We all know what lively contributions Mia Mia continues to provide for the local community, however perhaps the two most notable achievements since white settlement has been the Duigan aeroplane in 1910 and more recently sculptor Anton Hassell’s work in the development and creation of the harmonic bell, taking chimes to a level of purity previously believed impossible. With John and Reg Duigan and Anton Hassell, existing technology was pushed beyond existing limits, although in the case of the Duigans, powered flight had been achieved overseas, but they were the first Australians to build and fly a machine which could achieve this outcome. Marvellous Mia Mia!

Anton, his wife Georgina and children Sam and Matilda now students in Melbourne, have lived in the blue stone house at Mia Mia for 25 years, which they built themselves, “with much help from Ian Ross”.

The sound design aspect of his work as a sculptor developed 25 years ago, and was greatly supported with the opportunity to design and create the Federation Bells projects in Melbourne through the Australian Bell Company, which was commissioned to undertake those projects. The Federation Bells Carillon at Birrarung Marr Park (www.federationbells.com.au) and the 60 sets of Federation Handbells distributed to the community through Melbourne Museum celebrate the centenary of Australia’s federation in 2001. These projects were commissioned by the Melbourne International Arts Festival through its artistic director Sir Jonathan Mills AO. The invention of the ‘harmonic’ bell, using sophisticated digital design software, was central to these artwork projects.

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It has been, thankfully, a quiet month for the brigade with only the one major incident. We were called out to a motor vehicle accident near the Redesdale Bridge. With the amount of damage received by the vehicle it was amazing to see the driver removed from the wreck with relatively minor injuries. The air bags and other built in safety features had obviously done their job.

If you are considering the purchase of a new car, it would be well worth a visit to the website howsafeisyourcar.com.

Andrew Campbell
Fire Prevention Officer
0428253104.

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Redesdale Fire Brigade 75th Anniversary.

Invitations are now open to celebrate 75 years of the Redesdale Fire Brigade. The venue will be the

**Redesdale Hotel**  
**Saturday 10th of August,**  
**starting at 6.30pm.**

For more information please contact myself or any other brigade members.

Anyone who has photos, newspaper articles or memorabilia relative to the history of the brigade, it would be great to have the use of them on the night.

If you can help, please contact me.

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Hall Happenings with Norma Barker.

After a very busy few months it is now time for our winter hibernation. Our next planned function is the Afternoon Tea Dance in September.

On the Queen’s Birthday weekend the Hall committee served Devonshire Teas and lovely warm soup to accompany the Heathcote on Show production at the hall.

On Thursday 13th June we held our annual “Biggest Morning Tea” with all proceeds going to the Cancer Council. We had a theme of “Teapots” and children from the Redesdale/Mia Mia Primary School produced a varied display of decorated teapots, some of which, I believe, were sourced from op. Shops.

The winners were selected by visitors voting using coins to pick their favourite, and the winner was the one which raised the most money.

The girls winner was Lilli, and the boys winner was Max. The total amount the children raised with the teapots was $59.30. the total amount for all teapots was $85.00.

We were also entertained by the schoolchildren with their rendition of the song “The lion sleeps tonight” and I noticed that they had an assortment of animals out and about, presumably while the lion slept.

It was a most enjoyable morning. We had visitors from Royal Freemasons Aged Care in Flora Hill and Ray M. Begg Aged care in Kyneton along with a few locals, and we thank everyone for their assistance.

The total amount raised for the morning was $416.00.

Winter is well and truly here so we, like most others, will be endeavouring to stay warm.

Norma B.

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FARMERS’ MARKETS

**Woodend Community Farmers’ Market**  
Sat 6th July  
Cnr High & Forest Streets, Woodend  
0487 444 090 Sharon Kittson

**Daylesford Farmer’s Market**  
Sat 6th July  
Daylesford Primary School  
03 5664 0096 Peter Arnold

**Kyneton Farmers’ Market**  
Sat 13th July  
St Pauls Park, Piper Street, Kyneton  
54 221 025 Veronica Manifold

**Riddells Creek Farmers’ Market**  
Sat 20th July  
Riddells Creek Primary School, Riddells Creek  
0408 254 626 Ali Bant

**Lancefield & District Farmers’ Market**  
Sat 27th July  
Centre Plantation, High Street, Lancefield  
0407 860 320 Meggs Hannes

**Maldon Market**  
Sunday July 14th  
www.vicfarmersmarkets.org.au

It is recommended that you check these dates with the market website if possible.
On Tuesday the 18th the school, along with Elphingstone PS, travelled to the Werribee Zoo. We managed to dodge the worst of the weather whilst enjoying an educational session on Predators v Prey, a safari tour across the open plains as well as spending time roaming the grounds of the zoo to see many exciting animals. The pride of lions, Gorillas, Giraffes and the Rhinos were some of the many highlights.

We even got to look at the new Zoorasic display which had life sized dinasaurs toweing over our excited students!

Many thanks to the hall committee and organsiers of the ‘World’s Biggest Morning Tea.’ Opportunities for students to practise their public speaking and perform in front of a live audience, while challenging, are very beneficial and enjoyable. We thoroughly appreciated the opportunity to contribute and enjoyed delightful morning tea that was provided.

Clean Up Redesdale

On Friday 14th June, as part of the ‘Clean Up Redesdale’ initiative our whole school walked to the Recreational Reserve to help maintain the oval and surrounds. Over a 45 minute period we collected multiple bags of waste and recyclables from along the fence lines and in the garden beds. Students were conscious of the types of litter being recovered – much of which was fast food outlet waste and empty bottles. Conversations around how to manage the issue of littering and the impact it has on our environment have continued back at school.
The Harmonic bell offers the clearest pitch clarity of any bell in the world.

As director of Australian Bell, Anton has created a number of public artworks including the Victoria Police Memorial (with Marcus Ward) on St Kilda Rd, Melbourne and the Eureka Circle Installation in Eureka Park Ballarat. He has made bells for churches across Australia and, in 2014, was invited by the Longnow Foundation to invent a new bell design and to create a musical set of ten of these newly invented bells for the 10,000-Year Clock Project in Texas (www.longnow.org). This visionary project, like the other amazing research projects being undertaken by the Foundation, promotes long-term thinking for sustainable life on our planet. Anton committed people to Google the Longnow Foundation and encourages them to consider what moves them to become members themselves (he is member 5807).

Whilst the date that this great clock will open to the public is unknown, people will be able to visit it when it is completed. The Clock will keep accurate time and stay wound up for the next 10,000 years, whether people visit it or not. Each time the bells chime, they chime in a new pattern over the 10,000 years.

In 2017 Anton completed a Synapse Residency working with scientists at CSIRO’s Lab 22 to research the acoustics of 3D printed sound-forms in direct-metal (titanium and stainless-steel). These are the first bells 3D printed in metal and the design chosen was the ‘difference-tone’ bell invented for the 10,000-year Clock Project. His research practice has its focus on ‘tuning’ into the Australian landscape, finding resonance with its unique archetypal cadences and ambient pulses and through sculpture, sound-sculpture and printmaking, to bring non-indigenous Australians to a more nuanced connection to country. While large bells and sculptures are cast with Billmans Foundry in Castlemaine, new bell designs are sourced first in the Mia Mia landscape, to mix their sonic structures into the other layers of ambient acoustics that resonate in the valley.

Recently Anton has been commissioned to create a 3m tall tubular bell in bronze for the Brunswick Library and a 3m tall Twist Bell to be sited on the bank of the Yarra River near Melbourne High School.

Listening for ambient sonorities and inventing new forms, new sounds and exciting, fresh, joyful and interactive public-space site experience are what makes the long hours in his shed meaningful to Anton. Adding new sounds to the Mia Mia soundscape, and having these sounds ring in distant places around the world.

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Redesdale Community Precinct update

I am pleased to advise that following a joint Redesdale submission to council during their 2019/2020 Budget feedback process, that Council has approved a grant of $90,000 for the first stage of our exciting infrastructure project. This grant was made possible by council considering our case for continued investment and the significant pledge from the Hall Committee of $40,000.

Our case was based on the fact that we had come this far, we have a plan, to stop work now would be a waste, a shame and that the community had come together to present a united and positive position. The contribution of cash by the hall committee sent a strong message that we are committed and want to make the plans come to life. So, high fives to our hall committee!

A special thank you should be also be made to our Councillors and staff at the City of Greater Bendigo as we prepare the first stages of the implementation of the Precinct Plan.

As a reminder the Precinct plan has a number of elements.

1. Complete detailed design plans
2. Renovate the hall kitchen to commercial standard
3. Modernisation of the hall toilets
4. Rationalise hall storage spaces
5. Add new meeting/public use facilities at the front of the hall
6. Renovate the entry, foyer and façade of the hall
7. Create new ‘Travellers Rest’ facilities to attract travellers to stop, stay and spend in Redesdale
8. Add shower facilities for CFA and other public use at the reserve

These are ambitious things for our community to pursue and the grant approved this week is but a start on a bigger journey. The community will need to rally and commit to further fund raising by running our own events, further grants perhaps and any generous benefactors we may have in our midst.

We need everyone to help where they can so I invite you to put your hand up to help and provide the positive support needed to start ‘ticking off’ this list of projects. This could be by providing your time or resources for elements of the plan, fund raising ideas or just providing the moral support to keep us all going.

As always, should you have any questions or wish to offer your help please contact your committee members or John Beurle on 0422001924 or john.beurle@gmail.com
Cryptic Crossword
Set by Alberich

ACROSS

1 city with medieval castle (9)
6 comfortable and pleasant (4)
9 to be enough (7)
10 film promotion (7)
11 long poles with a wide, flat part on one end (4)
12 the ability to be happy, successful, etc. again after something difficult or bad has happened (10)
14 ethnological (6)
15 calmative (8)
18 You’ll need these in London (8)
19 a small tool with two handles for holding or pulling small things (6)
20 to see or look at (4,4,2)
24 a very strong desire (4)
26 preacher (7)
27 howl (7)
28 an amount of money that each person must risk in order to be part of a game that involves gambling (4)
29 old fashioned word for a man or woman who does not have a romantic partner (9)

DOWN

1 to manage to stay alive (4,3)
2 Egyptian queen (9)
3 having some of the same qualities (4)
4 wigwam with animal skins (6)
5 an amount of money that you pay to someone in law so as to be sure that that person can work for you when you need them to (8)
6 giving, generous (10)
7 a place to get your hair done (5)
8 a country that’s slippery (6)
13 department handling all phone calls (4, 6)
16 to a greater extent or more intensely than before (2,7)
17 whole numbers that are not fractions (8)
18 for example (4,2)
20 a boy’s name (7)
21 my mum’s sister’s son (6)
23 to add something decorative (5)
25 spoken (4)

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.


Answers found on page 20.
So much of what we see and hear these days is ‘glass half empty’ stuff. It’s so much easier to criticise than to praise; to look for what doesn’t work rather than recognise effort and intent; or to look at what makes us different rather than what we have in common.

My husband and I went to the Redesdale Revellers show this year – our first time. It was certainly a unique experience. There were mistakes; there was overrun, sure; but there was laughter, bonhomie and smiles – from the strangers we sat with, to the people just loved what they were doing (or they were amazing shows support crew and its performers).

What has stuck in my head and remains there, is how much these actors! And isn’t it just great to see people live and breathe their passion. And when they made a mistake, they smiled, they improv’ed and they just kept going. And the audience just went with them.

So often we are afraid to follow our dreams, we worry that we might not be good enough or that others might laugh/criticise/mock/ridicule. How easy that would be. But how rare and delightful to watch people who get up – in public – and bravely for their community.

Hats off to those who listen to their hearts, follow their dreams, for their community.

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Another Revellers’ season has finished and another good bit of the Hall Committee’s fundraising is done. Not all of it, by any means, - it takes quite a lot of work to raise enough money to run the hall.

The Redesdale Hall is unusual (not unique, as the Mia Mia hall demonstrates) in that it is not owned by the Municipality (City of Greater Bendigo) in which it stands. Because of that, the City contributes not a single dollar for the upkeep, maintenance, improvement or running costs. (Fair enough, too!) The Hall Committee provides tables and chairs, crockery and cutlery, fridges and freezers, appliances, piano, - everything. It is responsible for all maintenance, repairs and improvements. It also pays insurances and the power bills, not only for the hall itself but for the public toilets and the running of the pump for the reserve and CFA water tanks.

Clearly, all that takes far more effort than the Hall Committee alone could provide and this is the reason why this set up is so good for the community. None of that could be achieved without the support and co-operation of many community members, those people who can see a need and are willing to lend a hand to fill that need. And while there is a ‘feel-good’ effect for those directly involved, the community benefit is much, much greater than that. The Revellers shows provide a good night out for around five hundred people, the Afternoon Tea Dances bring another couple of hundred together and the Bush Market another few hundred and so on.

I don’t doubt that two or three clever people sitting around a table filling out Grant Applications and begging letters could raise sufficient funds for the yearly running of the hall for a year or two, but I am absolutely certain that they couldn’t do it year after year for forty years as the Hall Committee has whilst I’ve lived here. Even if it were possible where would the real community benefit be?

The City of Greater Bendigo has ‘Stronger Community Officers’ who, it seems to me, miss the point of what makes this community strong and want to replace it with the ‘handout’ mentality of the Hub/Precinct. Our Councillors are closer to the community and should see that what we have brings valuable community interaction and spirit.

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Kym De Lany
North Redesdale Road resident

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Redesdale Community Clean-Up

It was a foggy morning last Sunday, but that did not deter the twenty or so people who turned up to help at the Community Clean-Up. They are clearly as dismayed at the rubbish situation, as I had been over the past few months. Areas were delegated to each person, gloves and bags were handed out and off we set.

Two hours later we had filled a whole 10ft x 8ft x 4ft trailer with waste that had been tossed on to the side of the road.

I can’t even begin to understand why people throw rubbish out of car windows. But they do. All I know is that there are other residents who feel the same way as I do, so thank you to all who came along to help. Many hands make light work.

Thank you to the school children who walked up to the Oval on Friday and did their part. Thank you to AIPS, a local company who donated our high visibility vests and to the Redesdale and District Association who donated the safety signs. Lastly thanks to the ladies who supplied the morning tea.

Let’s all do our part to keep our town tidy. Hope to see more people next time.

Cheers Jo Smith-Sargent

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Council adopts the 2019/20 budget

Macedon Ranges Shire Council allocated $1.5 million in additional grants to complete additional road projects, fund a range of improvement projects and support matters in response to community submissions when it finalised its annual budget on Wednesday.


The additional $1.5 million, confirmed since the draft went on public exhibition, comprises $581,000 in Financial Assistance Grants, $580,000 in Fixing Country Roads grants, $189,000 in Roads to Recovery grants and $150,000 in Victorian Government grants to support events and festivals and master planning at the Woodend Community Centre.

Council will use the additional funds for a range of initiatives, including:

- Road construction projects:
  - Three Chain Road in Carlsruhe
  - Willowbank Road in Gisborne
  - Beauchamp Street in Kyneton.
- Organisational reform and improvement initiatives
- Expansion of the roadside weed program
- Provision of a school crossing supervisor in Kyneton (when the Victoria Street crossing is constructed).
- Expansion of the organisation’s current gender equality program.

The budget provides more than $80 million towards delivering services and projects to local communities within the imposed 2.5 per cent rate cap.

Waste charges, which are separate from rates and exempt from the rates cap, cover council collections of kerbside garbage, recycling and green waste. The waste charge will increase slightly (3 per cent), mainly to cover the introduction of a proposed new food organic collection service.

Budget initiatives include major upgrades to change rooms in Dixon Field and Gardiner Reserve in Gisborne, as well as Tony Clarke Reserve in Macedon. The old market shed building in Kyneton’s botanic gardens will be restored, and the Bullengarook to Gisborne walking track upgraded.

Planning work for a megafauna centre in Lancefield will begin and there will be increased spending on footpaths and a ‘wash against waste’ trailer purchased to allow reuse of crockery and cutlery at community events.

All three documents were on display from 30 April to 28 May and a total of 84 submissions were received, with submitters heard by Council at a special meeting on 12 June.

Council made minor amendments to the Council Plan document on Wednesday night, including the introduction of an action to “Prepare a masterplan/feasibility study for revitalisation of the Woodend Library and Community Centre and associated land area”. There were no changes to the Strategic Resource Plan.

The three documents can be viewed online at mrsc.vic.gov.au/plan-and-budget or at a Council service centre (in Gisborne, Kyneton, Romsey or Woodend) when incorporated changes from the meeting have been made to the documents.

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The Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria (RASV) has a strong commitment to supporting young leaders from the food and fibre industries. The ELVA awards are designed to motivate, inspire and encourage the next generation of leaders in agrifood and fibre. We are calling on the food and fibre industries to nominate outstanding young people for the 2019 ELVA Awards.

The Emerging Leaders in Victorian Agriculture Awards recognise people under 40 years of age who have demonstrated leadership qualities and make a contribution in their profession, or to the wider industry and community. The ELVA awards provide a unique opportunity for employers, colleagues and friends to nominate a young person they believe deserves recognition and opportunities to further their career. Award recipient(s) will receive up to $10,000 to put towards the development of their careers, and the invaluable opportunity to network with fellow industry leaders through the RASV calendar of events.


No action from Labor leaves Victorian farmers at a disadvantage

Victorian farmers fear dwindling access to fodder supplies could get tighter from Monday when further transport subsidies for drought-affected farmers in New South Wales kick in.

From July 1, farm businesses in NSW will be able to access a further $40,000 to assist with the cost of transporting stock, fodder and water within NSW or from interstate.

Shadow Minister for Agriculture Peter Walsh said the Andrews Labor Government needed to urgently act to protect Victorian farmers.

“NSW’s subsidy covers half the cost of freight – up to $5 per kilometre – and this leaves Victorian farmers, who are also under serious financial pressure from drought, at a significant disadvantage,” Mr Walsh said.

“There’s strong demand for fodder right now and prices are at a premium, and Labor’s Agriculture Minister Jaclyn Symes needs step up to ensure Victorian farmers have fair access to feed.

“Farmers are getting very anxious and the Andrews Labor Government needs to act fast.

“If the Minister can’t stop NSW putting our farmers at a disadvantage she’ll have to match the subsidy to support Victorian farmers.”

APPLICATIONS OPEN: FUNDED PLACES

The Victorian Rural Women’s Network (VRWN) is delighted to announce the opening of the Victorian Rural Women’s Leadership and Mentoring Program 2020.

Minister for Agriculture, the Hon. Jaclyn Symes, officially opened the 2020 program at a beef property and home of 2019 leadership program participant Caroline Thomson.

Caroline was the recipient of a VRWN funded place on The Observership Program which offered the opportunity to sit as an observer on the Victorian Farmers Federation Board.

VRWN partners with four established leadership program providers to deliver funded places to rural women connected to agriculture or the agricultural supply chain, from emerging to highly experienced leaders on five different programs.

The current partners are:
The Observership Program
Victorian Regional Community Leadership Programs
Leadership Victoria
Victorian Office for Women.

The initiative is designed to maximise opportunities for rural Victorian women working in the agricultural sector to upskill and step into decision-making roles.

Applications for funded places on the first of the 2020 programs are now open for the Williamson Community Leadership Program (targeted to women with considerable leadership experience).

The remaining programs will open throughout the year and into early 2020. To apply or find out which program is for you, see Leadership and mentoring program.

Got a question? Email vrwnetwork@ecodev.vic.gov.au.
Hello Redesdallians

A busy month for the community as evidenced by the various articles in this month’s BC! The Redesdale Food and Wine Festival at the Hall and special menus highlighting local producers at the Pub; a fabulous “Clean Up Redesdale” campaign held a few weekends ago; the Pavilion now has funding to enable it to apply finishing touches to that building; and only last week, confirmation of an allocation of funding to augment that generously provided by the Hall Committee to progress the next phase of the Precinct project: the Hall kitchen.

Big and small – we should be proud of all the things the various parts of the community do and achieve to ensure Redesdale is great place to live, visit and do business. Well done to everyone involved.

RaDA is currently reviewing the top 5 initiatives identified (in addition to the Precinct Project which had overwhelming support) in our mid-year Community Check In meeting. In order of popularity:

1. Farmers market @ the Reserve featuring district providers and possible ‘awards’ for best local product etc
2. Car boot sale (possibly could be combined with the farmers market?)
3. Regular mobile movie nights (where we own a projector/screen and access movies the community want to watch)
4. Walking track down to the Redesdale/Mia Mia bridge; acknowledging that this initiative has been kicking around for some time
5. Expanding the community library (in the Agnes Mudford Reserve) to Mia Mia; or expanding the “Clean Up Redesdale” campaign to twice yearly; or a gymkhana event.

If anyone is passionate about any of these and would like to be involved, we would be delighted to hear from you – just email info@redesdale.net. It’s always a challenge to prioritise based on limited volunteer resources, so the more people who can put their hand up and get involved, the better!

Finally, we are trying to finalise details, but we hope to be able to confirm a date in September where the Royal Flying Doctor Service will come to Redesdale and talk to us about what they do and specifically the services they offer to support small regional communities. I have heard their presentation previously and it is interesting, impressive and relevant to us. I hope you can make it.

And for those of us unable to escape the cold winter: stay safe, warm and healthy.

Kym De Lany
Secretary, Redesdale and District Association

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Hello to all,
It’s all being happening in Redesdale this last month.

I mentioned in the last issue that we had received a $5000 grant from CoGB and were hopeful of a further $5000 grant from SDCD. Well that came to fruition, so we’ll be able to get back to work on the pavilion with these grants going a long way towards finalising the project.

Accompanying this report is a photo of an award presented to The RRRC by The Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning,(DELWP) in recognition of works done on the reserve. This is a small but important recognition of the enormous amount of time and labor that the current and passed committees have contributed over the past five years to have the reserve looking so good. These achievements include improvements to the pavilion, new water tanks, landscaping, the Redesdale sheep yards, new park benches, new fencing and rock walls. Well done to all.

Jo Smith-Sargent once again organised a very well orchestrated roadside rubbish collection. A large group of volunteers managed to clean up both sides of all roads entering Redesdale including Lyle Rd. north of the roundabout and Racecourse Road. Thanks Jo for helping keep Redesdale a tidy town and thank you to all helpers.

BREAKING NEWS, hot off the presses, The CoGB have approved their financial support for stage one of the precinct project with a sum of $90,000. based on a cash contribution from the community via the Hall Committee funds of $40,000. There will be a meeting in early July with all parties involved to draft up a MOU, memorandum of understanding, to set some boundaries which will be chaired by the Council. This is great news. Stay tuned for further updates.

Happy days,
Mike Abramowski
Chairman Redesdale Recreation Reserve Committee

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Biggest Morning Tea at the Redesdale Hall

The Redesdale Hall Committee recently held another successful "Biggest Morning Tea" at the Redesdale Hall for the Cancer Council.

Close to fifty guests enjoyed the entertainment provided by the Redesdale - Mia Mia Primary School students, followed by the delicious home-made morning tea. The guests consisted of many locals, several visitors from nearby towns and two busloads of special visitors; one from Freemasons Flora Hill and the other from Ray M. Begg in Kyneton, who were kind enough to bring out some delicious cakes for morning tea and some very clever craft items to donate to the trading table. Several teapots were brought along for this year's "Teapot" theme, but extra special mention must be given to the students for their highly creative teapots which they had obviously put a lot of thought and effort into. The School should feel proud that they alone raised a very impressive total of $85.00 from everyone voting on their teapots......well done all of you!

Congratulations and thanks to all who supported this worthwhile cause and for everyone being so generous in helping to raise $416.00 for the Cancer Council this year.

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

DEFIBRILLATOR
The Community owned defibrillator is now accessible to all community members. It is situated on the outside wall of the CFA building (next to the Rural Café).

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Redesdale Ramblings:

Iris, Flower of the Rainbow, Part 2 The Bulby ones

There are two main types of iris that grow from bulbs: what are usually called “Dutch Iris” which can get up to a metre tall and the much smaller “Reticulata Iris” at less than a foot (30cm) high. Both grow well in our climate, benefiting from autumn/winter rain and sunny growing conditions in spring before dying down for their summer rest. Grow them where you won’t be watering while they are dormant, though the “Dutch Iris” are a bit more tolerant if you forget.

The typical “Dutch Iris” are hybrids raised by crossing species that originate in Spain, Portugal, southern France and across the Mediterranean in Northern Africa. They appreciate a position in full sun though they can tolerate a bit of shade, especially after the foliage dies down. They usually are in bloom in late spring. The most popular colour is deep blue (‘Professor Blaauw’, ‘Telstar’) but other shades of blue (‘Hildegarde’, ‘Lilac Beauty’) as well as white (‘Casablanca’, ‘Apollo’), yellow (‘Golden Harvest’, ‘Golden Beauty’), purple (‘Acapulco’, ‘Purple Sensation’) and even brown (‘Autumn Princess’, ‘Thunderbolt’) coloured hybrids are available. They are substantial plants and need room to develop; if they are happy they’ll also increase by offsets so that after a couple of years they should be dug up and divided. If you use a large enough pot you can also grow them for a year or two but without adequate feeding they may refuse to bloom in subsequent years.

The species can be more delicate in appearance but can be just as tough. We’ve grown the Spanish Iris, Iris xiphium, from wild collected seed which took a few years to get to flowering size but now bloom every spring.

The Reticulata Iris we grow in our gardens are similarly a race of hybrids mainly using Iris reticulata, Iris histrioides and Iris bakeriana which come from Turkey and the Middle East. Most flower at the end of winter or early spring. They look like miniature versions of the Dutch Iris but the flowers arise directly from the bulb without a stem just a “floral tube” – though if seeds are set, the pod is pushed up to surface by a developing stem. The foliage is also very different being thin and reedy, usually only emerging as the flowers are finishing. The most commonly seen “retic” is probably ‘Harmony’ with two-tone blue flowers which multiplies well in the garden flowering in late winter. Its sport is the paler ‘Alida’ which is just as prolific and well worth growing. ‘Springtime’ and ‘Clairette’ are similar to each other with blue and white flowers with a darker blue tip to each “fall”. ‘Natasha’ is white but can be a weak grower, often disappearing after a year or two. ‘George’ has large dark purple-red blooms and is a favourite of mine.

One of the more unusual hybrids called ‘Katherine Hodgkin’ is an icy blue on green colour with yellow highlights. The breeder was sure that he had crossed the blue Iris histrioides with the yellow Iris danfordiae but it was later proved that the other parent was the pale yellow Iris winogradowii (which is much rarer). However a Canadian called Alan McMurtrie found a fertile form of Iris danfordiae and crossed it with Iris histrioides (variety sophenensis) to raise a first generation of ordinary looking blues. However when he crossed the seedlings the second generation unlocked an amazing genetic storehouse and a new range of colours and patterns came into being. With names like ‘Sea Green’, ‘Snow and Sky’, ‘Orange Glow’ and ‘Plum Cuddles’ you can imagine the colours – or just go to his website (www.reticulatas.com) to see for yourself. An Australian importer has started to bring some of these Iris to the market (via the Dutch Bulb Wholesalers) so we can soon have them in our gardens.

Cheers

Fermi

The Redesdale Rock Gardener.
Hello Dear Readers,

Lady Bombay here with this month’s latest tit bits.

Well now I can sing my favourite songs or at least one them in the garden: Green Sleeves.

I now officially have a lawn again and all the weeds are popping up all over and now have Thorn the gardener on weeding patrol with all matter of implements including tweezers to pull them out. Before we know it, the ride on mower will be out on duty but let’s not jump the gun quite yet, it’s still quite damp outside.

With each season one must combat certain obstacles. That’s right, Mr Jack Frost is about however one knows that if we are to have a frost, the days tend to be marvellous. Try telling that to my sub and tropical plants. I must admit the hot house does quite a good job of protection and I was even tempted many years ago to install a disused hot water boiler and convert it into a wood burner with a flue for the hot house. That idea was quickly stomped on by Lord B stating that it took a lot of wood to heat the manor let alone the hot house. Thorn the gardener also tried telling me that he would use his hair dryer on the plants every morning there was a frost. He failed to tell me the real reason would have been not needing to chop the wood to keep the fire going.

Years ago, whilst renovating the manor, Lord B had several dome skylights installed in the lounge room in order to give us good winter light which streams through even on the gloomiest of days. Oh yes, Lady B has had her light bulb moment.

Thorn, the gardener, and I moved all those delicate tropical plants into the lounge room for winter. There were pots strewn throughout the lounge/dining area which now resemble a rather refined conservatory. All the coffee table and side tables had a greenery on display. I made sure this was all done the other week whilst Lord B was down in Melbourne for a couple of days.

“Good god old girl, why do we have a hot house when everything is in the house” was his rather grim repose. A machete was also muttered in the sentence somewhere which was completely ignored as I mentioned we were having beef bourguignon for dinner which is one of his favourites, he proceeded to mutter again thinking of his stomach.

“Where are my Country Life magazines?” he bellows “Under the Tamarillo trees?” was my response. Hysterical thoughts of them fruiting prematurely as they have grown rapidly inside towards the light and beams in the ceiling. Perfect for hanging baskets I say. Must check Lord Bs diary for his next Melbourne visit as fuchsias were my immediate thought.

That should keep all my precious beloved plants happy over winter and the added incentive of being only literal footsteps to Mothers ruin, which may I say is timely and appropriate.

Lady Sapphire Bombay

Quote of the month:

“When youth departs may wisdom prove enough

Winston Churchill
Life does go on after the heartache and hardship of fire and the sign of nature's regrowth giving hope to the start of that recovery.

We kept checking on each other, being so nervous about the destruction unfolding and the potential wind changes that would see it back this way again in the night. The fire at Redesdale was devastating, burning over 10,000 hectares including the loss of 14 houses, extensive shedding, farming equipment, pastures, livestock, olive groves and wineries. Without the quick response of CFA including many strike teams that came from far afield, this could have been far worse.

Support after the fire came from all over… initial shelter & care, food packs, household needs, clothing, quilts, hay drops, fencing recovery, animal rescue, rebuild packages with community agencies, bush dances, bridge regional picnic, peer support nights & fund-raising events etc. People's lives were affected in so many ways & many have found it difficult to recover. Relationships suffered, most have rebuilt, others moved away.

We were very fortunate on the day to not have lost lives when so many others did on Black Saturday in the Kinglake Marysville Area. Our thoughts & prayers to all that suffered on this terrible day 7th February 2009.

Ruth Booker Redesdale, Victoria

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“Out of the flames, into the light”
a Creative Arts legacy

In a relaxed rural setting in Mia Mia, Central Victoria a group of local community members who were affected by the 2009 bushfires came together to participate in a creative Printmaking Project, “Out of the Flames, into the Light”. This project culminated in a folio of limited-edition etchings for each person and four hand-bound, rare Artist-made-books.

Ten years past, this was a time to reflect on the 2009 bushfires in a sensitive and caring way whilst having an opportunity to be guided to express thoughts, share memories and make something very special in a supportive and creative environment.

Participants were assisted in drawing, printmaking and bookmaking and by all accounts enjoyed the opportunity to come together to share stories, wonderful food and make something beautiful from memories which were undoubtedly devasting and painful. Local Artist, Printmaker Kevin Foley hosted and facilitated the workshops in his private studio in Mia Mia and turned on delicious lunches that were very much appreciated!

The act of working towards a common goal and binding the text and the Art prints into a very valuable, treasured book and then having this book lodged at local, state and national level libraries is significant. There is something about ‘being published’ that validates a story; I was there, I contributed and others beyond me, will value and remember. Inherent memories are recorded in the drawing-prints and in the stories. Depositing these books into public institutions guarantees a legacy for years to come.

The standard of artwork created was very striking and all 8 participants got a ‘real buzz’ when they saw their pictures being pulled off the press. The evolution of the prints being drawn, proofed and aquatinted was a great source of personal achievement.

These images will be very good stimulators for further conversations and reflection well beyond this project. So impressed were Regional Arts Victoria (RAV) staff, they requested that the book of prints and stories go on exhibition and the Coordinator, Artist Kareen Anchen be part of a panel presentation at the RAV AGM in Sale last month.

In short, the focus around the RAV AGM was very much about “The Arts” in all its forms – drama, music, literature, film, dance, art, have played and always will play, a vital role in the restoration, health and well being of individuals and communities, especially in post disaster recovery.

Ms. Anchen said “The health and strength of ‘The Arts’ sector is surely a positive indicator of cultural and humanist sensitivity, diversity and tolerance and Australian government decision makers must take note when allocating future funding. There is a social and moral imperative to foster The Arts and appreciate the true value The Arts play in social cohesion and education.”

This project has been generously assisted with support from Regional Arts Victoria - Community Arts Grants.

“Out of the Flames, into the Light”
Rare Book and Print Folio

Artist facilitators:
Kevin Foley, Mia Mia
Kareen Anchen, Maldon

Participants:
Sandra Aitken, Barfold
Gloria Pocock, Redesdale
Nic James, Redesdale
Sandra Brajevic, Barfold
Lisa Campbell, Redesdale
Joanne Smith-Sargent, Redesdale
Ruth Booker, Redesdale
Kathy Hall, Redesdale
RECIPE OF THE MONTH

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Chocolate Mousse

500grm Dark Chocolate
1 tbls butter
2 tbls castor sugar
600ml cream
4 eggs separated

Melt chocolate with the butter.
Whip egg whites and sugar till firm.
In a large bowl whip cream lightly adding the egg yolks.
Add the melted chocolate.
Fold in the egg whites.
Pour into individual glasses.
Place into fridge to set.
To serve you can decorate with extra whipped cream, shaved chocolate or fruit.

Marisa Leahy
The war we wage with bugs in the antibiotic era

It is difficult to imagine what life would be like in current society without antibiotics. There are some countries still where antibiotics are rarely used. The National Academy of Sciences in a 2016 study noted a seven-fold difference in antibiotic use between Mexico and Turkey. Even comparing Japan and Australia there is an over-two-fold difference, which is striking given their similar socio-economic development and measures of societal health.

There is no doubt that antibiotics have had a profound effect on life expectancy since their first use 80 years ago. Back in 1939 life-expectancy for males was around 65 years, and for females a little over 70. Most recent figures from the Australian Bureau of Statistics puts our life-expectancy at nearly 80 years for males and approaching 85 years for females. I am not suggesting all of this change is due to antibiotics but certainly a significant part is.

The story of how penicillin was made available to the world is fascinating. Alexander Fleming is credited with its discovery in 1928, but may have been a little disappointed that he never developed his discovery sufficiently to be used for the great therapeutic benefit that it is today. That was left to Howard Florey, an Adelaide University alumni working then at Oxford University, who demonstrated its useful in treating infections. The first successfully treated patient was Arthur Jones, a young boy of 15 with a post-surgical infection of his hip. Howard Florey was apparently convinced by a colleague that patenting his discovery was unethical. Hence profits and royalties flowed to United States companies instead of to Oxford University where Florey did his work on penicillin.

Nowadays, infections in infants are treated with wide spectrum antibiotics. Surgical patients are administered antibiotics routinely to prevent infection. Those patients that are immune suppressed, including many cancer patients, those with auto immune conditions and even those with milder suppression caused by diabetes or similar chronic conditions, are administered antibiotics in excess of the average population use, in recognition of their susceptibility to infection. Antibiotic use pervades every area of the health and agriculture sectors because they are so remarkably effective in killing bacteria.

The “magic bullet” of antibiotics is not infallible, however. Living things have a remarkable ability to adapt to their environment, and bacteria living in the hostile environment of antibiotics sometimes become resistant. Just simply through the random process of mutation of bacterial DNA, resistant strains of bacteria emerge all the time. The more antibiotics we use, the greater is the selective pressure which allows the antibiotic-resistant bacteria to thrive.

As the list of antibiotic-resistant strains of bacteria increases, so does our responsibility to safeguard their continued usefulness. We all have a responsibility in this. Infections can be avoided, just as much as they can be treated. This not only means using simple household cleaning agents appropriately and keeping hands washed. It also means eating well and keeping up with vaccinations so that our immunity is as well-tuned as can be.

Health professionals must bear their share of the responsibility of safeguarding the use of antibiotics as well, with appropriate use, and avoiding over-prescribing. The challenge of rapid and reliable diagnosis of specific infections is a challenge that persists today. There has been vast improvement in our ability to identify infections through DNA tests and other biochemical techniques, but again it is the doctors responsibility to use these tests appropriately.

Ultimately, every infection requires transmission to its next target, or else it is doomed to die out in its host, regardless of outcome. And that is why sometimes the best strategy to deal with an infection is to quarantine yourself at home, save exposing your work colleagues and friends to your bug, and trust your immunity to do the hard work.

Tim

Dr Tim Stobie 5422 1397

Sudoku & Crossword Answers

ACROSS
1 Lancaster 6 cosy 9 suffice 10 trailer 11 oars
12 resilience 14 tribal
15 sedative 18 Stirling
19 pliers
22 clap eyes on 24 urge
26 apostle
27 screech
DOWN
1 last out 2 Nefertiti 3 akin 4 teepve 5 retainer
6 charitable 7 salon 8 Greece 13 call centre 16 in earnest 17 integers
18 such as 20 Stephen
21 cousin 23 adorn 25 oral

Your Health!
With
Dr Tim

Dr Tim Stobie 5422 1397

Kyneton Medical Centre
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This image came from a photograph taken by my husband, Craig Aitken, who was fighting the bushfire with his fellow CFA members during Black Saturday.

It was a terrible day, with high winds and extreme temperatures, and yet, when the pagers went off, there were hundreds of volunteers who jumped onto their vehicles and risked their lives in an effort to control the flames and reduce the amount of damage such a wild fire can do.

I hope this print conveys some of the heat, smoke and devastation of a bushfire and that it conjures up in your mind an image of the insignificance of man in relation to the forces of nature.

It is a very small tribute to those everyday heroes, many of whom worked tirelessly not only on the day, but for many weeks after the fire to patrol the area and control any breakouts that appeared whenever the wind changed.

Our world is a better place with heroes who are prepared to fight bushfires and I thank them all for their efforts.

Sandra Aitken  Barfold, Victoria

We woke up on the day to 7am Temperature mid-thirties humidity very low. The petals of flowers turned to tissue paper, the grass shattering under our feet.

As the day progressed the Temperature continued to rise, reaching 47 degrees, humidity 7%. We waited with radio on local station, listening for news. As evening approached Redesdale was on fire. Ringing everyone we knew, friends and neighbours. All were ok but it was apparent that volunteers were needed at the local hall, fire-fighters to feed. The Red Cross arrived with trolleys of food, the urns were running overtime heating water for tea and coffee, volunteers worked from 5am till 11pm. The Fire Fighting crews came in with news, some tragedies averted others desperate. 14 houses were lost along with a lot of property damage and loss of stock.

Over the following days the community rallied everyone looking out for all. A semitrailer arrived with donated goods from all over Victoria. Teams were being organised to help with the clean-up. Help was coming from all over the State.

For the next few days roads out of Redesdale were closed until they were made safe to travel on.

I felt that I could be more usefully employed here than at work, I worked at the Hall along with many other volunteers.

It took many weeks living surrounded by the devastation before the first flush of regrowth proved that there was a future. I was lucky not to lose anything but felt for those not so fortunate. Everyone that was here that day will have it engraved in their memory.

Gloria Pocock  Redesdale, Victoria

I spotted this tree about eight weeks ago on the Heathcote golf course as I played a quick 9 holes.

She was 6 inches tall with bright green needles protruding. She looked like she had been raised from the dead. There was limited moisture in the soil and certainly a lack of nutrients surrounding her – yet she grew. She held my gaze for a long time and it reminded me of the surrounding fields after Black Saturday, ten years ago. Everything gone, burnt and devoid of any living matter. Yet we thrived, we rebuilt, and we supported each other in a time when we thought all was lost.

To be involved in this project was the perfect way to remember a challenging chapter in my life. It enabled me to strengthen my belief of: “Life goes on”.

Joanne Smith-Sargent  Redesdale, Victoria

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Kyneton Toyota named Australian Rural Dealer of the Year

To add to the prestigious achievement of Toyota Southern Region Dealer of the Year 2018, on Tuesday 9th April, Kyneton Toyota was awarded the Australian Rural Dealer of the Year at the National Dealer Conference in Adelaide. Of the 125 rural Toyota dealerships nationally, Kyneton Toyota are proud to be named number 1 for excellence across all areas of the business.

“We were already so proud to be named our region’s dealer of the year, but to be named Australian Rural Dealer of the Year is an overwhelming achievement” said Tim Barrett, Dealer Principal of Kyneton Toyota.

Photo on the right.

Tim and his wife Sally were presented with the award by the President of Toyota Australia Matthew Callahor.

“We would like to thank the Macedon Ranges community and all our guests for supporting us in achieving this award. The Kyneton Toyota team are truly proud to be able to share this with our community and be recognized for our efforts at a national level” said Tim.

For more information please contact Kate Tripodi 0432 418 898 katet@kynetontoyota.com.au

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Kyneton Toyota

What's on...

Thursday 4th July 2019 – Swagmans Luck School Holiday Performance - Swagman’s Luck is a multi faceted show which will educate and entertain all ages. So come be entertained by our suite of eleven amazingly realistic marionette puppets at the performance of Swagman’s Luck. Follow the journey through the bush to a quiet billabong and relive the story of Waltzing Matilda by the famous Australian poet, Banjo Patterson. Discover its Australian historical context of what inspired the well-known bush poem. 12:00pm for Barbequed Bush Bangers, Campfire Baked Spuds and Damper following with the performance and Swagman Games/ Activities. (Dietary requirements can be catered for, let us know of any at time of booking). Cost: Adults $25.00, Concession; $20:00, Children; $10.00, Under 5; FREE. Family specials are also available. We are fully licensed so please feel free to enjoy a local beverage from our fully stocked fridge. Eftpos is available. Bookings through 5432 2291 or jp_22@bigpond.com. Venue: Bridgward Grove Farm-Gate, 170English’s Road, Goornong. Visit: http://www.bwgrove.com.au for more information.

Saturday 6th July 2019 – Lions Bush Market – 8am – 1pm. Stall bookings can be made by calling Jean on 0400 675 995 or via email at www.lionsmarketmanager@gmail.com. Barrack Reserve, High Street, Heathcote.

6th July 2019 – Rood Henry Band Live at Palling Bros. Brewery - Local Heathcote performers, Rood Henry Band, will be playing a selection of covers from 7pm – 9pm. Entry is free. Venue: 168 High Street, Heathcote. For more information visit: www.pallingbros.beer.

Sunday 7th July 2019- Palling Bros presents The Irish Session– Time: 1:30pm. Fancy playing a few jigs & reels or maybe you just want to listen over a cooling beer; that’s fine too. Future Irish sessions will be held on 1st Sunday of the month. Venue: 168 High St, Heathcote.

Sunday 7th July 2019 – Sunday Session at Heathcote Inn – Singer songwriter and foot stomping blues man Richie Langford will be kicking off at 2pm until 5pm. Performing using an old suitcase converted into a kick drum, foot tambourine, resonator and electric guitars plus wailing harmonica, he will deliver a well-hones repertoire of originals and blues standards with a rockin’ swamp groove. Bring the whole family down for a great day out, enjoy the live music, our amazing food, local wines and beer and fresh cocktails. The kids will also be entertained for hours in the playground. Venue: 9 Hunter Place, Heathcote.

Tuesday 9th July 2019 – Women in Business – Presented by the Nagambie branch of Bendigo Bank. This is an opportunity to connect with local business women, receive support and be inspired by our fantastic guest speakers – plus enjoy a delicious lunch and drinks! The event will run from11.30am – 3pm at a cost of $90 per person. Venue: Nagambie Brewery & Distillery, 295 High Street, Nagambie. For further information visit: www.heathcotenagambie.community or email secretary@heathcotenagambie.community.

Saturday 3rd August 2019 – Lions Bush Market – 8am – 1pm. Stall bookings can be made by calling Jean on 0400 675 995 or via email at www.lionsmarketmanager@gmail.com. Barrack Reserve, High Street, Heathcote.

Saturday 3rd August 2019 – Daniel Aaron live at Palling Bros. Brewery - A solo performer hailing from Pyramid Hill, Daniel plays a variety of instruments combining them to create a tune munger genre of music unique to himself. This up and coming young artist is making strides in his music, recently playing at Bendigo Groovin The Moo, this intimate performance in Heathcote is not one to miss. 7pm – 9pm with free entry. Venue: 168 High Street, Heathcote.

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