



# Tank mural unveiled

Left to right: Artist Damien Arena; Dja Dja Warrung man Michael Bourke; Three tiers of government, Steph Ryan, Marg O'Rourke and Lisa Chesters at the ribbon cutting; School pupils, residents and friends look on. See page 19 for story.



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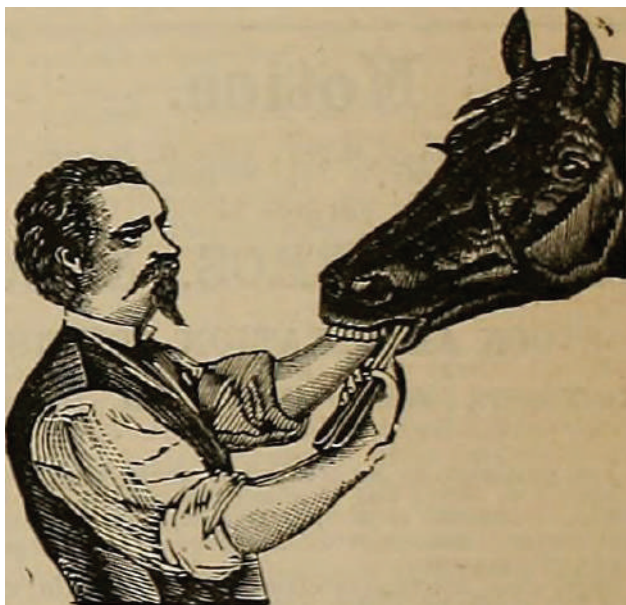
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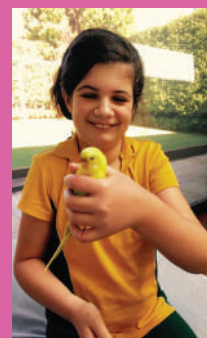
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# Editorial

Dear Readers,  
Welcome back to a new year of Bridge Connection!  
Even though it's been a long hot summer, local communities have had an enormous number of events and celebrations. This really is a vibrant community! This edition is full of reports of these events.  
It is with sadness that I tell you that I will be retiring from co-editing Bridge Connection after the next edition. Regina will be carrying on with the assistance of our very able committee. Recently we welcomed Marissa Leahy to the committee and we know that this will bring great new energy and skills to the group. We are always looking for new blood - so if you would like to join, please get in touch.  
There was apparently a rumour that I was leaving because of poor health - but as you can see from the



photo of me kicking up my heels at the smoking ceremony for the tank mural opening, there is absolutely no truth in the rumour!!

I have loved every minute of bringing Bridge Connection to you. It has been a great privilege.

**Kathy Hall**



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## Christmas party at the Hall



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The decorations, food and company were terrific and the whole occasion was memorable.

Lets hope it happens again next year! Thanks everybody.

## Video conferencing makes it easier for rural small businesses to resolve disputes

The Victorian Small Business Commissioner Judy O'Connell has launched new video conferencing facilities to provide all Victorian small businesses with greater access to dispute resolution services. The Victorian Small Business Commission launched its first video conference mediation this week, with one of the mediation parties located in Brisbane, while the mediator, legal representative and applicant sat in a VSBC conference room.

A recent survey by the Australian Small Business and Family Enterprise Ombudsman found 22% of small businesses have had a dispute in the last five years, which for Victoria extrapolates to 132,000 small businesses.

In the last financial year, the VSBC received 1,700 dispute applications; 520 of which went to mediation, with a success rate of 80%. The VSBC dispute resolution service is available for any small business that has a commercial dispute with another business or government agency, and have it mediated for \$195 per party.

"Rural and remote small businesses unable to travel to a mediation now have access to mediation and a viable option to keep their dispute out of the court system," said Ms O'Connell.

"We will continue to offer dispute resolution services in regional centres, and video conferencing will not replace face-to-face mediation. However it will offer an alternative to small business owners where the time and cost of travelling to the mediation is too high. Using this technology will enhance our dispute resolution services".

Mediator Jonathan Kaplan said "the mediation technology worked well, and it is more effective than a telephone conference, as it is important for all the parties to be able to see one another".

The VSBC is an independent government agency which advocates on issues that affect small business, educates small business about their rights and responsibilities, and helps them to avoid or resolve any disputes.

To arrange an interview with the Victorian Small Business Commissioner, contact:

Cate Hamill, Victorian Small Business Commission, cate.hamill@vsbc.vic.gov.au or 03 9651 9114

## Tom receives second year of funding

Last year Mia Mia resident Thomas Bennett was the proud recipient of the Heathcote & District Community Bank® Branch scholarship. Now, after fantastic results in his first year of university, Tom has been awarded a second year of funding through the program.



Tom Bennett. Photo: Bendigo Bank

Tom is completing a Bachelor of Science at the University of Melbourne and has enjoyed the freedom that uni presents. "It's up to you what subjects you do, how many lectures and other classes you rock up to (though I recommend going to them all), how many hours you're at uni for, it's all your choice! So for me, the best thing about uni is the freedom that we didn't have at school, and how much more independent it makes you as a person."

Heathcote & District Community Bank Branch Manager Michael Prowse said "Our branch is proud to support young people looking to further their education by attending TAFE and University. We were extremely impressed with Tom's results for 2018 and were thrilled to be able to offer this second year of funding to the value of \$3,000."

Tom said the scholarship he received last year went a long way to help purchase textbooks that he wouldn't otherwise have been able to afford. "Part of the scholarship also went towards my residential fees so that I could live in Melbourne and didn't have to travel many hours a day to and from uni. This all helped heaps with making uni easier and less stressful hence improving grades for my subjects."

"We are pleased that our investment in Tom's further education has helped him focus on his studies and lay a solid foundation for success during his first year," Mr. Prowse said. "We're also very excited to announce the successful recipient for the 2019 Heathcote & District Community Bank Branch scholarship in the coming weeks, with applications currently being reviewed".

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# Redesdale and District Association update

Hello Redesdalians

It's been so long since our last update – we hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable festive season – and we have much to share...



Way back on election day in November last year we hosted a Ladies Fashion Sale and raised a few dollars for the school. Hopefully the lucky ladies who managed to grab a bargain got to try out their new outfits over Christmas! It was funny watching the faces of a few gentlemen who turned up at the sale before realising that voting was in the Hall and not the school – well, that was their excuse!

Just prior to Christmas we opened the Community library. Many of you have already 'found' it and borrowed books, DVDs, magazines: if you haven't, look for the wonderful bright coloured cabinet (aka library!) behind the Reserve noticeboard. Check it out – we're pretty



sure there's something in there for everyone. A community library works best when people take and give – so if you have any books you're willing to 'donate', drop them into the cabinet and share the joy of reading. A special thanks to the 2018 RMMPS students for the fabulous paint job.

On the 5th October we asked for feedback as to what iconic symbol to be represented on the new town sign. The overwhelming community feedback was: our beloved Bridge. A design has been approved and council tell us the new signs should be installed before the end of June 2019.

In December, and then again in January, we had the opportunity to



host a FoodShare market at the Reserve Pavilion. We didn't get much notice ourselves but thought it was worthwhile and the number of people who 'shopped' at both validated our hunch. A big thank you to the RaDA team who made this happen and to everyone who

donated a gold coin and took away an amazing range of FREE fresh fruit and veggies as well as bakery goodies. We are hoping to make this a monthly market – just waiting for the FoodShare Heathcote AGM to review our application.

Our schools Principal - Aaron Taylor has hit the ground running. Already he has followed up our opportunity to participate in a nation-wide Platypus project. This was a great experience for our children to be involved in collecting data to understand where platypus might reside as input into research into how to calculate numbers and a program to sustain and grow the population of these amazing creatures. If you haven't checked out the RMMPS newsletter – the details are in.

And, in February, we unveiled the Redesdale watertank mural, acknowledging the 2009 bushfire experience of our community. There's a feature on this in this edition.

So, things to look forward to in March:

We're working with the Royal Flying Doctor Service to bring their school education program to Redesdale and that evening to run an information session for the broader community to understand what services they offer and how they might be able to support some of our community. They really are an amazing organisation; so watch the noticeboards for dates/venues and we hope you will come along.

And of course there is the Bush Market that is being organised by the Hall Committee. Please keep the date free – there's bound to be a bargain to be had!

That's it for RaDA for February – see you in March!



*The new town roadside design.*

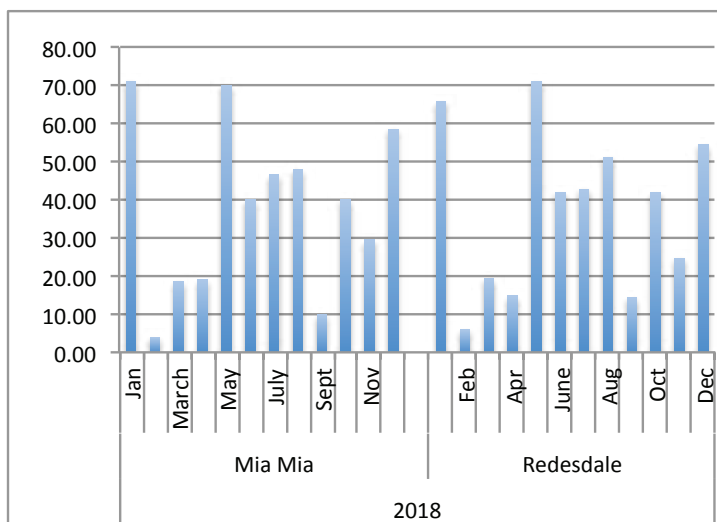
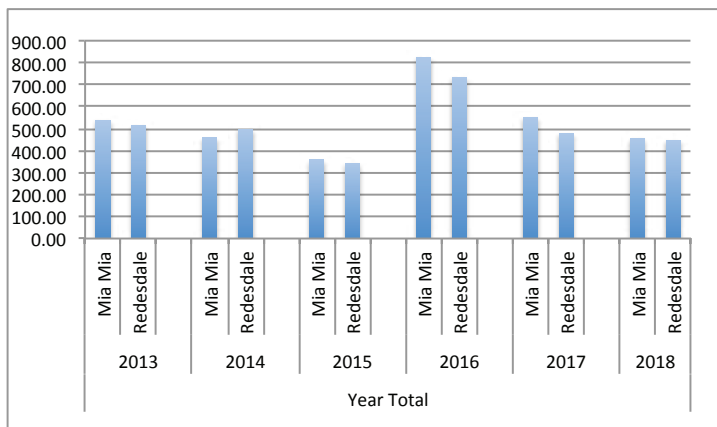
**Kym De Lany**  
**Secretary, Redesdale and District Association**





The average yearly rainfall for Redesdale is about 601mms.

Thank you to Mary Bennett for the Mia Mia readings.



The rainfall for Mia Mia for January 2019 was 6mms and for Redesdale, 21 mms.

## 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: 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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## Redesdale Mia Mia PS

### 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.

## School news

Our school year has begun strongly with our students settling into their new classrooms. This year we will be running a junior and senior classroom with Dee Groves returning to lead the senior classroom and myself (Aaron Taylor, teaching our junior students. We have 15 students spread across our classrooms and will also have additional educational support staff working within the rooms. We are excited about the year ahead and looking forward to strengthening our community connections.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing Principal, Trish Johnstone, for all her hard work with the students and families of RMMPS.

### Platypus Watch

As you may have seen in last week's Midland Express our students recently teamed up with Josh Griffiths from EnviroDNA to test for the presence of platypuses in the Coliban River.

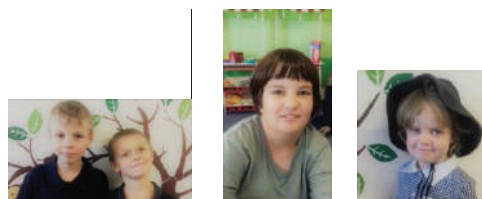
As part of a conservation effort, Josh aims to map out the presence of platypuses in the river systems to better protect these populations.

The students enjoyed the opportunity of taking water samples and locating more additional wildlife. Thanks to the Upper Campaspe Landcare Network and in particular, Sandy Scheltema for making this all possible.



### New faces at RMMPS

This year the school has welcomed a further 4 students to our classrooms. We have Ruby beginning in Prep, Tyler in Grade 1, Brodi in Grade 2 and Kaitlynn in Grade 4.



As well, we have Lou Bray joining us in the office and myself as the new Acting Principal. Lou joins us with experience as the current Business Manager of Langley PS. Whilst I have joined the school after recent stints as an Acting Principal and Teacher at Lockwood South PS, Elmore PS and Eaglehawk North PS.

### **Term 1**

#### **February**

<b>Fri 22</b>	3pm	RADA Tank Unveiling
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#### **March**

<b>Sun 10</b>	9am – 2pm	Redesdale Market
<b>Mon 11</b>	No School	Labour Day
<b>Fri 15</b>	All day	Athletics at Taradale.
<b>Sun 17th</b>	10am – 1pm	Working Bee
<b>Tues 19</b>		AGM School Council
<b>28/3 – 3/4</b>		Swimming Program



# FARMERS' MARKETS



## Woodend Community Farmers' Market

Sat 2nd March  
Cnr High & Forest Streets, Woodend  
0487 444 090 Sharon Kittson

## Daylesford Farmer's Market

Sat 2nd March  
Daylesford Primary School  
03 5664 0096 Peter Arnold

## Kyneton Farmers' Market

Sat 9th March  
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 16th March  
Riddells Creek Primary School, Riddells Creek  
0408 254 626 Ali Bant

## Lancefield & District Farmers' Market

Sat 23rd March  
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# Steph Ryan MP

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## Labor blocks cancer compensation for firefighters

Labor MPs again used their numbers in the Victorian Parliament this week to block the introduction of a scheme to pay compensation for volunteer and paid firefighters with cancer.

Euroa MP and Deputy Nationals leader Steph Ryan expressed disappointment that Labor voted against allowing the Fair Presumptive Rights for Firefighters Bill to be introduced and debated in Parliament.

The bill, which the Liberal Nationals sought leave to introduce, would have reversed the onus of proof for Victorian firefighters and entitled them to compensation if they suffered from specified forms of cancer and had served a minimum period of time as a firefighter.

"I stridently disagree with Labor's plans to change the structure of the CFA and the role of volunteers within the organisation, but I had hoped Daniel Andrews would at least put the welfare of volunteer

and career firefighters above politics," Ms Ryan said.

"This legislation is of great importance to firefighters across the Euroa electorate. I signed a pledge in the presence of the Euroa CFA brigade that I would fight for presumptive legislation that is equal for volunteers and paid firefighters and that is what I will continue to do."

Ms Ryan said as the law currently stood, CFA volunteers were ineligible for any compensation if they contracted cancer in the course of their duties.

Career firefighters can claim compensation for 25 proclaimed diseases, but they are required to prove that their work as a firefighter posed significantly greater risk to the development of disease than other work.

"At the 2014 election, both the Liberal Nationals and Labor said they would introduce presumptive rights for volunteer and career firefighters," Ms Ryan said.

"Daniel Andrews said that presumptive rights legislation would be introduced to the Victorian Parliament within 100 days if he was elected to government. Five years on and Labor has voted on two separate occasions to prevent The Nationals and the Liberals from bringing in legislation to do exactly that.

"Daniel Andrews will only introduce presumptive legislation if it is tied to his ruinous plan to tear the CFA apart."

Shadow Emergency Services Minister Brad Battin said Daniel Andrews was using the health of firefighters as a political football.

"Daniel Andrews will only offer firefighters compensation for cancer claims on the condition of their controversial reform, which is to tear up the CFA," Mr Battin said.

Steph Ryan 5762 1600 or 0488 441 820

## NLIS workshops for Victoria's livestock producers

Agriculture Victoria is holding practical, hands-on workshops across the state to assist sheep, goat and cattle producers use the National Livestock Identification System (NLIS) database.

The workshops will run from February to April and will walk producers through their NLIS requirements and the navigation, management and completion of movement transactions on the NLIS database.

All sheep, goats and cattle tagged with an electronic NLIS tag must be transferred on the NLIS database when they are moved between two different Victorian Property Identification Codes (PIC).

Agriculture Victoria Senior Sheep Specialist, Garry Armstrong, said the aim was for producers to understand how to manage their requirements under the NLIS and how to play their part in ensuring the lifetime traceability of animals which underpins market access. "Agriculture Victoria staff will be on hand to answer any questions about sheep, goat or cattle electronic identification requirements and their management on the database, to ensure producers play their role in protecting Victoria's valuable livestock industries."

### Dates and locations

- Monday 25 February – Benalla
- Tuesday 26 February – Bendigo
- Tuesday 26 February – Beaufort
- Wednesday 27 February – Colac
- Friday 1 March – Swan Hill
- Friday 1 March – Rutherglen
- Wednesday 13 March – Warrnambool
- Wednesday 20 March – Shepparton
- Friday 15 March – Coleraine
- Wednesday 3 April – Maffra
- Friday 5 April – Ellinbank

Numbers are limited so please register early. To register, visit [agriculturevictoriaevents.eventbrite.com.au](http://agriculturevictoriaevents.eventbrite.com.au)

For more information on the workshops contact Garry Armstrong at Agriculture Victoria on 0472 871 674 or visit [agriculture.vic.gov.au/nlis-workshops](http://agriculture.vic.gov.au/nlis-workshops)

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# LABOR WILL INVESTIGATE A FLOOR PRICE FOR DAIRY FARMERS

Our dairy farmers are caught in a long-running cost-price squeeze that is being compounded by drought and Liberal National Federal Government inaction.

Local National MPs have failed to stand up for local dairy farmers. I've met with dairy farmers in Central and Northern Victoria. The situation is dire with many struggling with rapidly increasing costs of production and low farm gate prices. When sitting around their kitchen tables, they talk about how tough it is, how their neighbouring farmers are getting out of the industry and culling their dairy herds. Labor believes Government intervention is needed to save our dairy sector and our dairy farmers.

A Shorten Labor Government will task the ACCC with testing the efficacy of a Minimum Farm Gate Milk Price and to make recommendations on the best design options.

It is not acceptable for our farmers to be paid less than the cost of producing their milk. If a floor price is needed to end this crisis, that's what Labor will deliver.

If Australia wants a thriving dairy industry, leaders must act. Business as usual needs to end, and directing the ACCC to assess, test and design a floor price is an important first step in giving our dairy farmers a fair go.

The Liberals and Nationals talk a big game for farming communities in Canberra, but they've done nothing to help our dairy farmers and refuse to intervene in the market.

Labor will also establish a mandatory Dairy Code of Conduct to ensure the dairy market is functioning fairly for all participants.

The Liberal National Government has had more than five years to implement a Code of Conduct and has failed. In Senate estimates yesterday the Morrison Government admitted it has kicked the Mandatory Code down the road to 1 July 2020. Labor will make a Mandatory Code a priority.

Labor's Farm Productivity and Sustainable Profitability Plan will also include a focus on farm extension to ensure our farmers have access to the latest productivity enhancing innovation.

This is another issue that is raised with me during farm visits. I know this announcement will be welcomed by local farmers keen to modernise but are being held back.

Urgent action is required to also safeguard supply chain jobs. If we lose dairy farmers we lose milk and put at risk thousands of milk and dairy processing jobs.

Australia's \$4 billion dairy farming industry supports more than 5,500 farming families and creates around 42,500 jobs.

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## PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON THE FUTURE OF THE OLD KYNETON PRIMARY SCHOOL SITE NOW COMPLETE

Extensive public consultation on the future use of the old Kyneton Primary School site in the centre of Kyneton has now been completed with feedback received from members of the community, businesses, government agencies and stakeholders.

In May 2018, the Victorian Government announced the site in Baynton Street would remain in public hands. At the same time, the Loddon Campaspe Regional Partnership was asked to work collaboratively with a range of community groups and local government representatives

to determine the best future use of the site.

Between August and October 2018, the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) Loddon Mallee undertook a wide ranging consultation on behalf of the Partnership. Multiple strategies, including an online survey, three roundables targeted at community groups, a flyer drop to local businesses, and meetings with not-for-profit

organisations, government agencies and key stakeholders, as well as with youth representatives, were undertaken to ensure a wide cross section of the community was consulted.

In total, 166 responses were received and these are summarised in the Former site of the Kyneton Primary School engagement report, which can be found at <https://engage.vic.gov.au/former-kyneton-primary-school-site>. The report shows the community values the former school site for both its open space and its history. As for the future, more than half of respondents want to see the former school become a community hub, with strong backing for it to be used for community gardens, outdoor entertainment and outdoor markets, or as a permanent base for community groups.

There is also considerable support for it to be used as an arts hub or for early childhood services or as an education centre. Other suggestions are for it to become an integrated services centre for not-for-profit organisations or to be used for youth services.

The report includes a set of principles and attributes to ensure future site use meets community expectations. These include preserving the heritage trees and bluestone buildings, retaining the open space, and making space for community groups to meet and host activities.

David Richardson, Acting Chair of the Loddon Campaspe Regional Partnership, thanked the community for its input. "The former Kyneton Primary School is a really important site in this community and this process has given the community a real say over its future."

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CDCH's Community Health Nurse, Bronwyn Grieves suspects that we may not have many defibs accessible to the general public in Mount Alexander Shire. 'Registering your defib with Ambulance Victoria is critical. If the ambulance is going to be delayed, they will be able to identify where the closest defib is located.'

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## Redesdale CFA update

With summer now officially over, we can say that it was one of the quietest for a long time. With the exception of a small assortment of car accidents, a slasher fire, lightning strikes and unattended /illegal fires, things could have been a lot worse.

Given that January was the hottest ever recorded we managed to avoid a major fire. Credit must go to the wider community for being careful and well prepared on those high fire danger days.

Speaking of being well prepared, a big congratulations must go out to the residents of North Redesdale Road who as a collective group did a great job of cleaning up and preparing for the fire season. "Best prepared property" award winners Steve and Debbie Graetz are a great example of making your property fire safe, but well done to the other Nth Redesdale Road residents for the way they have prepared their properties.

75 th Anniversary.

This year the Redesdale CFA turns 75 and celebrations are planned for early August. Most of the brigades records, unfortunately, were destroyed in our then Secretary's home on Black Saturday.

We would appreciate if anyone has memorabilia that we could use for the day. Please contact myself or any brigade member.

Redesdale Bush Market.

The Redesdale Fire Brigade will be in attendance at the Market on Sunday March 10. Feel free to call in and meet the Brigade members and view the latest fire fighting appliances.

The Brigade will be holding its usual firewood raffle or wine hamper raffle. It would be great to have your support.

So until we receive heavy rain, please continue to be careful.

Andrew Campbell

Fire Prevention Officer.

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# Redesdale Recreation Reserve Committee

## Chairman's Report

### March 2019

I would like to start with a big thank you to Liz and Shane for their excellent detective work by noticing some unsavoury characters casing the hall and pavilion over the Xmas break. They managed to break into the pavilion and stole a number of items and drove off. Unbeknowns to the perpetrators, Shane had called the police and was following them to Kyneton while Liz rang to advise me. The culprits were apprehended by police not far out of Redesdale and subsequently charged with unlicensed driving, unregistered vehicles, breaking and entering amongst other things. All items stolen were recovered.

So once again, thank you Shane and Liz for looking out for the communities assets and taking the appropriate action.

I would also like to thank the Hall Committee for holding a very successful Xmas party. The hall was full of appreciative locals and all had a great time.

Can I remind all that the RRRC is managing agent for DELWP for all things related to the reserve including the pavilion, hall, tennis court, playground and toilets. If anyone notices something not quite right within the reserve such as dirty BBQ, toilets not up to standards or anything else that may need attention the first point of contact should be calling one of the committee members listed below. There have been a couple of unnecessary complaints recently to the CoGB which were easily fixed by RRRC after being advised by CoGB.

The last thing we should be doing is wasting the councils time on issues not within their terms of reference. Afterall, the CoGB is one of REDESDALE's greatest benefactors to whom we need to show a united front.

Many thanks to Andrew Campbell for organising a very successful movie night on the reserve in early January which was well attended and enjoyed by all.

Lastly, The RRRC's AGM and elections will be held on Tuesday 12th March starting at 7pm at the hall.

All community members are welcome. Anyone who would like to join our very active group can nominate by contacting any of the members below.

Lindsay Booker (secretary) 0448 021 544

Gary Prendergast (treasurer) 0409 705 250

Happy days

Les Pocock. 0427 280 814

Mike Abramowski  
0418 319 131

Emma Simpson. 0405 443 381

Rod Gibson. 0418 130 206

Ronn Taylor. 0429 336 763



**Thursday 7th March 2019** – Paul's Brewery Trivia at Palling Bros. - Local trivia master, Paul, is hosting another big night of fun. Free prizes and fun. 6.30pm to 9.30pm. 168 High Street, Heathcote.

**Sunday 10th March 2019** – Stomping Party at The Shiraz Republic- Time: 11am. Free entry with live music, grape stomping, food and more. For more information visit [www.shirazrepublic.com.au](http://www.shirazrepublic.com.au) or ph: 5433 6338. Venue: 507 Hamblin Rd, Cornella.

**Sunday 10th March 2019** – Sunday at the Heathcote Inn – Live performance from James Macer. 2pm – 5pm. For more information or to book, visit: [www.heathcoteinn.com.au](http://www.heathcoteinn.com.au) Email: [Bookings@heathcoteinn.com.au](mailto:Bookings@heathcoteinn.com.au) or Phone: 5433 2409. Venue: 9 Hunter Place, Heathcote.

**Sunday 10th March 2019** – Redesdale Bush Market – Children's Entertainment. Outdoor Stalls Available. Venue: Redesdale Hall at the Agnes Mudford Reserve. Time: 9am to 2pm. Enquiries: Alwyn 0419 513 976 or Carolyn-Anne 54253194.

**Saturday 16th March 2019** – Catch & Cook Yabby Expedition - Time: 12:00pm-4pm. Price: Adults \$25, Children \$10, Under 5 Free. Also to enjoy on the day BBQ Lunch with Bridgeward Grove Products, olives & olive oil sampling, a chance to enjoy your catch of the day. Please bring: sun hat, sunscreen, appropriate clothing & old pair of closed toe shoes. Booking details ring Peter or Julie on 5432 2291 or Julie mob 0417 521 409 or email: [www.bwgrove.com.au](http://www.bwgrove.com.au) Venue: Bridgeward Grove Farm Gate 170 English's Rd Goornong

**Sunday 17th March 2019** – Four Lions at The Shiraz Republic- Time: 3pm until 7pm. Free entry with Live music and food. Including support from Canberra's Barren Spinster and more. More info [www.shirazrepublic.com.au](http://www.shirazrepublic.com.au) or ph: 5433 6338 Venue: The Shiraz Republic 507 Hamblin Rd Cornella

**Sunday 17th March 2019-** Mudbrick Motley Theatre presents 'Resting' written by Cenarth Fox- Time 4pm. A one woman Australian show about an aging actress who struggles to get work. Starring Heathcote's Maree Hingston. Enquires via Maree on 0409 565 432. Bookings on: 0417136584. \$10 per person, payable at the door. Venue: Wooden Church (formerly Mona Lisa Gallery), High St, Heathcote.

**Sunday 17th March 2019** – Heathcote Inn for St. Patricks Day- live music from Felix and the Fuzz Tones. 2pm – 5pm. For more information or to book, visit: [www.heathcoteinn.com.au](http://www.heathcoteinn.com.au) Email: [Bookings@heathcoteinn.com.au](mailto:Bookings@heathcoteinn.com.au) or Phone: 5433 2409. Venue: 9 Hunter Place, Heathcote.

## in the Heathcote Region

**Friday 22nd March 2019** – Lions Night Market – Time: 5pm- 9:30pm.

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.

**Saturday March 23rd 2019** – Swagman's Luck – Come and see the mastery of an uncommon art form, a rare and unique experience. Learn the story of Australia's swagman in an authentic country setting. Meet Frank and his bush mates and come Waltzing Matilda with us. Appreciate the history of our first homeless people and the relevance for today. Commencing at 6pm with a bush BBQ and Damper at 7pm. Adults \$35, Concession \$30, Children \$15 and under 5 is free. Venue: Bridgeward grove, 170 English's Road, Goornong.

**Sunday 24th March 2019** – Sunday Session at the Heathcote Inn - Anthony Taylor performing live – This solo country singer is back by popular demand. He will keep you entertained all afternoon with his talented guitar and amazing vocals. Free entry. Bring the whole family down for a great day out – food, wine, ice cold beer, cocktails with the pool and playground to keep the kids entertained for hours. 2pm – 5pm. For more information or to book, visit: [www.heathcoteinn.com.au](http://www.heathcoteinn.com.au) Email: [Bookings@heathcoteinn.com.au](mailto:Bookings@heathcoteinn.com.au) or Phone: 5433 2409. Venue: 9 Hunter Place, Heathcote.

**Sunday 31st March 2019** – Sunday Session at the Heathcote Inn - James Mark performing live – This solo acoustic musician will be performing and keeping you entertained with his amazing vocals and guitar work. Free entry. Bring the whole family down for a great day out – food, wine, ice cold beer, cocktails with the pool and playground to keep the kids entertained for hours. 2pm – 5pm. For more information or to book, visit: [www.heathcoteinn.com.au](http://www.heathcoteinn.com.au) Email: [Bookings@heathcoteinn.com.au](mailto:Bookings@heathcoteinn.com.au) or Phone: 5433 2409. Venue: 9 Hunter Place, Heathcote.


**Saturday 6th April 2019** – Lions Bush Market – 8am – 1pm. Stall bookings can be made by calling Jean on 0400 675 995. Venue: Barrack Reserve, High Street, Heathcote.


**Saturday 6th April 2019** – Variety Club Children's Fundraiser at Palling Bros. Brewery – 11am – 10pm. Venue: Palling Bros 168 High Street, Heathcote.

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# Redesdale

# BUSH MARKET





**Redesdale Hall @ the Agnes Mudford Reserve**

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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. is 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.

The Committee are pleased to announce that the "Bendigo and District Concert Band" will once again be entertaining the crowds, preceded by "The Floyd Black Band".

Children's Entertainment includes Face Painting, 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.

**\*\*\*Please Note - Limited sites are available for the following:**

Wineries, Fresh Produce, Plants, Car & Camping Accessories, Hats and Shoes, amongst others.

Car Clubs and individuals with a classic car are invited to call in and display their vehicles.....always very popular!

Classic bikes would be most welcome and sure to please visitors.

**\*\*\*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, honey, jams, chutneys, preserves, beef jerky, herbs, spices, cake stall and plants, including rare natives, through to clothing - new, pre-loved and vintage, fishing tackle, tools, furniture, 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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## Fosterville Gold Mine Exploration Activities

### Notification to Landholders

This notification is to inform landholders about Fosterville Gold Mine's upcoming regional exploration activities.

In recent times, Fosterville Gold Mine (FGM) has been experiencing record production and continued growth, with a prosperous outlook for the future. Kirkland Lake Gold, the owner of the Fosterville Gold Mine, is using this opportunity to increase FGM's exploration activities. During 2018, FGM progressed exploration in and around its current mining and exploration licenses (MIN5404 and EL3539). This included campaigns of soil sampling, electromagnetic surveys, ground gravity surveys and drilling.

Further to these activities, FGM will soon be undertaking an Airborne Electromagnetic (AEM) survey within EL006504 and EL006503, as outlined in the adjacent map.

#### Airborne Electromagnetic Survey

**What is an AEM survey?** The survey is completed using a helicopter with electromagnetic equipment attached. The helicopter flies over the area of interest and maps geological features.

**Why use an AEM survey?** Airborne Electromagnetic surveys are commonly used for geological mapping applications to assist with exploration for gold deposits. The survey allows for the mapping of geological features to be undertaken at depth and will help determine potential areas for further exploration work, such as drilling from the surface.

#### **What is involved in the AEM survey?**

- The helicopter will fly in an east-west direction across 250m or 500m intervals over the area of interest.
- The helicopter will be flying at speeds of 80-100km/h at a height of 60-70m above the ground.
- A transmitter and receiver will be hanging from underneath the helicopter that will be at a height of approximately 30m from the ground. These will induce a weak electrical current and measure the resultant electrical conductivity of subsurface geological features.
- The system produces a magnetic field intensity equivalent to a fluorescent light at 25-30cm.
- The helicopter will not fly directly over buildings (in accordance with Civil Aviation Safety Authority regulations).

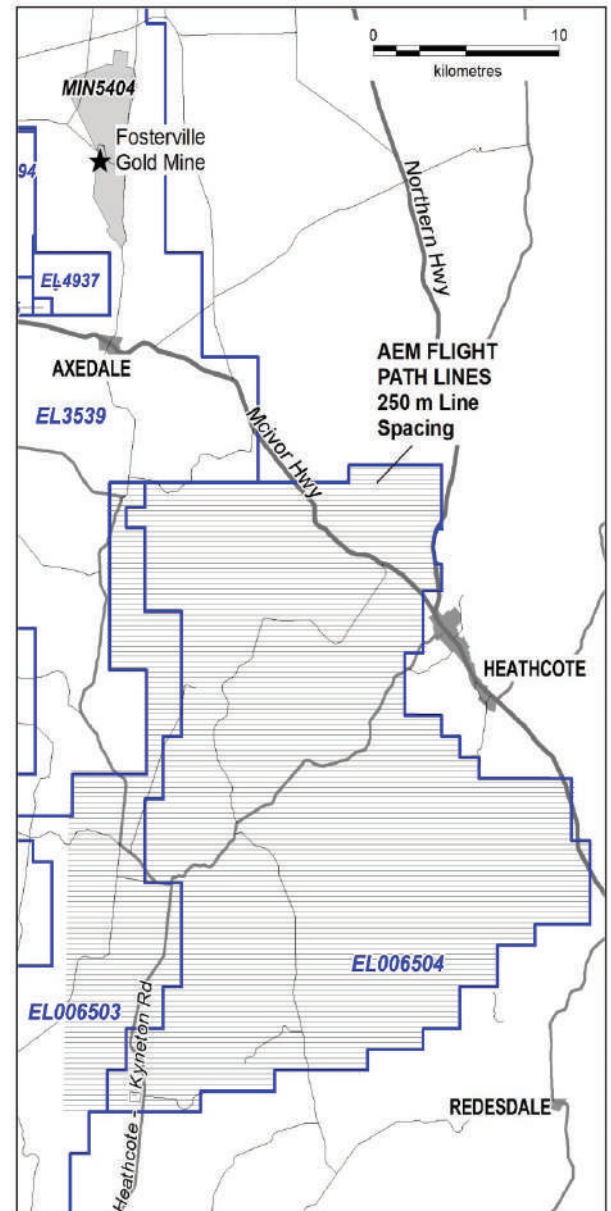
**When will the AEM survey occur?** The AEM survey is planned to commence in late-February 2019 and should take approximately 3 weeks to complete, pending weather conditions. **What is the impact from the aerial survey?** The expected impact from these aerial surveys is minimal, as the activity is conducted from the air and will gather a large amount of information in a relatively short time. There will be some short-term noise impacts, however any disturbance will be intermittent and transient as the aircraft passes over. **How do I find out more?** Please contact the Fosterville Gold Mine Community Team via the general enquiries email and phone details below: Mail: Fosterville Gold Mine McCormicks Road Fosterville, VIC, 3557

Phone: 03 5439 9000 Email: [FGM.Community@klgold.com.au](mailto:FGM.Community@klgold.com.au)

You can also follow us on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/FostervilleGM](https://www.facebook.com/FostervilleGM)) for regular updates on the proposed flight paths during the survey period.



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## Redesdale Ramblings:

### Surviving summer

Most of us who are country gardeners view the months of December through February with a sense of dread. If it's not the threat of bush fires or drought or the bore running dry, there's the endless hours of pouring water on the garden or watching it wither away. Not for us the joy of sun and sand, frittering away the hours at the beach – if we do go away it's with a guilty thought of what we've abandoned or the ones we've engaged to keep the place alive while we're gone. If you grow vegetables there's nothing you can do but dedicate your time and precious water to keeping them alive and productive. However in the ornamental garden there are choices we can make to ease the burden.

Firstly the types of plants: bananas, dahlias, liliiums, petunias and similar can be considered like vegies – don't bother with them if you aren't prepared to water. A lot of native plants are less water dependent but not all! Learn about where they occur in nature and you'll have some idea of their water requirements. A lot of Western Australian plants such as the eremophilas and petrophiles have evolved to survive in low water conditions.



*Eremophela glabra*

In fact, wet summers can be their death knell. They'll only come through the wet if they have very fast draining conditions such as being planted in a sand-bed or on a ridge or mound so that water doesn't accumulate around their roots effectively drowning them. Strange to even be considering that sort of thing but our conditions can vary between too little or too much rain!

Another type of plant to consider is anything bulbous that grows during the "wet" months and goes dormant during the dry. These are really sensible garden plants for us. Most Daffodils, tulips, irises, alliums, crocus and colchicums are suitable as are some of the bulbs from the Americas: brodiaea, triteleia, dichelostemma, rhodophiala, ipheion, conanthera, leucocoryne, tecophilea (most of these you need to search out from specialist nurseries such as Dicksonia Rare Plants or Obscure Bulbs). Of course a lot of the South African "bulbs" (more technically, geophytes, because they also include corms and other underground storage organs) find life so similar here that they can go feral! But the huge range of gladdies, freesias, sparaxis, ixias, hesperanths and geissorhizas add amazing colour to the spring garden.

*Sparaxis*



To prevent them from getting out of hand cut off the flower stem before the seeds are set. Once they have "done their thing" they die down, sending their resources underground to see out the dry and re-emerge when the weather is cooler and it's more likely to rain. I should add that one of the bulbs we instinctively associate with the cool, damp conditions of England is the snowdrop. Many "galanthophiles", as snowdrop enthusiasts are known, would not consider our conditions suitable for their precious charges. And most snowdrops would agree! But a number of them originated in places like Turkey, Greece, Jordan and other countries around the Aegean and will survive if not thrive in Central Victoria. Galanthus elwesii has done well in our garden to the extent of self-seeding in the rock garden to form a small colony.



*Galanthus elwesii*

The next point to learn is grouping plants with similar water-needs together. There's no point putting a water thirsty lilium into a clump of crocus because keeping the water up to it will cause the crocus to rot away. But you could plant bearded iris with bulbs such as crocus or tulips because the iris don't need to be watered during the summer when the bulbs are dormant. In fact, the iris roots are still active during the summer and any wayward water that falls on this mixed planting will be absorbed by the iris before it can cause the sleeping bulbs to rot.

So why talk about this sort of thing when the summer is over and (hopefully) the weather has cooled down? Because now is the time to act! Sort out your plantings, move plants that need shifting to where their water requirements can be met, order those spring bulbs and decide which things are just too thirsty to live in your garden. Or just be prepared to worry and water.

Cheers

**Fermi**

**The Redesdale Rock Gardener**







Hello Dear Readers,

Lady Bombay here wishing you all a Happy New Year.

Whilst the last couple of months has delivered a rather erratic weather pattern, those who said it was going to be a hot summer were right on the money. The distant memory of a lush spring garden has well and truly faded into oblivion. I gave up on the lawns about a month ago which now consists of a crackling under foot. Those few green patches

particularly under the big Oak trees is for Randy, our black Labrador to lie upon for his afternoon naps. Lord B and I prefer our day beds on the veranda for that. I mean really, for the extreme heat one is receiving, siestas should be made compulsory Australia wide during summer. It is official, the vegetable garden is no more. We had Thorn, the gardener, put everything into raised tin planters with lots of mulch and shade covers, a sprinkler system for regular refreshment. With every possible scenario to promote bountiful produce. It produces very little and cost a fortune to maintain. On Valentine's day Lord B gave me not a dozen red roses, but a dozen red and rather misshapen tomatoes, with a note saying "Give up". I have conceded defeat, much to Thorn, the gardener's relief as I can see him at the moment pretending to weed a garden bed lying completely on the ground with his garden kneeler under his head.

The solution is the farmers' market, fresh produce fruiterers and when all else fails, the supermarket.

The good news for the converted vegetable garden is that a dear friend of mine, Lady Zygo, has a rather majestic cactus garden and has offered me cuttings from all her cacti which was very generous of her.

## Lady Bombay's Posh Nosh

This recipe can be made for 2 to 20 people. Adjust your quantities accordingly. Its quick and easy.(25 mins prep)

### Bloody Mary prawns and salmon

#### Ingredients

Romaine Lettuce

Radicchio

Chicory

Avocado, halved and destoned

Olive Oil

Sea salt

Ground pepper

Cooked peeled prawns

Smoked salmon

Tomato passata

Egg mayonnaise

Worcestershire sauce

Tabasco sauce

Fresh lemons cut into wedges

Horse radish cream

Swig of whisky, brandy or vodka (of course)

Extra Virgin olive oil

Fresh Dill

Watercress

Celery heart

1/Unlick and trim the lettuces and spread them over a board to make receptacles for all the seafood

2/Put a griddle pan on a high heat. Peel the skin off the avocados, or use a spoon to scoop the flesh out, then cut into quarters. Dress with olive oil, salt and pepper, then add to the hot griddle pan for around 4 minutes, turning as you go. Toast the bread in and around the avoca-



The bad news for Thorn, the gardener, is I have ordered 4 metres of soil and the same of white gravel which he will have to barrow into the old vegetable garden which has appalling access in order to create the

cactus room. I do hope Thorn, the gardener is making the most of his weeding time.

On a cooler note, Lord B and I decided that as we don't use the tennis court any more, a swimming pool to replace it was the answer. I called pool installation companies for quotes specifying a "Hearst mansion-look" - tiles and all. The quotes came in to the equivalent to buying a small island in the pacific. Undenounced to me, Lord B has discovered Ebay which I thought was a small town somewhere in Costa Rica and he bought an aboveground pool. As we already had the fencing for it and the bar on the side, the cheap and cheerful option was his decision, not mine. Lord B wants to retain the tennis net across the pool in case anyone wants to play netball. He has also retained the umpire stand for stepping in and out. Please look out for the next edition of "Hit the deck". Lord B thought an above ground pool was the answer. Wrong!

Till next month with hopefully a splash or two of not Mother's ruin but the precipitation type.

Now it is time for Mothers ruin.

Lady Sapphire Bombay



do pieces flipping when charred to make beautiful croutons.

4/Scatter the prawns in and around the little lettuce cups. Then wind and drape over the smoked salmon. Transfer the hot avocado to the board, dividing it up evenly around the board and cups. Roughly dice the toasts 1 cm large, then sprinkle around the board.

5/The dressing:

Add the passata, mayo, Worcestershire sauce, Tabasco, juice from 1 lemon and horseradish to a liquidizer along with a splash of whisky, brandy or vodka. Add a pinch of salt and pepper and a lug of olive oil, then whiz together. Have a taste-it's your job to balance out the flavours and tweak to your liking.

You want it to be slightly too pungent so that its exactly right when you add it to the salad. Pour the dressing in and around the cups and finish with a wedge of dill and watercress scattered. Remove the yellow celery leaves from the centre of the celery heart (saving the sticks for another day), slice up the root, then cut off the upper yellow celery leaves and sprinkle these all over too. Drizzle with extra virgin olive oil, dot the platter with wedges of lemon and you're done. Serve a little extra sauce in a little bowl on the side

If you make too much dressing, Lord B and I use it later to make prawn and salmon baguettes.

Bon Appetit



# Redesdale Precinct Project Update

Thank you to those in the community who provided feedback on the updated Precinct Project concept designs over the Christmas and New Year period.

During the review process we received a number of responses, all of which have been shared with council and most will be discussed in the detailed design stage which we hope will be underway during the coming financial year. If you have any further feedback please contact John Beurle.

For those who have not had a chance to review the concept plans or have interest in exploring future development and or funding initiatives around this exciting project, please do not hesitate to contact John directly or check the plans out at <https://www.redesdale.net/community/detailed-design-working-group/>

Copies are also on show in the Hall Foyer windows and the Community sign post in the reserve. Also - see below.  
Regards,

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Or

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PO Box 7  
Redesdale 3444

## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

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## Insalata biscottata

- 1 clove garlic
- 1 cup olive oil
- Sea salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 10 ripe and juicy tomatoes  
sliced into wedges
- 20 fresh basil leaves
- 1 loaf biscotta  
(an Italian double baked bread -  
or any hard crusty bread)
- 1 red onion

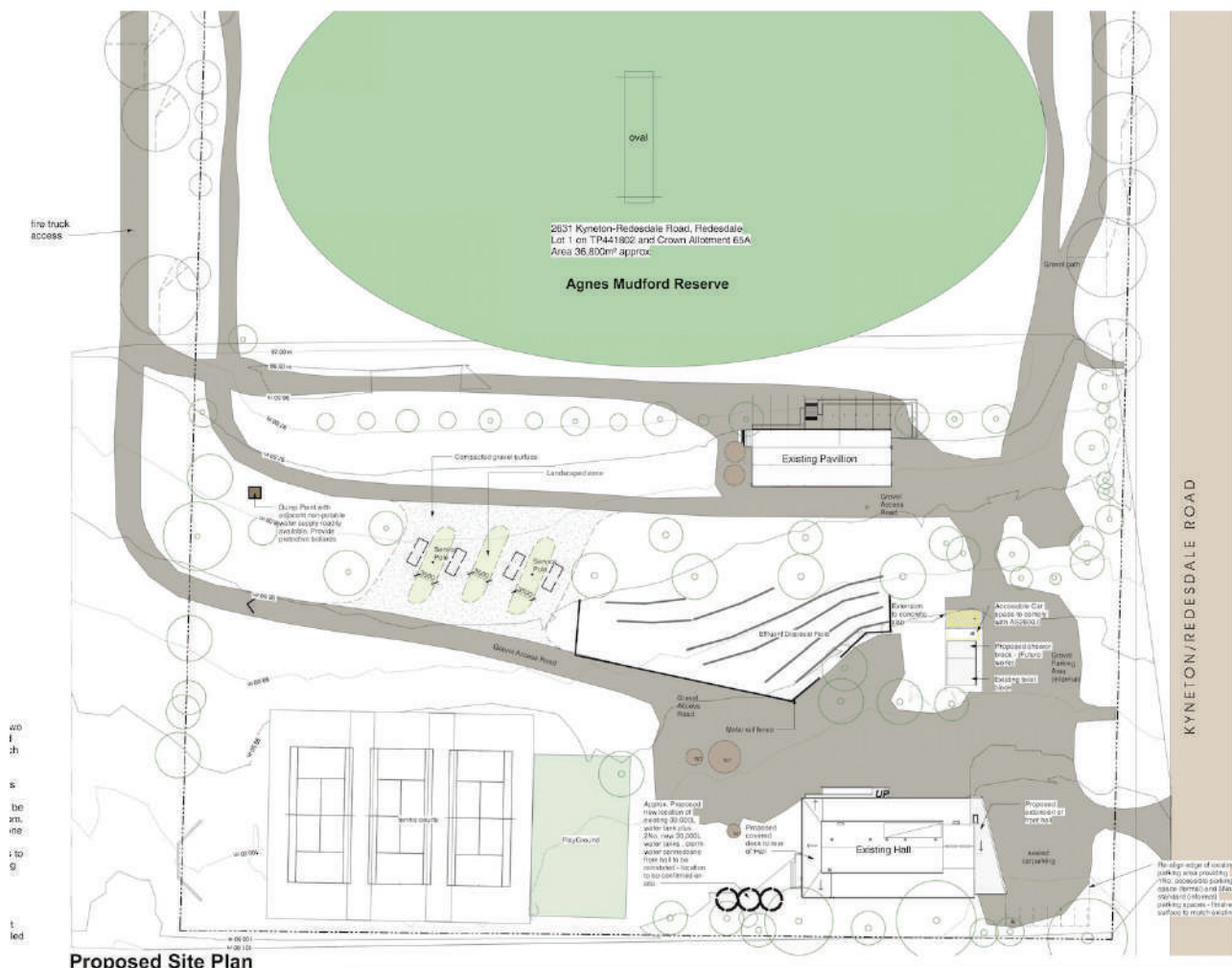


Place clove of garlic on a fork and rub around salad bowl vigorously.

Place olive oil in a bowl and add salt and pepper. Squeeze the tomato wedges into the oil, mixing the juice and the oil thoroughly. Tear the basil into small pieces and add to the bowl. In a separate bowl filled with cold water, quickly dunk small pieces of biscotta, shake dry and add to the salad. You only need to dunk the biscotta very quickly, and while it will still be hard when you add it to the salad, by the time you serve it, it will be the required consistency - al dente! When all the biscotta is added, chop the onion and toss together.

Serve immediately. If you leave to stand, the bread will be too soggy and the onion will leak into the tomato and ruin the flavour balance.

From: Outback Cooking Book - Andrew Dwyer





## Redesdale art installation unveiling

Redesdale revealed a new art installation on Friday 22nd February. Our three layers of political representation; the Mayor of Bendigo, our State and Federal parliamentary representatives; DELWP (in one of their new trucks), various CFA reps and fires (the gleaming CFA trucks made a dramatic backdrop to the ceremony), journalists from Heathcote and Bendigo; and our school children joined the community in formally unveiling our 2009 bushfire memorial: a 360 degree mural on the Reserve watertank. There was unanimous (and well deserved) praise for the artist's (Damien Arena) work. It's vibrant colours and big, bold images encouraged many people to take a stroll around the tank and inevitably find something that they connected to. There were conversations about memories of February 2009; about how the community pulled together and supported each other on that day and onwards; and about the importance of being future fire 'ready'. Oh, and the RMMPs kids let me know that it looked much better than when they visited Damien on Wednesday!

Steph Ryan and Lisa Chesters spoke together on Friday about the impact of bushfires on central Victoria and the importance of community in not only coping with these tragic disasters, but rebuilding and becoming stronger. They had lovely words to say about how much they respect Redesdale and its community for its resilience and positive focus. Hats off to you - the community. Joe Toohey from Regional Arts Victoria (who provided the grant) talked about the importance of storytelling in small (and large) communities and their hope that this mural would generate communication across generations of the community. And Damien talked about what he heard through community consultation (a big thank you from me to everyone who shared their stories, fears and hopes) and how he tried to paint something that honoured these memories and at the same time provided a positive, inclusive legacy that everyone could 'connect' to.



*Joe Toohey  
Regional Arts  
Victoria*

But for many people the highlight was the opening - Mick Bourke, a DjaDja Warrung man, performed a "welcome to country" ceremony and talked briefly about his peoples' history in this area. His lovely grandmother, who was in the audience, grew up on the Barfold Mitchell Falls estate and was impacted by the 2009 fires too. A combination of number of types of wattle (to recognise the community elders and their knowledge); cherry ballart (to rid the bad spirits and omens); and river red gum (reminding young people to respect their elders) were then set alight in a large bowl and we were encouraged to participate in a smoking ceremony. The school children led the procession to 'wash' the good (white) smoke onto ourselves and expose the bottom of our feet to the smoke. A very personal introduction to a culture many of us have not been exposed to. Thank you, Mick.

On Friday we had over 100 people experience the watertank mural. You trusted RaDA to create something that reflected the community experience and its commitment to community. We hope we have done you proud and that you enjoy many visits to the mural and find images that encourage you to share in the story telling of our community.

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## Breast cancer it's not such bad news ....

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Breast cancer is common in Australian women. One woman in 8 will be diagnosed with it over a lifetime, but advances in early diagnosis and treatment mean that over 90 percent of women survive longer than 5 years after their diagnosis.

On one level we know well the causes of breast cancer. A lifetime of exposure to oestrogen and progestagens, either natural or administered through contraception, certainly promotes its development. Through each menstrual cycle the breast grows and then diminishes in size - breast cells are actively dividing through each cycle. High levels of oestrogen promote even more rapid breast cell growth. We know that rapidly growing cells are prone to mutation and cancer development.

Alcohol intake is also a risk factor. Alcohol acts to promote mutation in cancer-preventing genes. There is a 40-50 percent increased risk of breast cancer in women who drink moderately - four or more standard drinks per day. Even drinking one or two drinks has a measurable effect on cancer risk. The average Australian drinks above this level and reducing alcohol consumption could produce a meaningful reduction in breast cancer rates.

Sometimes the importance of family history and genetics in the development of breast cancer is over - emphasised. Inherited gene mutations only cause a very small percentage of breast cancer cases. Most breast cancers develop from mutations which are acquired through life.

Over the decades there has been vigorous discussion about appropriate methods for early detection of breast cancer. Our National Health and Medical Research Council recommends

screening mammography for all women from age 50 to 74, but might start earlier and finish later than this depending on personal circumstances.

It is important to check regularly for breast changes that might indicate a problem too. This could include changes to the nipple or nipple discharge, skin changes, breast tenderness or a lump, or something else that you notice is not normal for you.

If a cancer is suspected either through mammogram or by self-examination the next step is to get further tests done promptly. Such tests could include ultrasound and needle or open biopsy. The majority of times further tests will be reassuring and no further action will be required. If cancer is detected then biopsy results indicate exactly the type of cancer, and therefore what treatments might be most appropriate.

The most commonly used strategies for treatment of breast cancer include removal by surgery, radiotherapy to treat any spreading cancer cells, and hormonal treatment to inhibit the growth of cancer cells under hormonal influence.

Surgery has always been a part of the treatment of breast cancer, and current surgical techniques concentrate on preserving the affected breast as much as possible. This helps to avoid the negative impacts of surgery, not the least of which is emotional. If breasts need to be removed completely, reconstruction can be an important part of maintaining healthy body-image, and all that implies for relationships and day-to-day life.

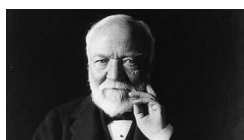
So treatment has improved significantly over the years, but what of prevention? Women with high inherited risk of breast cancer sometimes undergo surgery to remove both breasts. Such a major procedure is clearly undesirable, no matter the final cosmetic results. The big hope for breast cancer prevention is gene therapy to replace faulty genes, enhance DNA repair and hopefully prevent cancer-causing mutations from occurring. Until that time, it's important to remember that there are choices you can make to reduce your risk of developing breast cancer ... make them!

*Dr Tim Stobie 5422 1397*



### Quote of the month:

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### Titbits:



- It takes about **20 seconds** for a red blood cell to circle the whole body.
- Your ears secrete more earwax when you are afraid than when you aren't.
- Dogs and humans are the only animals with prostates.
- The total surface area of a human pair of lungs is approximately equal to the area of a tennis court.



## Giving our much-loved platypus a helping hand

Before the Millennium Drought, platypus foraging around the banks of the Coliban River downstream of Malsbury Reservoir was a common sight.

However, climate change and challenging flow patterns have had a severe impact on their numbers. The Coliban River is one of the few regulated rivers in Victoria that relies solely on water for the environment for flows, outside of large rain and floods.

The Bulk Entitlement means very little water flows downstream of the last storage when the reservoir is not spilling. There are no irrigation entitlements off the lower Coliban River, only a handful of stock and domestic customers who are licensed to take water opportunistically.

"Small amounts of water can be released from Malsbury Reservoir every day, but that is not enough to keep it healthy if rainfall is low," North Central Catchment Management Authority (CMA) Environmental Flows Project Manager Darren White said. "For those platypus, that means large pools don't connect and it is harder for them to find food without the danger of being attacked by a predator. And a lack of water also means that from time to time, as has happened now, the Coliban River doesn't flow all the way to the Eppalock Reservoir."

About 50ML a day of water for the environment will head down the Coliban River from Malsbury Reservoir in the coming weeks, for about three days. "That water will help the river reconnect to Eppalock Reservoir and will provide safety for platypuses as they travel to find food," Mr White said.

"It will also freshen up the water quality for the small-bodied fish in the river, as well as the vegetation they rely on to breed and feed. We all know how important fish health is at the moment, especially as another hot, dry summer takes effect.

"Water for the environment keeps waterways – and the life within and around them – healthy. This also has ongoing benefits for recreation, such as fishing, as well as the homes and farms that rely on rivers for clean water."



The flow is part of the Victorian Government's \$222 million investment to improve the health of waterways and catchments.

The flows are in line with VEW's Seasonal Watering Plan 2018-19, which is available to download from [www.vevh.vic.gov.au](http://www.vevh.vic.gov.au), and regular updates are posted on the North Central CMA website [www.nccma.vic.gov.au](http://www.nccma.vic.gov.au)

## What the flowers are hearing



Gardeners who talk to their plants may be onto something: research by scientists at Tel Aviv University suggests that evening primroses "hear" the buzz of approaching bees - and respond by producing sweeter nectar.

The researchers found that within three minutes of the flowers being exposed to a recording of the buzzing, the sugar concentrations of their nectar were 20% higher on average than those left in silence or exposed to higher pitched sounds.

"We found flowers vibrated mechanically in response to these sounds," said Professor Lilach Hadany, who led the research.

"This suggests that the flower serves as the plant's auditory sensory organ".

It is not the first time plants have been shown to react to sound: a study from 2017 found that pea seedlings grow in the direction of gurgling water. Another found that rock cress produces more toxins when exposed to the sound of caterpillars chewing.



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## Bravo!

## The Mia Mia Opera does it again!

How lucky we are to have the opportunity to experience such beautiful music in our small township. The annual Mia Mia opera performance was expanded to 2 performances this year. The performances on Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th Feb were sensational. There was a lot of love in the room, amazing piano solos by Sue Goessling and breathtaking singing from both Michelle Buscemi and Mattia Campatti. There was much clapping, and some some standing ovations. The food on offer was excellent and the MC Howard Nathan was his usual, and a little bit naughty entertaining self. The volunteer catering team also excelled with exceptional food before and after the performance."

The pictures below speak for themselves. Long may this tradition continue. Congratulations Mia Mia!



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## Summer in the Parks - What a fantastic way to spend a summer evening!

For the third year, Andrew Campbell organised a twilight open air film for the enjoyment of our township and her visitors. Mamma Mia ("here we go again") was enjoyed by a great crowd who brought along their chairs and picnics for a free night of superb entertainment.



Thanks to Andrew and the City of Greater Bendigo. We are all looking forward to the next one.

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