

Congratulations Redesdale CFA \$6,183.45 Raised for The Royal Children's Hospital Appeal



From the left of the photo in front of the truck are: Carolyn - Anne Boyd, James Boyd, Big Chicken, Easter Bunny, Lee Mason, Lindsay Booker, Lenny Mc Grath, Chris Simpson and Don White.

Article on page 4.

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Fundraiser for the Cancer Council hosted by the Redesdale Hall Committee Inc. Entertainment by R.M.M.P.S. students. Favourite 'Teapot' Competition *'Tell a Story'*.

Raffles, Trading Table.



Please bring some change for voting. 'All welcome - why not invite your friends to this worthwhile cause.'

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Community Newspaper for the Redesdale and Mia Mia Region

Editorial

Hello Dear Readers,

This month the Bridge Connection is trialling a puzzle page. See page 7. Answers on page 8.

The Biggest Morning Tea is on again June 13 see flyer page2.

If there is anything you would like to see included in the Bridge Connection send an email to <u>bridgeconnection.editor@gmail.com</u>

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- 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,

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- 1st Friday monthly at 9.30am Bridge Connection Committee meeting
- 2nd Tuesday monthly, 1pm Hall Comm. Meetings.
- 2nd Tuesday monthly, 7 pm Rec. Reserve Meetings.

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We finally have favorable weather conditions. Some rain and cooler days have led to fire restrictions being lifted, but we ask that you still remain vigilant. Recently a Bendigo resident was fined \$480 for leaving a camp fire unattended. If you are not sure of the rules, check with local council or CFA websites. If in doubt, it pays to err on the side of caution and leave all fires cool to touch.

The cooler weather means firing up the Coonara for the first time. It is a good idea to be cautious and start off with a slow burning fire to make sure you don't ignite the buildup of soot, dust and webs in the flue or chimney stack. Also avoid dropping a match in that stack of papers that has been shoved into the fireplace over Summer. Burn only good quality, dry firewood. Speaking of which, the Redesdale CFA will be holding a firewood raffle and will be located at the Reserve Pavilion over both days of the "Winter wine and dine" festival . Call around, say hello and purchase a ticket. Looking forward to seeing you on the 8th and 9th of June.

Regards, Andrew Campbell **Fire Prevention Officer.**

Easter once again proved to be a busy time for Redesdale Fire Brigade and fortunately it was not all due to callouts, although we did have one during the Thursday afternoon Royal Children's Hospital Appeal Collection. Congratulations must go to all who contributed in some way to collect a total of \$6,183.45 over Thursday and Friday. A highlight of the annual collection is of course the Easter Bunny who brought a smile to many faces. Special thanks to the Rural Cafe for the delicious and plentiful supply of Easter buns and coffee throughout the morning, in addition to Con Carino for their wonderful coffee which helped to wake us up at the start of the day!

The Brigade as usual proved to be a popular entrant in the Bendigo 2019 Easter Torchlight Procession on Saturday night, winning the title of "Best Fire Brigade". Congratulations to Don White and Jim Boyd for again creating the entry, in addition to all the Members who participated to make it such an enjoyable and successful night enjoyed by both young and old. The much - loved Easter Bunny was accompanied by a "big chicken" this year, with both giving many high - fives; in addition to "Happy Easter" signs in fairy lights on each side of the truck, large cut - out Easter eggs, bubble machines on the rear of the truck, (also enjoyed by the Fire Brigade walking behind!) and bubbles for the front of the crowds and music. Well done all!

The Brigade was to be represented by both Jim Boyd and Don White at the Procession Presentation for Sponsors and Winners at the Ulumbarra Theatre in Bendigo a few weeks later, but Don was unfortunately unavailable on the night. Time will tell what they dream up for next year's Parade!

Carolyn - Anne Boyd, **Redesdale Fire Brigade.**







Letter to the Editor

PLEASE NOTE:

Views expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily the views of the publisher of The Bridge Connection.

To the Editor and the team of volunteers that make up the Bridge Connection.

Congratulations on your first edition under the editorship of Regina Bennett.

The message that the Bridge Connection conveys to the community cannot be underestimated as it's a vital link in keeping the residents informed on what's happening in the region. It gives a real voice to all the various organisations and informs the reader of any upcoming events. As a volunteer group the work you do is fantastic, keep up the good work.

From The Redesdale Recreation Reserve Committee



Hall Happenings with Norma Barker.

The numbers for our dance on 28th of April were down a little, but those who were there had a great day.

The Revellers are in town performing to enthusiastic audiences – if you missed out on the performances this year keep the month of May in mind for next year because they will be back!

The Biggest Morning Tea, which we hold each year to raise funds for the Cancer Council, is to be held Thursday 13th June at the Redesdale Hall at 10 am. The cost is \$5.00 per head and the theme is 'Fancy Teapots' so bring yours along.

Once again we will be entertained by our marvellous schoolchildren from Redesdale/Mia Mia Primary School, so come along, support the children, and raise funds for the Cancer Council.





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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.

School News

Harcourt – SAFE excursion

On the 9th May, the entire school attended a Safety Awareness Field Education (SAFE) day at Harcourt. We listened to presenters from the CFA, Forestry Fire Management, ESTA, SES and the RACV.

Each presenter had many important messages around safety for not only the children but also their families.

Despite being a bit on the cold side, we all left with some important learning from the event.

Individualising learning

At RMMPS every student has their own individually learning plan and are heavily involved in developing goals in the key learning areas of Reading, Writing and Mathematics. Teachers have recently met individually with families to discuss student progress and review learning goals.

Kid's Corner	

Redesdale Mia Mia PS

Riddle: Q: What has hands but cannot clap?

Word Search by Sayge

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Quilt Displayed

The Redesdale Mia Mia quilt is currently on display in the foyer of the school. We hope that visitors to our school can appreciate the intricate detail in each of the separate quilts which were produced by a collection of members from the Redesdale Mia Mia area. We are very fortunate to be able to provide the venue to display this delicate craftsmanship. With the school being opened to the community on the Election Day and also as the venue for the RaDA community check in meeting on the 25/5, we hope that many of the wider community members took the opportunity to stop and admire the art work.

Pictured in front of the quilt are our 2019 students who are enjoying a Hot Dog as reward for their commitment to their nightly reading.



Cryptic Crossword

Set by Alberich

ACROSS

1 Came across a record concerning journalist (10)

6 Language of old city belonging to the French (4)

9 They>ll get wrongly blamed for heading off escape by animals (10)

10 There>s potato in Mum>s pudding (4)

12 Style of cooking providing contrasts (5-3-4)

15 Country-loving Irishman in charge of containing disturbance (9)

17 Giving note to terrorists makes one angry (5)

18 One who latches on to another is a sucker (5)

19 Sailor's intent perhaps is to be self-restrained (9)

20 A comment sure upset in due proportion (12)

24 Man told to get on his knees? (4)

25 Boundary rope may produce such a decision (10)

26 E.g. dogs returning from walk (4)

27 Not quite one>s best friend on the ship (6,4)

DOWN

1 Pretty girl gets some food (4)

2 Animal found in sea location (4)

3 Fat little Edward is biased (12)

4 The First Lady touring Oklahoma will awaken memories (5)

5 The thresholds of delights (9)

7 Heartless robbers go off with a pet. The villains! (10)

8 Below, below, below (10)

11 Managed to get clergyman in dead awkward situation (12)

13 They are seeking work after demolition of aspic plant (10)

14 Steam railway takes on head of Railtrack to improve efficiency (10)

16 To perform in a different key, one's parts must be arranged (9)

21 Went on horseback round cowboy show (5)

22 Junk mail from the capital (4)

23 Nothing but a lake (4)

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Sudoku

Fill in the puzzle so that every row across, every column down and every 3 by 3 box contains the numbers 1 to 9.

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Source of puzzle: www.alberichcrosswords.com

Answers found on page 8

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STRATEGIES TO SOLVE A CRYPTIC CROSSWORD ACROSS

1 DISC is a record. OVER means concerning. ED is a common abbreviation for Editor

6 UR is an ancient city. DU = belonging to/of in French 9 Heading off means first letter missing so ESCAPE becomes SCAPE – which is "by" (next to) GOATS (animals) 10 This is a hidden word – in MumS PUDding

12 SWEET is the opposite of SOUR so "contrasts" are provided by this style of cooking 15 PAT is a common Irish name; i/c is a common abbreviation for "in charge of" and RIOT is "contained" (inside).

17 IRA are/were terrorists and giving TE (a musical note) to that gives IRATE 18 This uses two meanings of LEECH

19 AB is a common abbreviation for sailor (able seaman). So sailor's is ABS. "Perhaps" is a common sign that an anagram is being used so "intent perhaps" means an anagram of intent.

 $20\ "Upset"$ is also a common anagram indicator – so " A COMMENT SURE" is an anagram of the answer

24 "Told" means spoken – so which man's name sounds like to get on one's knees? 25 Boundary is a BORDER; LINE can be a rope; and if in cricket the ball may have hit the boundary rope the umpires have to think hard about whether a four or a six has been scored

 $26~{\rm A}~{\rm dog}$ is a PET so dogs are PETS – "returning" means the word is written backwards to give the answer

27 A truly cryptic clue – if your best friend is your first mate...

DOWN

1 A pretty girl and some food are both a DISH

2 Another hidden word – in SEA Location

 $3\ {\rm Fat}$ is OVERWEIGHT – and Edward is often known as ED. May be the hardest clue in the puzzle.

4 The first lady, biblically speaking, was EVE – and if she "tours" – goes round – Oklahoma (often abbreviated to OK) we get EVOKE

5 ENTRANCES can mean "thresholds" and "delights"

7 Heartless robbers – that means ROBBERS without a heart (centre) ie ROBERS. Go off means an anagram (ie go bad, go funny) and ROBERS has to go off with A PET – so ROBERS A PET is an anagram of the answer

8 Below = UNDER, or NEATH, or UNDERNEATH!

11 Clergyman is a MINISTER. "Dead" awkward means an anagram of "dead"; and situated in an anagram of dead is minister to give ADMINISTERED

13 After demolition of – ie once something has been demolished. An agram again! Demolish "aspic plant" to get the answer

14 Steam LINES takes on (incorporates) head of Railtrack (R), first letter

16 "Must be arranged" means anagram – of ONES PARTS

21 RODE + the round letter O

22 Junk is rubbish - so another anagram here

23 MERE means "nothing but" and "a lake"



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It is recommended that

vou check these dates

with the market website

if possible.

Woodend Community Farmers' Market

Sat 1st June Cnr High & Forest Streets, Woodend 0487 444 090 Sharon Kittson

Daylesford Farmer's Market

Sat 1st June Daylesford Primary School 03 5664 0096 Peter Arnold

Kyneton Farmers' Market

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

Riddells Creek Farmers' Market

Sat 15th June Riddells Creek Primary School, Riddells Creek 0408 254 626 Ali Bant

Lancefield & District Farmers' Market

Sat 22nd June Centre Plantation, High Street, Lancefield 0407 860 320 Meggs Hannes

Maldon Market

Sunday June 9th

www.vicfarmersmarkets.org.au

Mia Mia Cricket Club Training Nets



The Mia Mia Cricket Club is raising money to re-construct training nets and upgrade the security of the club rooms at our ground in Central Victoria.

The club's fundraising effort was recently dealt a blow after the rooms were broken into and ransacked. Thieves got away with club gear and an amount of cash that was being raised to pay for the nets. Refer to news link below for details.

The Mia Mia cricket club is a small, tight knit, community club that plays in the Emu Valley Cricket Association. The club recently made the Grand Final after a successful season, coming agonisingly close to the ultimate success. The Club enjoys a lot of community support in a region in the grip of drought. We recently replaced the centre pitch ourselves, which consumed the majority of our funds. Fundraising efforts have since focused on the training nets that have been in disrepair for 10+ years. Reinstatement of the nets will allow the team to improve our training quality and our skills, allowing us to enjoy long term success and club sustainability.

If you can Help a go fundme page is setup info below

https://www.gofundme.com/26na8t-mmcc-training-nets

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Farmers had a win last week when the Victorian Parliament supported the Liberal Nationals' motion to establish an inquiry into farm trespass laws.

Farmers and their families should have the confidence that Victoria's laws will protect them from the destructive actions of law-breaking activists who want to shut down our agriculture sector.

But, when activists receive a fine of just \$1 after breaking into a property and stealing livestock, it's clear something must change.

The Liberal Nationals are standing up for the rights of our farmers, their families and farm businesses.

Ongoing pressure from regional communities across the state left the Andrews Government with no choice but to support this inquiry.

People in our regional communities will soon be invited to have a say by making public submissions and attending community consultations.

Make sure you take the opportunity to be heard by keeping up to date at www.parliament.vic.gov.au/eic-lc/ inquiry/965



What's on for your business in June

Local business owners and entrepreneurs looking to increase sales, and explore the possibilities

promotion via Instagram are invited to one of the following workshops as part of Council's 2019

Business Program.

Engage real followers with Instagram (Digital Solutions Program)

Want to learn how to use Instagram to grow your business?

Register for the Engage real followers with Instagram on Thursday 13 June from 9.30am–12.30pm at

the Gisborne Administration Centre, 40 Robertson Street, Gisborne.

Small business owners will learn how to start an Instagram account, grow a following, establishing a

brand in every post, etiquette and more.

This workshop is part of the Australian Small Business Advisory Service (ASBAS) Digital Solutions

Program. Participants who sign-up for the yearly program pay \$55 and have access to workshops,

tailored mentoring, webinars and an online learning portal throughout the year that explore topics

such as social media marketing, Facebook advertising, Instagram and more.

Increase sales in your business

Come along to a mentoring session with Milton Collins, from local business The Business Action

Coach and learn how to:

- sell to the four key personality types
- get customers to sell themselves
- overcome any objection
- set up a sale from the first contact
- ask a great question
- ask for the sale time after time.

The workshop is being held on Tuesday 18 June from 6pm–8pm at The Victoria Hotel, Woodend. The

cost is \$20. Places are limited, and bookings are essential.

Many of the events in our program are being held in partnership with the Australian Small Business

Advisory Service, Melbourne Innovation Centre, Australian Taxation Office, Macedon Ranges Women

in Business, Small Business Victoria and the Kyneton Community and Learning Centre.

For more information on our 2019 program, or to book your place, visit

mrsc.vic.gov.au/business-events or call 5421 9616.



The City of Greater Bendigo is calling for residents to express their interest in joining the Greater Bendigo Rural Communities Committee.

Greater Bendigo Rural Communities Committee Chair Cr Yvonne Wrigglesworth said the Committee meets four times a year and provides strategic advice to Council on a range of key issues and opportunities relevant to rural communities and townships.

"We are looking for people who have a passion for and a commitment to, rural community leadership and advancement and who have the relevant knowledge skills and experience.

"Council has a strong commitment to our City's rural communities and townships and this is an important advisory committee to Council," said Cr Wrigglesworth.

The Committee is made up of three Councillors, up to nine community representatives and relevant City staff members.

Nine positions are currently available and all applicants will be assessed by a selection panel and notified of their application outcome. Shortlisted applicants will be asked to participate in an interview.

Applications can be made online at www.bendigo.vic. gov.au/ruralcommunities before 5pm Wednesday June 5, 2019.

Further information is available from by contacting Deb Simpson on 5434 6261 or d.simpson@bendigo.vic.gov. au



Steph Ryan MP Member for Euroa WWWstephryan.com.au

Training more drivers doesn't fix old, unreliable trains

Today the Andrews Government claimed that by training more VLine drivers Labor will "deliver more reliable services".

ed through Parliament's Electorate Office and Communications budge

But training more drivers won't fix the old, unreliable VLine rolling stock they drive.

In April, just 54.4 per cent of services on the north east line ran on time, miles short of the 92 per cent target. On the Gippsland line, punctuality was just 80 per cent.

While the Andrews Government continues to ignore the real problems facing VLine, regional passengers will continue to be left stranded at the platform and running late for business meetings and medical appointments.

The Federal Liberal Nationals Government has shown a genuine commitment to improve our regional rail, investing more than \$1.6 billion into the \$1.75 billion Regional Rail Revival.

Investing in upgrades to ageing regional rail lines and buying new, modern, comfortable rolling stock is the only way to fix Regional Victoria's unreliable VLine services.

Free sheep faecal egg count tests

Sheep producers are being urged to submit worm samples for an AWI research trial to validate a more sensitive worm test. They are asked to collect dung samples from a mob of wormy sheep on the day of drenching, then again 14 days after the drench.

Producers who submit worm samples will receive the results from the traditional faecal egg count (FEC) test for free, saving them hundreds of dollars.

For more information contact admin@dawbuts.com or call (02) 4655 6464.



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District Association Report

Hello Redesdallians



Many of you will remember and/

or were part of last years 'Clean Up Redesdale' event. Feedback was that it was a great initiative and we should do it again. So, we are. Jo Smith has kindly agreed to take the lead again: the next 'Clean Up Redesdale' day will be Sunday 16th June. For those interested in being involved this year, please meet @ the Pavilion in the Agnes Mudford Reserve @ 9am. We encourage everyone to come along – who can resist those gorgeous Hi-Vis vests! And if that's not enticement enough, we'll put on some morning tea afterward. Posters will be placed on the usual noticeboards with all the details.

On Saturday 25th May we held our 1st "Community Check In" meeting at the school. Its purpose was to review the activities your RaDA committee had planned for the year and to discuss what things we want to do/have in Redesdale in the short-medium future. It is easy – often too easy! – in today's world to take the 'glass half empty' view. So, it was wonderfully refreshing to spend an energising hour with members of the Redesdale and Mia Mia communities, as well as our local government representatives Mayor O'Rourke; Councillors Wrigglesworth and Flack; and Andrew Plant from the 'Strong Communities' team. Together we created a list of all the things that, we thought, could make Redesdale a better place to live and visit.

We agreed to not limit our thinking to only those activities that we could do for ourselves, but to broaden our view and consider 'big' ideas that might need further funding to be sourced. There was a wonderful hum in the classroom as 'big kids' reviewed the timeline of activities that RaDA had committed to when the new Committee came together for its first meeting in September 2108 as well as those events we delivered 'off plan' (for example: the platypus project at the school and our foray into Foodshare). We brainstormed our ideas, discussed them with people we knew (or now know) and posted them up for everyone to see. We then re-grouped and voted for those that we wanted the focus to be on for the next 6-12 months; with a view to creating a 'Top 3'. Interestingly many of the ideas are evolutions of ideas that the community have previously raised; and RaDA has in our plan. Phew, good to know we weren't too far off the mark!

In addition to progressing the Precinct project: that is, getting funding for the next phase, here's what we decided we wanted to see happen in Redesdale and our surrounding district:

- # 1 by an easy majority: a walking track from Redesdale to the Redesdale Mia Mia Bridge. We recognised this wouldn't be a 'quick win': there are many stakeholders to engage and approvals to get. But the group still felt this was an important attraction for the area.
- Mobile Movie Nights. Currently we have an annual "Summer in the Parks" movie, however we'd like to investigate buying a projector and screen and having more movie nights (and more choice of movies!) throughout the year; with a plan to utilise the lovely small halls that our district offers.

Below "Community Check In" meeting

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Redesdale Recreation Reserve Committee Chairman's Report June 2019



Hello To All,

Finally, we received some much needed and useful rainfall. I hope everyone is getting some grass growth and the sun continues to warm the ground for the growth to persist.

Thanks to the great work of Emma Simpson we have been successful in obtaining a \$5000.00 grant from CoGB to assist with the completion of the pavilion.

We have also applied for a \$5000.00 grant from Strathfieldsaye District Community Enterprise, SDCE, which we are very hopeful of obtaining.

Both these grants will enable us to finalise the electricals and internal lining and thus allowing the room to be utilised.

SDCE is a community group whose function is to facilitate the distribution of funds, via grants, that have been allocated by The Bendigo Bank for community purposes. The Bendigo Bank raises these funds from customers accounts that have been "tagged". All Bendigo Bank customers have to do is call their bank and ask that their accounts are tagged "SDCE 4749".

Party Equipment for hire

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

Commercial sized steel roaster \$120 per weekendLarge marquee 3m x 6m\$225 per weekendCollapsable marquee 3m x 3m\$80 per weekendTables - 1.8m x 1m\$8 each per weekendTable cloths, white\$10 eachChairs, white plastic\$2.50 eachUmbrellas, charcoal\$5 each

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

For more information or to make a booking call: Rod: 0418 130 206

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There is NO cost to the account holder, however, Bendigo Bank will apportion a small percentage to SDCE. SDCE can then identify that those contributions have come from Redesdale District residents which certainly helps when Redesdale Groups apply for grants.

So please consider ringing your Bendigo Bank and ask that your accounts be tagged.

Happy days, Mike Abramowski Chairman Redesdale Recreation Reserve Committee

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Redesdale Recreation Reserve rubbish Problem

If you are around the reserve area please help keep it neat and tidy by picking up a little rubbish. Below is how the Reserve is left on a weekly basis.



Winter Wine & Dine Redesdale Saturday & Sunday 8th & 9th June 2019

On the long weekend in June, Redesdale is again host to the **Winter Wine & Dine** - a celebration of winter and the passionate local producers in this part of the state. "Redesdale, Barfold and surrounding areas, feature some of the best and most awarded olive and grape growing regions in Central Victoria and the World" says Sandra Aitken one of the winemakers participating, "Many of the olive producers nearby have won international awards for their olive oils and the wines do amazingly well in wine shows, especially considering how tiny our businesses are compared to those from other regions and states. We are all punching well above our weight. This part of Central Victoria has some of the finest beef, pork and lamb producers in Australia. It is a pretty convincing story and most people just don't realise what great produce we have close to hand."

The focus of the weekend will be a Pop-Up Cellar Door at the Redesdale Hall featuring 3 of the local wineries. The winemakers will be present to talk to and have promised to raid their cellars for some special older vintages to feature on the weekend. In addition we will see the first of the new season olive oils and olive products. However, it is not only wines and olive oil, there will be several local producers on hand including puddings & preserves.

"The Redesdale Hotel will be serving a selection of winter dishes to warm all weekend and we will feature local wines and beers by the open fire" said Beth McIlwain, publican. "Garth (chef & partner) is planning some fabulous things for the weekend, maybe a casserole of roasted, grass fed beef

from Barfold or an antipasto featuring some of the many &

varied local game, salamis, Castlemaine pork, Redesdale rabbit, cheeses from Goldfields and Sutton Grange, organic fruit from the Harcourt orchards, salad greens freshly picked from the vegetable plot, freshly baked Artisan breads from local bakers, newly dug potatoes, some of his homemade mayonnaise or sauces featuring the best of the new season olive oils and free range eggs – only those from happy chooks of course" she laughs. Our salad dressing is made with local wine or cider vinegar and award winning extra virgin olive oils, and we love the home prepared olives from the local olive groves. We might even do some chutneys and relishes just to complete the picture.

It's going to be a fun weekend and we have planned some great local music too! Visitors can sample the local wines, ciders and boutique beers and purchase a glass or bottle of something delicious to enjoy with a meal or to take home. There will be live music, lots of food, great coffee, bocce games on the bocce court, a brisk walk round the oval, open fires & lots of other things for young and old to do.

Winter Wine & Dine Redesdale is an event to showcase the specialties in this unique little region of Victoria and all the good things that go with it. It will feature a focus on wine, food and a great country experience.

Entry is free!

For more details please call Beth and Garth at The Redesdale Hotel on 4405 0601 or Sandra on 0412 243 315 or follow us on <u>https://www.facebook.com/winterwineanddine</u>



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

Rainfall

Redesdale

/ Mia Mia





April Rain Fall Total

Redesdale Mia Mia

Barfold: Sutton Grange:

Mia Mia:

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2 ml 1.5 ml

June 2nd

June 9th

June 16th

June 23rd

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Redesdale Ramblings:

Iris, the Flower of the Rainbow, part 1

The Beardies

The genus Iris is widespread throughout the Northern Hemisphere with centres of diversity in Europe, Asia and North America. In the Southern Hemisphere they are replaced by close relatives such as Moraea in South Africa, Libertia in Australasia and Sisyrinchium in South America.Of the true irises I find that a lot of the Asian species aren't suited to our climate as they originate in areas with wet summers. The Mediterranean species and their hybrids are much more suitable and these include the very popular "Bearded Irises".

The Tall, Median and Dwarf Bearded Iris we grow in our gardens are the result of generations of breeding and crossing species from across Europe and the Mediterranean. However we have a couple of very old varieties growing wild in Redesdale. Commonly called "Settlers' White" and "Settlers' Blue", the first is possibly Iris albicans which was often planted on gravesites while the other is probably a form of the Florentine Iris which was a source of Orris Root, a fixative used in perfumery and Pot Pourri. Many locals have harvested some of these wildlings to add to their gardens and they benefit from benign neglect! Just lay the rhizomes on the soil and bury the roots so they can get to the moisture. A light covering of gravel as a mulch will help deter weeds. Take the hint from how they grow on the roadside – don't water them during the summer!

Some of the modern hybrids can be as easy as these older types but some could prove less hardy or more prone to rot. However the range and combinations of colours seems to increase every year and the new introductions are very tempting!

Tall Bearded Iris (TBI) can be stunning when in full flower but need to be protected from strong winds which can snap stems and shred the flowers. Medians (MBI) are shorter so are more resistant to high winds. Dwarf Bearded Iris (DBI) can flower close to the ground to just under a foot (30 cm) tall, but the range is much less than the taller forms. There are still a huge number of varieties available and you can build up a good collection by getting a few new ones each year. Some local sellers have a few varieties but it may pay to look online for some of the mail order companies if you want a bit more choice. One thing that these Iris will not tolerate is water-logged soil (not that that seems likely at present!) so they appreciate being planted in raised garden beds or at the top of a slope. They don't need really rich soil either so avoid fresh manure or over feeding which could promote rank growth which can be more susceptible to disease. Most books advise planting new rhizomes after flowering but I find that getting them into the ground too close to the hot weather means that that they might not get established so I prefer to plant in autumn.

As they grow each rhizome will usually branch to produce two growing points on either side of the central, flowering rhizome. Over time this proliferation of growth can cause congestion which results in reduced costs flowering. Depending on the vigour of your plants you may have to lift and divide them every 3 or 4 years. Usually the healthiest rhizomes are on the outside of the clump but every piece which has a growth bud is capable of becoming a new plant.

Replant the saved pieces in the same bed after refreshing the soil with well rotted compost or pelletized fertiliser. If starting a new iris bed choose somewhere that gets at least half a day's sun as they won't do well in heavy shade. As our trees have grown we have to relocate a number of iris which used to be more in the open!

You'll often see pics of replanted iris "fans" which have been cut back quite drastically so that they really do look like fans; this is mainly to stop them being rocked about by the wind which could delay them getting re-established.

I like the Dwarf Bearded Iris because you can fit a lot more of them into a small space and because they are less likely to suffer from wind damage.

Because Bearded Iris can multiply fairly quickly they are an ideal plant to share around – though I doubt we'd ever see them spread as much as "Settlers' White" and "Settlers's Blue"

Cheers

Fermi, The Redesdale Rock Gardener.



Left DBI 'Larrikin

RightSettlers' White Iris



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Hello dear readers,

Lady Bombay with the latest tit bits.

As I look out my office window at the faint tinge of green grass sprouting like a well-manicured lawn, at least one can say that there has been precipitation

friendly to all. What a pleasure it is to have that extra minute in the shower. I am sure that Thorn, the gardener is having more than an extra minute as his hair is starting to look like a gossamer commercial.

Whilst we wait for the shortest day of the year to arrive, the pots of violas, pansies and zygo cactus are all in their splendour of colour not to mention the bulbs of many, sprouting in what I would say rather prematurely. Well that is nature for you. Some replanting of the lavender rows was required as our summer did take a toll on them. Rule of thumb gives them a five-year life span before they start to look dishevelled. The Italian ones are the most robust.

I have a deliberation of such right outside my kitchen window which has given me delightful shade over the years and particularly now over the gutters. Cerrasus prunus, the sour cherry tree. Self-sown by birds which was a delight once upon a time. As I watch the leaves drop, and Thorn, the gardener, up the ladder yet again cleaning the gutters. I think it's time for Team Bombay to tackle pruning it or should I say Thorn, the gardener. Must check content insurance policy before this commences as there are a lot of valuable statues near it and of course make sure Thorn, the gardener is aware of this fact as don't want to put any pressure on him as Lord B and I shall be supervising. I don't think Thorn the gardener realises that we can hearing him muttering to himself. "Thorn, do this, Thorn do that."

Now that burning off season has arrived Thorn the gardener, started the process the other day. What was he thinking of doing with pyromaniacal approach to the first pile?. A large tin of turpentine in one hand and matches in the other. "Cease and desist", I cried a time for divide the pile and conquer was the solution and no turpentine. I didn't want the big gum trees going up. How embarrassing if our boys in yellow had to turn up.

On a more personal note and one some of you ladies may have experienced, Lord B has had a problem at night, a very loud one, snoring at a decibel that only causes china to rattle. Off to the sleep apnoea specialist he went and on return a sleeping apparatus one would describe like Darth Vader from Star Wars. Peace at last during the night. No ear plugs for me. Even Randy our black Labrador is saying thank you.

Lord B has intimated to me that I should hang bagels on my ears, and I would look like Princess Leia and he would have something to nibble on. I mean really the old boy should watch it or it's the guest room for him.

Its raining right now and I can hear the water trickling from the roof and into the tanks. I think that calls for celebratory dishwasher load on the full cycle and of course Mothers ruin.

Until next time. Lady Sapphire Bombay

Use it up, wear it out, make it do or do without. (Proverb)





Gardening is the art that uses flowers and plants as paint, and the soil and sky as canvas.

Elizabeth Murray

Redesdale Community Precinct Update

As you will recall in last month's Bridge Connection edition a collective made up of the Hall Committee, the RRRC and RaDA have submitted a budget request to council to continue their support for the much needed rejuvenation of our hall and reserve's infrastructure. This submission seeks council's financial support to continue the work done so far including;

Revitalisation of the hall with the kitchen upgraded to commercial standard

Improved and more practical storage spaces

Meeting and public space for services to be delivered locally

Refresh of the internal toilets

Refresh of the hall facade

Addition of a Travellers Rest space for travellers to park and stay in Redesdale

Addition of public use shower facilities

Potential employment opportunities supporting the new developments

On Thursday 22nd May representatives of RaDA, the Hall Committee and RRRC presented our submission in person to all 9 councillors as part of the budget review process in place in our Shire. The options proposed included funding for the detailed design planning stages and the refurbishment of the kitchen to commercial standards as stage 1 of the overall precinct plan. This second option includes a very substantial cash contribution from the Hall Committee which strengthens our position greatly. Thanks to the hall committee, I hope we are few steps closer to that new kitchen!

Personally I am proud of the 'coming together' to make this substantial submission to council and look forward to sharing some good news soon on its result. I am also buoyed by the letters of support sent to me and as I am aware directly to councillors. These voices of support are critical in sending a community message to our elected councillors and I have been told they make a difference. There may still be some naysayers for improving our community facilities however the overwhelming messages I am hearing are of positive support and encouragement. As we progress this initiative, we shall need to start getting our fund-raising hats on as every dollar the community contributes to the project we can pursue \$2 or maybe \$3 more from potential sources. So, if you have any great fundraising ideas or benefactors who want to see Redesdale's public infrastructure improved, then do we have a deal for you. Thank you Redesdale!

Any queries regarding this article or the precinct project please contact John Beurle directly on 0422001924, john.beurle@gmail.com or PO Box 7 Redesdale VIC 3444.

John Beurle, for and on behalf of the Redesdale Hall Committee, RRRC and RaDA



RECIPE OF THE MONTH 42

Fish in Crazy Water



A great way to cook whole fish

- 1 white onion, sliced
- 1 small bulb of fennel, sliced
- 1 carrot, sliced
- 200g ripe cherry tomatoes, halved
- 3 cloves garlic, sliced finely
- 1 fresh chilli, sliced finely
- Handful of olives, destoned
- 2 tbls Olive oil
- 2 whole fish, scored on both sides
- (I often use trout, but any whole fish
- Cleaned and scaled is good)
- 1 cup chopped parsley stalks included
- 200ml white wine
- 1 lemon
- Salt and pepper

Place a large frypan on high heat add the oil, onions, fennel and carrots

Cook for 4 mins then add the chilli, garlic and olives. Cook for a further 2 mins

Stirring frequently.

Place parsley in cavity of fish then put them on top of the vegetables. Pour in the wine and reduce by half. Add water just to come 1 cm up the side of the pan, cover with a lid and cook for 10 minutes.

Uncover the fish and baste it with its juices. Add salt and pepper to taste. The fish is cooked when the flesh flakes easily from the bone.

Remove onto a plate, spoon over the veg and juices. Drizzle with extra virgin olive oil then squeeze over the lemon juices.

Marisa Leahy

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 Regular Clean Up Redesdale working bees – so that we are a 'tidy town' more often. Again, something we've already got on our list – but the demand is to make it a more frequent calendar item.

When we get those done, the next most popular activities were:

- A regular Farmers Market / Car Boot Sale; with local product competitions/prizes
- Expanding our Community Library to Mia Mia (hopefully you are all using this library – there is some great reading to be had in there!)
- More bingo / trivia nights
- A network of volunteer drivers

The subject of utilising the oval at the reserve and the possibility of attracting a female football or soccer team to train &/or use the reserve was discussed. Whilst a great idea, Margaret O'Rourke advised that teams were unlikely to be willing to travel to Redesdale and that our closest women's team – Kyneton - recently disbanded. With that insight, she encouraged us to think of other ways to use the oval.

Thank you to everyone who came along and those who could not but provided me with their suggestions (and votes!) prior to the Meeting. There was overwhelming agreement that this was a positive thing to do and we should make this a community commitment ongoing. Done! If you are passionate about something being done but couldn't make it and don't feel your idea can wait for the next 'Community Check-In Meeting'; please talk to any of your RaDA Committee

(or email info@redesdale.net):

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Great to hear the voice of the community – and even greater to have our local government representatives hear that positive commitment to making our town a better place to live and visit.

Kym De Lany





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Matthew Fagan's Guitar Album Launch & Guest Singer Kellie Grace

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"Matthew is the Best Artist that I have toured with". Billy Connolly

'Matthew has a Latin Soul and we love his playing so much that we want to take him back home to Cuba' Ibrahim Ferrer The Original Buena Vista Social Club

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Saturday 8th June 2019 – High Street Heathcote – Festival Join the festivities and celebrate with 'Wine, Food and Fun' from 10am to 3pm at the Barrack Reserve, next to the Visitor Information Centre. Explore market stalls, discover crafts and handmade merchandise by local artisans. There will be lots to eat plus music and an animal farm for the kids. Local wine makers will tempt you with a 'Taste of Cellar Doors' from 10am to 1pm.

Saturday 8th June 2019 – Vertical Tasting Masterclass at Sanguine Estate – with winemaker Mark Hunter. Commencing at 11.30am. Try older vintages only available at the masterclass and enjoy a pizza lunch and live music. \$55 per person including lunch plus a FREE gift valued at \$120. For information and bookings, please visit www.sanguinewines.com.au.

Saturday 8th June 2019 – Cornella Music Festival on the Old Bedford Truck – at The Shiraz Republic – performances by Local Folk; 12.30pm to 3pm Milkwood (Colbinabbin) and 1.30 to 4pm Mariah McCarthy Trio (Heathcote). Admission to these performances is free and located at 507 Hamblin Road, Cornella. Visit: www.shirazrepublic.com.au for further information.

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Sunday 9th June 2019 – Live Blues Rock – at Idavue Estate - The Hornets Trio "Daddy Who? Daddy Cool", from 1.30pm – 4.30pm with a \$10 entry fee. Spit roast rolls available. Phone: 0429 617 287 for more information. Venue: 470 Northern Highway, Heathcote.

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