for travellers, reserve users including the CFA should we have a major event.

As outlined above there will be larger printed versions of these drawings around the community and available on the redesdale.net website for feedback.

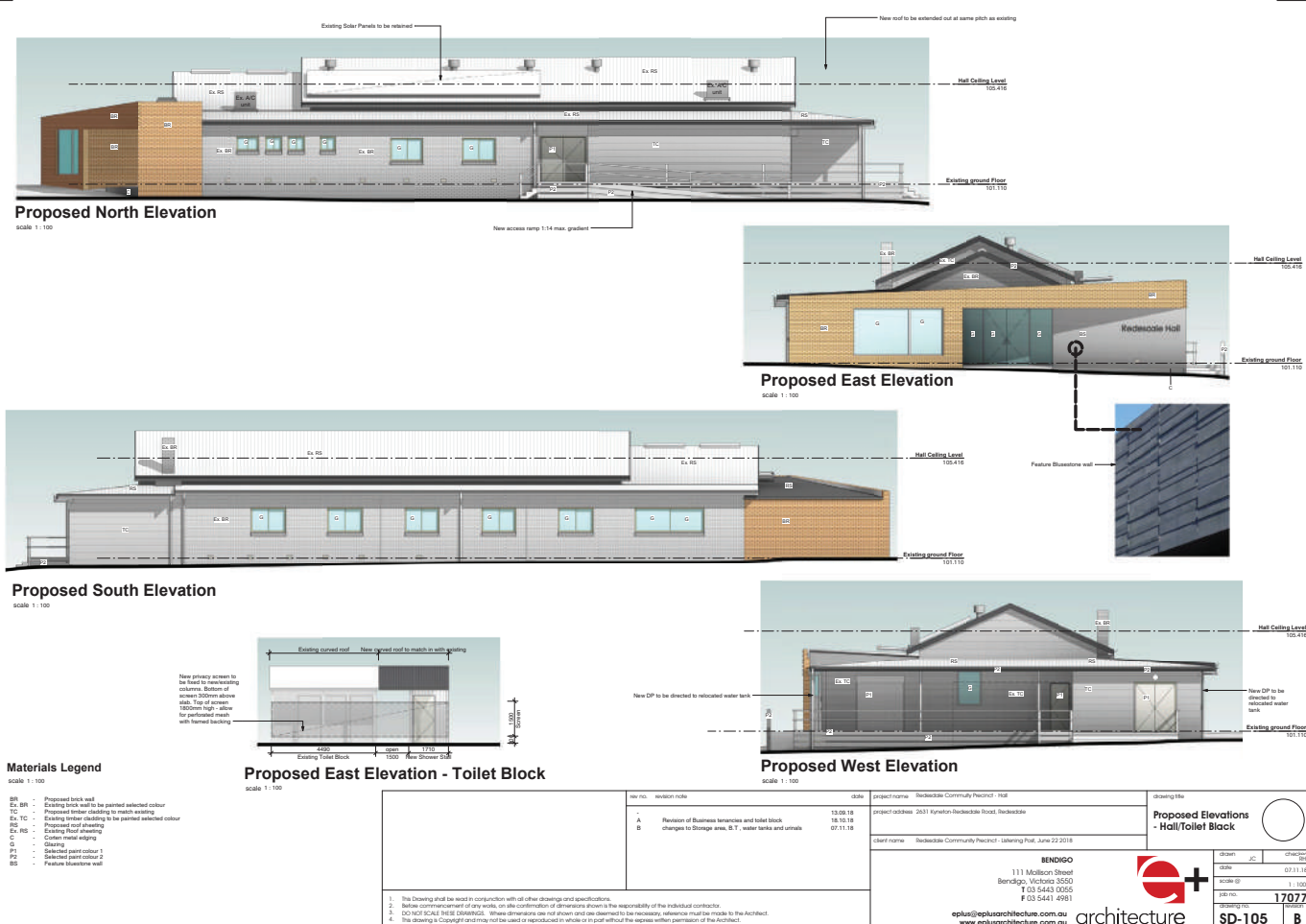
The council has requested written feedback from the community for these concept plans, to ensure they have not missed anything major from the information collected at the Listening Post. I have volunteered to collate these on behalf of the community and share them with council.

So, if you wish to share your constructive thoughts please email me, John Beurle c/- info@redesdale.net or physical mail C/- RaDA at PO Box 7, Redesdale VIC 3444 by Friday 23rd December.

Once this review process is completed, the next stage is to move into detailed design stage. This stage of the project will need to receive new funding from council in the 2019/2020 budget.

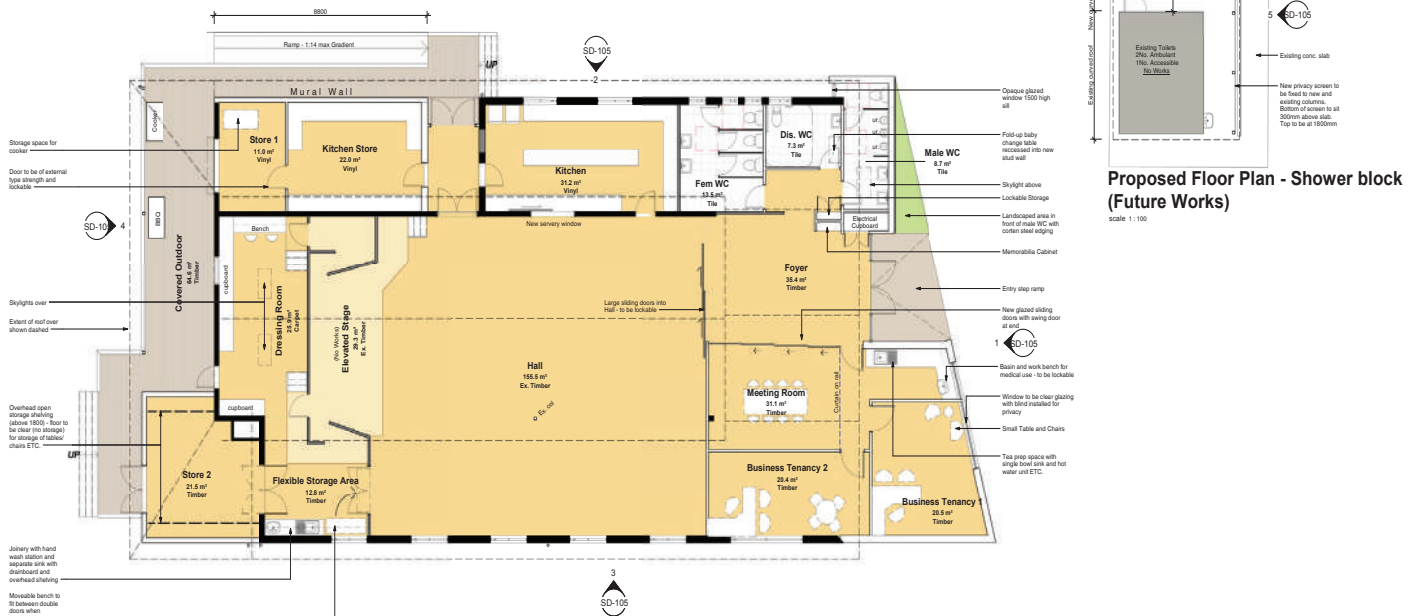
Thank you to council for the ongoing support of Redesdale this year and a personal note from me to Andrew Plant, Deb Simpson and the committee for the positive work done this year. On behalf of the Precinct Design group I would like to wish you, your family and friends a safe and happy festive season. We look forward to the next stage of the Redesdale Precinct planning process and will be in touch in.

John Beurle
Co-ordinator of the Precinct Design Group



Redesdale Precinct Project Update and Feedback request by 23rd December 2018

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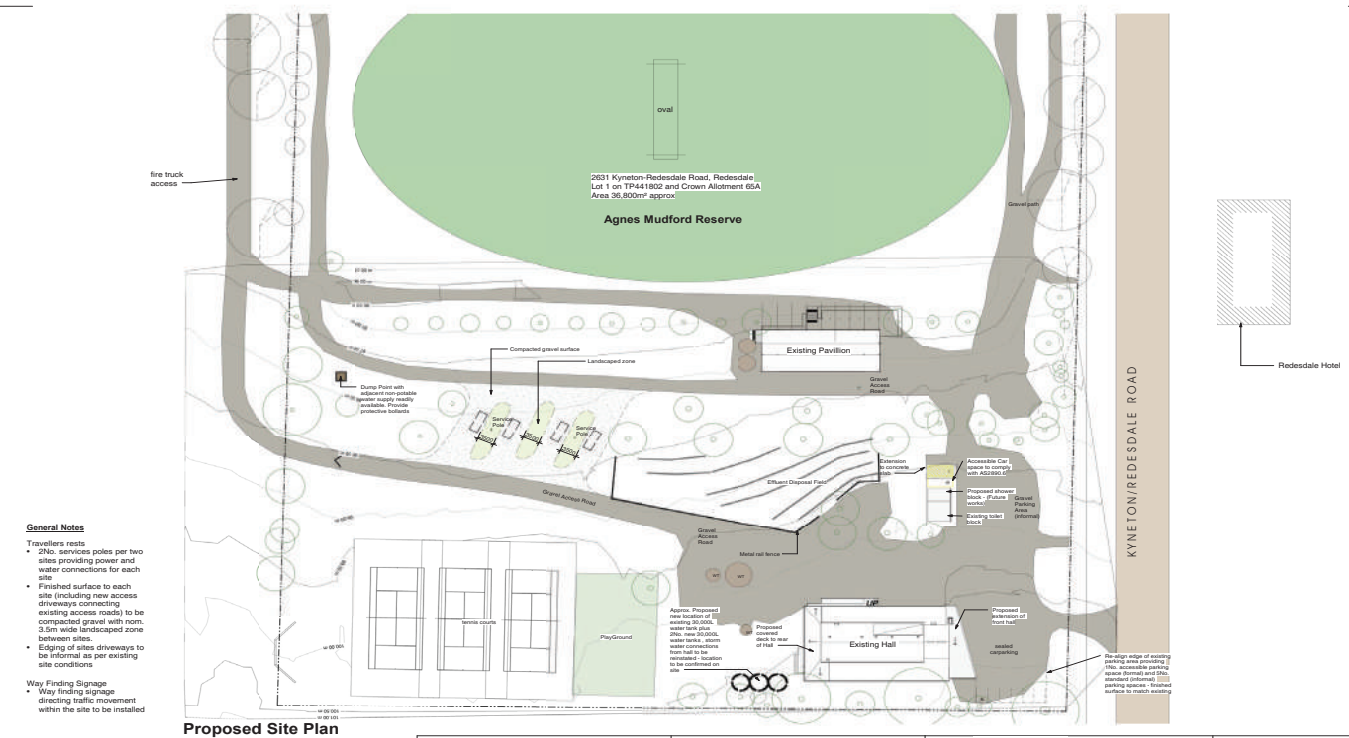


Proposed Floor Plan - Redesdale Hall

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Letter to the Editor

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Dear Editors

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to respond to James Turner's letter in response to my October article about collecting honey bee swarms.

In fact, James' suggestion that I said that you need a pest exterminator to remove a swarm of bees from under weatherboards or in a tree is incorrect. I actually said that you need a pest exterminator to remove an established hive or colony from under weatherboards or from a tree. Swarms and established colonies are two very different propositions.

A swarm – that is, bees out in the open – has slimmed down the Queen so she can fly; they are looking for a new abode and so are grateful if a beekeeper supplies a handy, home-like box for them to live in; and the only honey they have with them is in the bellies of the bees.

By contrast, a hive is a colony of bees' established home and they don't take kindly to having their home pulled apart. They are not thinking about relocation and resent attempts by the beekeeper to enforce it. In addition, the Queen can be next to impossible to locate in naturally built honeycomb and without the Queen, the colony will die. Furthermore when you try to re-locate the honeycomb to the new box, it is impossible to avoid breaking some of the cell walls and honey flows out and drowns the bees. Almost inevitably you end up with a terrible mess of dead bees and honey and the surviving bees are angry and prepared to attack any human in the vicinity.

I was trying to convey in my BC article that Win is happy to come and capture swarms – ie bees on the move. But our experience is that many people think "Ah, here is an opportunity to get rid of those bees living in the walls of the laundry / in that tree close to the house." And I was trying to make the distinction between swarm and established colony so that potential callers don't waste our time and theirs by asking Win to come and remove an established colony.

When I spoke to Daniel of Castlemaine Bee Sanctuary recently to ascertain whether he had any techniques that we don't know of for removing established colonies, he told me that his success rate at removing established colonies is only about 50%, and that, in his experience, relocated colonies very seldom thrive. He said he tries to persuade people with unwanted colonies to learn to live with them rather than have him try to relocate them.

And I guess that is where a philosophical difference makes itself apparent between those who are aware of the damage "wild" colonies of honey bees (which could harbour disease and likely will give off several swarms each season) can do to the natural environment and those who not want to kill bees under any circumstances. We belong to the former group, and I imagine, James, you belong to the latter. If that is the case, like beef farmers and vegans, we are never going to agree, but should retain respect for the other's viewpoint.

In relation to your suggestion that my saying that established colonies of wild honey bees should be disposed of is contributing to the current decline of bee populations, I would suggest that globally there are far more powerful and pervasive causes of bee decline. These include: the use of ever more potent poisons in the environment; the international spread of bee parasites and diseases; and the factory farming of bees without due regard for their natural processes.

Just to clarify: I nowhere suggested in my article that beekeepers want to be paid for capturing a swarm. Win certainly doesn't. James is quite right when he points out that a beekeeper is delighted to have a new body of bees to add to his "stock". And those beekeepers with an awareness of indigenous ecosystems will be relieved to have removed wild honeybees from the wild (where they do damage) to farmed (where they provide pollination services and honey, wax and other products for human consumption).

So, if, dear BC reader, you see a swarm of honeybees, please contact Win as soon as possible so he can remove them from the wild and give them a snug, disease-free home! His numbers are 0427389681 and 03 54 234 152.

Clare Claydon

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Macedon Ranges Suicide Prevention Action Group MRSPAG is opening its 2019 planning meeting to the community of the Macedon Ranges Shire. The planning meeting will take place at the Kyneton Town Hall, at 5pm on the 24th of January.

If you are passionate about the prevention of suicide in your local community and would like an opportunity to voice your opinion on what actions or changes you believe would make a difference, then we would love to have your input.



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