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Editorial

Hello Dear Readers,

There are few local events happening this month in Redesdale and Mia Mia.

The Redesdale Fire Brigade's 75th Anniversary page 4. Orchestra Victoria Quintet 10th August FREE concert and light supper. Page 12.

Redesdale and District Association Annual General Meeting Saturday 5th October @ 10am @ the Redesdale and Mia Mia Primary School.

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- 3. Fostering geographic identity, and
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Redesdale CFA update

It's normally this time of year that we would be encouraging everyone to get their spray units out and hit the grass and weeds before they establish. Spraying now around the hom, sheds and fence lines can not only reduce the time spent mowing and slashing over Spring but greatly reduce the amount of available fuel around the home in the Summer fire danger period.

It is unfortunate that the most widely used herbicide in the world has come under close scrutiny due to a massive lawsuit in the US. The manufacturers of Roundup (Glyphosate) suffered an enormous payout because their product was "possibly "linked to cancer. It would be a shame if restrictions were to be put on it's purchase and use, because on the list of herbicides it is rated the safest. It is affordable, able to be purchased over the counter without a chemical user license, water soluble, non volatile, odorless and has minimal spray drift.

A recent Australian study showed no evidence of Roundup being a carcinogenic, but concluded that as with all chemicals, the safety directions should be followed closely.

So now is the perfect time to start spraying, but make sure you are wearing the proper safety equipment and do something that I rarely do, read the instructions label. Good luck.

Andrew Campbell Fire Prevention Officer.



New Vegetation Management Office for District 2

CFA District 2 has a new Vegetation Management Officer, welcome VMO Lisa Haines. Recently a car accident on the Heathcote-Kyneton Rd, between the Redesdale Bridge and Burkes Lane has been instrumental in pointing out a potential danger that needs to be addressed.

Overgrown exotic vegetation in the gully beside the road created not only an access issue to the car accident casualty, but an obvious risk of fire.

It is the task of the VMO to assess risk to people and assets from problem vegetation, and to formulate a plan to diminish that risk that will have the least impact on the environment and assets in consultation with key stakeholders.

VMO Lisa Haines came out to inspect the site in question to take photographs and assess what measures are required. She has been informed that Campaspe Valley Land Care was prepared to help keep this area maintained, and free from the invasive species that have infested this area.

Steve Cadusch from Mia Mia Fire Brigade has said he was prepared to organise a roadside burn in that area with Tankers and Crews most possibly on a weekend when all the necessary arrangements have been made. Redesdale Fire Brigade have carried out only one roadside burn in recent years, but are prepared to do more if they are allowed.

Redesdale Fire Brigade members had raised this issue of out of control vegetation in the area in question with the Municipal Fire Prevention Officer Sue Moses some years earlier, but no decision was formalised at that time, and nothing has happened since.

VMO Lisa Haines informed me there is now a specialist team of Fire fighters who can assist Brigades in roadside and controlled area burns. Really this is very good news as Brigades have largely been curtailed from what was once a norm of practice in fire fighting.

Vic Roads as they were once known appear to have been very remiss in dealing with problem vegetation in such areas and it also has an Important traffic engineering part to play.

A traffic guard rail such as those employed in Langley on the Heathcote-Kyneton road should be considered to prevent other vehicles taking the plunge into that roadside gully.

Rob Chapman Redesdale Fire Brigade Member.



Vegetation Management Officer, Lisa Haines

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Daylesford Farmer's Market

Sat 3rd August Daylesford Primary School 03 5664 0096 Peter Arnold

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Sat 10th August St Pauls Park, Piper Street, Kyneton 54 221 025 Veronica Manifold It is recommended that you check these dates with the market website if possible.

Riddells Creek Farmers' Market

Sat 17th August Riddells Creek Primary School, Riddells Creek 0408 254 626 Ali Bant

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Sat 24th August Centre Plantation, High Street, Lancefield 0407 860 320 Meggs Hannes

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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

This term at RMMPS we have a number of exciting extracurricular activities planned. In the coming weeks we will be participating in a STEM incursion conducted by Melbourne University engineering students, we will receive a visit from the Life Education Van, participate in the National Tree Planting Day by planting 100 native trees and shrubs in our 'Wetlands' area and head away for the biannual Year 3/4 Cluster camp to Swan Hill.

On the fundraising front we will be conducting a pie drive through Strathfieldsaye Bakery, with delivery expected on Friday $30^{\rm th}$ August. Anyone interested in supporting our school can place an order at the office. Please feel free to pop in. We will also be conducting a fundraising BBQ at Coles Woodend on Saturday September $21^{\rm st}$.

Kid's Corner

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Thanks

Many thanks to all those that supported our wood and meat tray raffle held at the end of last term. A special mention to Beth at the Redesdale Hotel for donating the meat tray and allowing us the opportunity to sell tickets to the patrons. We'll hopefully repeat the efforts later in the term.

End of Term 2

On the last day of school for Term 2, students, staff and parents came together to celebrate the hard work displayed by students throughout the term.

Our special day saw students making and cooking damper by a campfire, chopping and preparing vegetables for a delicious vegetable soup as well as numerous games on our oval. Thanks to all who attended and made it such an enjoyable day.





New Enrolments

It's exciting to announce that we have recently welcomed 4 new students to RMMPS!

Sharnie (Yr 5) and Ethan (Prep) arrived last term and have settled in beautifully. This week we welcomed Lochlan (Year 6) and Malaki (Year 1) to RMMPS.

This brings our total enrolments to 18 which is a fantastic achievement as our school continues to move forward in 2019!

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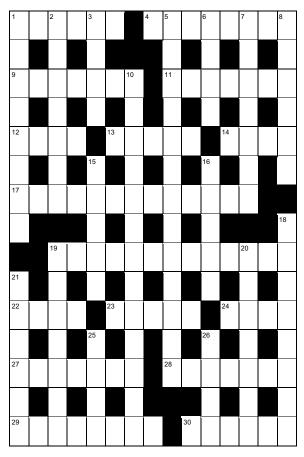
ACROSS

- **1** pliable (6)
- 4 a delightful prince (8)
- 9 something intended for temporary use until something better or more suitable can be found (7)
- **11** an expression that makes you look serious when you are telling a joke (7)
- 12 something kids hate doing to their room (4)
- 13 a part of a machine that spins (5)
- 14 a dull person (4)
- 17 Part of the Caribbean (6,7)
- **19** in a way that is not thought about or planned; intuitively (13)
- 22 small blast of air (4)
- 23 not moving; unreactive (5)
- 24 a boy's name; you can also watch TV through him (4)
- **27** a number such as 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, that shows the position of something in a list of things (7)
- 28 something in the present time (7)
- 29 second largest city in Zimbabwe (8)
- 30 unusual and exciting from far away country (6)

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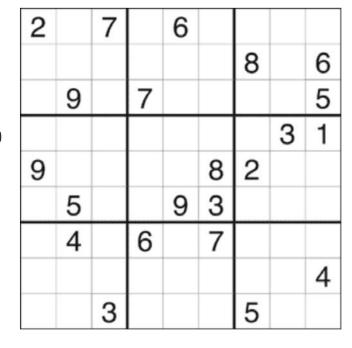
- 1 Not negative (8)
- **2** organised (2,5)
- 3 old fashioned word for near (4)
- 5 type of power plant that uses a dam on a river to store water (13)
- 6 to collect, harvest (4)
- 7 showing no respect for God or religion (7)
- 8 a male goose (6)
- 10 true for the present time but could change (13)
- 15 Slightly drunk (5)
- **16** something unsuitable (5)
- 18 mesmerising, spellbinding (8)
- **19** someone who does not have the same religious beliefs as the person speaking (7)
- ${f 20}$ to try very hard to persuade someone to do something (7)
- 21 confidence and style; assurance (6)
- **25** To understand something (4)
- **26** Famous constellation (4)

Set by Alberich www.alberichcrosswords.com



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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Answers found on page 20.

Letter to the Editor

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Dear Editor

I've just enjoyed a read of the latest Bridge Connection. I had an idea about a feature for the newspaper. I know there are several artists in the area and thought perhaps there could be an expose each issue about one of them and their work, including photos. Not quite as lofty, but I also thought that perhaps "crafters" could be included as well. I imagine that crafters may be a bigger group and there could be amazing things being created in the homes of Redesdale. Here's another one (I'm on a roll?), Up-cycling! I've been making flowers from old glassware and also re-purposing woollen blankets but I bet there is other really inventive recycling going on. It's a very relevant topic at the moment.

Anyway, just getting my thoughts out there whether they're of use or not.

Looking forward to the next edition.

Stay warm.

Debbie Graetz.



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Dear Editor

As you may have heard we are having issues with Campaspe River water quality.

This is a email from Coliban water telling downstream users of a waste water release occurring as we speak Wonder if they told your community about the releases

Do you want me to keep you informed on these releases? Yours,

Graham Connell

Dear Mr Connell.

Thank you for your emails regarding the current discharge from our Kyneton Water Reclamation Plant. From today, we will be discharging a mixture of treated water from our domestic and trade waste treatment processes.

The mixture results in a discharge of Class C quality recycled water. The rate of discharge is expected to be approximately 3.5ML/day, which may increase up to 5ML/day in wet weather.

With no flow in the waterway being recorded, the EPA has advised that the Public Health Advice is applicable to the Campaspe River from Wards Lane to Lake Eppalock.

Should recent and future rainfall provide instream flows then the impacted length of waterway will be reduced.

This will remain in place until such time as there is consistent natural flows within the Campaspe River, or weather conditions allow for the reuse of recycled water for irrigation purposes.

I have attached our Fact Sheet on recycled water grades and their approved uses. This information is sourced from EPA Publication 464.2 Guidelines for Environmental Management – Use of Reclaimed Water 2003, which is available on the EPA's website.

Regards,

Paolo

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Penalty Rates slashed

Federal Member for Bendigo, Lisa Chesters is warning Central Victorians that the next round of cuts to penalty rates for hospitality, retail, fast food and pharmacy workers take effect from today (Monday, July 1).

"Every July since 2017, penalty rates have been slashed. Labor committed to reversing these cuts," Chesters said.

"One of the devastating consequences of the re-election of the Liberal Government is that ^these low paid workers will get another pay cut."

"Thousands of Central Victorian workers will have their penalty rates cut again today because Scott Morrison refuses to reverse this unfair decision."

More than 11,540 people or one in six workers in the Bendigo electorate working in retail, fast food, hospitality and pharmacy will be paid less next Sunday than they were last Sunday – making it harder for them to pay their

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rent, cover their bills and look after their families.

This latest 10 to 15 per cent cut means many workers will lose thousands of dollars from their pay packets this financial year.

Some workers will be up to \$26,000 worse off by the time these cuts are fully implemented on July 1 next year.

And yet there is no evidence that these cuts have produced any jobs, like Scott Morrison promised they would.

Even the Council of Small Business admits these jobs have not materialised.

"Penalty rates are not a luxury – they help Central Victorian low paid workers put food on the table and petrol in the car," Chesters said.

"They can make the difference for people struggling to pay the electricity bill, the out of pocket health costs or child care costs – all of which keep soaring under this Government.

Volunteer Emergency Service Grants now open

Emergency service organisations across the Euroa electorate are being encouraged to apply for funding through the Volunteer Emergency Services Equipment Program (VESEP).

Euroa MP and Deputy Leader of The Nationals Steph Ryan said the program was now open to the Country Fire Authority, Victoria State Emergency Service and the Australian Volunteer Coastguard.

"Last year, seven grants totalling \$173,408 were shared amongst CFA volunteer services with Girgarre, Merrigum and Seymour each receiving a cut for vehicles and appliances," Ms Ryan said.

"Other CFA brigades whose applications were successful included Clonbinane, Devenish, Mia Mia and Toolleen.

"Our emergency services volunteers do a wonderful job in protecting the community and these grants will help to ensure that when they are performing their roles, they have the equipment and facilities to do the job.

"The VESEP grants can be used to fund operational equipment, including new vehicles, trucks, light and medium tankers, trailers, watercraft, vessels and engines, or funding can be put towards minor building improvements."

VESEP funding will contribute \$2 for every \$1 of funding from the local volunteer group up to a maximum of \$150,000 excluding GST.

"I strongly encourage all eligible emergency service organisations across the Euroa electorate to make an application for their chance at a share of this year's funds," Ms Ryan said.

For more information about the VESEP and to find out how to apply for a grant, visit: https://www.emv.vic.gov.au/vesep.

Media contact: Steph Ryan - 5762 1600 or 0488 441 820

Public dental wait times simply unnerving

Residents across the Euroa electorate trying to access public dental care services – including dentures – continue to endure lengthy wait times almost 12 months after data released under freedom of information revealed Victoria's public dental system is failing to keep up with demand.

According to data gathered by the Australian Dental Association Victoria from July 2018 - April 2019, on average people trying to access general public dental care are being made to wait 21.5 months – a 70 per cent statewide increase from 2014 -15 waiting times.

Euroa MP and Deputy Leader of The Nationals Steph Ryan said these latest findings coincide with an increase in the number of people contacting her about difficulties accessing dental services, including for dentures and dental vouchers.

"I have been contacted by a significant number of constituents who have spent upward of 18 months on the public dental wait list to access local services, particularly dentures," Ms Ryan said.

"The Euroa electorate currently provides public dental care through Seymour Health and Northeast Health in Benalla.

"Performance data as at June 2018 by the Australian Dental Association found that on average the waiting time for general care at these practices was 22.8 months and 25.1 months respectively.

"One Benalla resident told me that they've been waiting for a voucher to pay for public dental treatment for over two years.

"Others have expressed their ongoing frustration at the lack of transparency regarding public dental wait times, with the Andrews Labor Government failing to publish detailed waiting list data.

"Last month, I wrote to the Health Minister requesting that she investigate the concerns of local residents struggling to access dental services.

"At the very least, people deserve to know how long they are expecting to wait for dental care.

"The government must increase transparency and publish waiting lists numbers and times by clinic so that incoming patients know what they're signing up for.

"We should not have to accept longer wait times just because we live in regional Victoria."

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Funding on offer to support rural communities

Euroa MP and Deputy Leader of The Nationals Steph Ryan is encouraging local not-for-profit groups to apply for grants of up to \$15,000 under The ANZ Seeds of Renewal Program.

Ms Ryan said the \$250,000 program focuses specifically on helping build vibrant and sustainable rural communities with a population of 15,000 or fewer.

This year the program is committed to three focus areas:

Improving environmental sustainability: initiatives that restore and conserve the natural environment or which contribute to lower carbon emissions, water stewardship and waste minimisation.

Improving financial wellbeing within the community: particularly for the under-represented and disadvantaged including initiatives that improve economic participation, for example through building financial literacy and vocational skills and providing access to meaningful work.

Improving access to housing: improving housing access through initiatives that support those at risk of homelessness, or that provide supports for people living with a disability.

"This is a fantastic opportunity for our hard working not-for-profit organisations across the Euroa electorate to convert their bright ideas into reality by applying for funding under this program," Ms Ryan said.

"The program is unique to rural communities and offers a great opportunity to increase the vibrancy and prosperity of our country towns.

"I encourage all eligible local organisations to consider applying."

Applications are being accepted now and close on Tuesday, 6th August 2019.

To apply visit: https://www.frrr.org.au/grants/ANZ-seeds-of-renewal.

If you have any queries or wish to discuss your project call 1800 170 020 during business hours.

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District Association Report



Trust everyone is rugged up against this cold Victorian winter or lucky enough to escape it for somewhere warm!

Anyone who has left (or arrived in) Redesdale and Mia Mia in the last few weeks will have noticed ... our new town signage. A big "thank you" to Sarah Trezise for her efforts some months ago to get community input and then liaise with council. I hope you are all pleased with the outcome.

Recently the City of Greater Bendigo invited interested residents to join the reinvigorated Rural Communities Committee (RCC) in response to community feedback that a greater voice for the broader rural community is needed. Redesdale has been fortunate enough to get a seat at the table: John Beurle will join 6 other rural community members on the RCC. This group will meet with our Councillors 4 times year to offer insights to Council on the challenges faced in communities outside the suburban area of Bendigo. If you have ideas for better engagement with Council, John is keen to hear from you via email (john. beurle@gmail.com) or phone (0422001924). Thank you to our recent past representatives: Gloria Pocock, Robyn Abramowski and Pan Prendergast. We look forward to an update from John post his first meeting later this year.

We hope to confirm a date in September for a presentation from the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS). Please watch the August BC edition for final details. They have agreed to a show'n'tell with the school children followed by an early evening presentation to the adult community about the services they can provide to a regional community. I have been to one of the sessions and they are an amazing Australian organisation providing great services to



regional Australia. I encourage anyone struggling with getting to medical appointments etc to come along and hear their story. For a sneak preview you can check out their website: flyingdoctor.org.au

Many of you may have recently received a letter from Lisa Chesters; but we know not everyone did (we didn't!). Lisa has a mobile office day in our area on August 8th and is welcoming anyone wanting to discuss federal matter to contact her/her office and make an appointment: lisa. chesters.mp@aph.gov.au or call Korey (office) on 5443 9055. Congrats to everyone involved in "The Hub" (formerly known as the Precinct Project) – great milestone in getting Council funding approved. Plenty of updates elsewhere is the Bridge Connection. I think we are all looking forward to phase 1 delivering a new hall kitchen in 2020. Well done to those involved in making this happen.

Last but not least, the Redesdale and District Association Annual General Meeting has been set for is Saturday 5th October 10am at the Redesdale and Mia Mia Primary School. We've been busy over the last year and; following our May community check in, have a list of things you told us you wanted us to focus on for 2020+. We would really like as many of the community as possible to come along to the AGM. It's always tough asking people to give up family time to come out to these sorts of meetings, but we want to hear from you and offer transparency about what we are doing on your behalf. Light refreshments will be provided and we hope to keep the meeting to under an hour - we hope to see as many of the community there as possible.

Kym De Lany

Secretary, Redesdale and District Association

Orchestra Victoria at Mia Mia Hall

A free recital 7.30 PM Saturday 10 August 2019 Enjoy the music of



Prokofiev, Edwards, Copland and Ravel

Prokofiev: Quintet in G minor Op. 39 Edwards:

Ecstatic Dances Two Threnodies for Flute and String Trio Copland:

Duo Sonate for Violin and Cello - 11. Tres Vif & IV.Vif Ravel:

There is no attendance fee, but we need to know numbers for supper after the recital.

Please book your free seat/s at trybooking.com/523173 or

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Mia Mia Mechanics' Institute's President Anthony Ryan's comment after our 2018 recital "It was perfect. People came to listen to great music played well. There was not a shuffle, not a screen in sight, no coughing, it was dead quiet in our auditorium while 80 people became immersed in the music of Dvorak, Puccini, and Schubert.

The ensemble team skills of the performers were admirable



Redesdale Community (Precinct) now Hub update

Having received confirmation of the generous grant from the City of Greater Bendigo and the substantial pledge from the Redesdale Hall Committee, the Hub project 'kick-off' meeting was held 1 July at the hall. The meeting, chaired by Council was attended by representatives from the local CFA, Hall, RaDA and the Reserve committees where the scope and 'ground rules' for the project were discussed. Lively discussion was had and a high level plan established and shall be shared in due course.

It was agreed that the complete project should no longer be referred to as a 'Precinct' as the scope of our project is based solely on the reserve and the term **Hub** is more commonly used for projects such as ours.

As a reminder, the Hub project is made up of 3 main stages;

- 1. Kitchen renovation
- 2. Hall upgrades including
 - a. New multifunction meeting rooms
 - b. Refurbishment of the hall front facade
 - c. Renovation of the hall toilets and reconfiguration of storage rooms
- 3. Travelers Rest and (possibly) showers next to the existing public toilets

Complete Hub project concept drawings can be viewed www.redesdale.net/community/ detailed-design-working-group/ or contact John for hard copy or email versions, see his details below.

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

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Table cloths, white \$10 each
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Fosterville Gold Mine Exploration Activities Notification to Community Members

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

In recent times, Fosterville Gold Mine (FGM) has experienced record production and continued growth, with a prosperous outlook for the future. Kirkland Lake Gold, the owner of the Fosterville Gold Mine, is taking this opportunity to increase FGM's exploration activities within its regional exploration licences (EL006503 and EL006504).

Proposed exploration activities

- Soil sampling along public road reserves is expected to commence in EL006504 in mid-July followed by EL006503 in mid-August 2019.
- Depending on the results of the soil sampling program, surface drilling may be undertaken at selected locations within the exploration licence area. Any exploration activities on private land are <u>only</u> undertaken with landholder permission.

What is soil sampling?

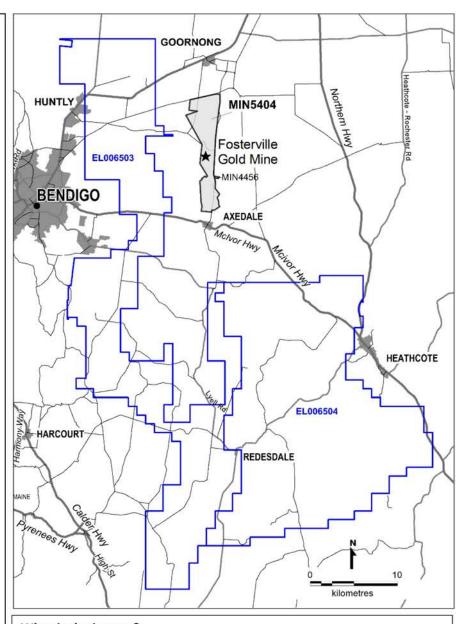
Soil sampling is used to detect gold indicator anomalies, which can identify sub-surface areas that have the potential for gold mineralisation.

Why use soil sampling?

Soil sampling is a fast and low impact method of testing for anomalies over a large area.

What's involved in soil sampling?

- An area of approximately 1x1m will be cleared to remove surface debris.
- A small hole (approximately 40x40 cm) will be dug to a depth of 10-20 cm and the soil sample taken.
- After sample collection, the hole is backfilled immediately and the ground condition restored.
- Each soil sample will be approximately 300g processed by sieving onsite.
- Soil samples are typically taken 100 m apart along each sample line.
- Impacts on private property have been avoided by selecting sample locations on public road reserves.
- Sampling is undertaken by 1-4 people on a quad bike or all-terrain-vehicle.



What is the impact?

The impact from soil sampling is low, and holes are backfilled immediately after sampling. The ground is returned to a similar condition prior to sampling, with minimal residual impact.

How do I find out more?

Please contact the Fosterville Gold Mine Community Team via the general enquiries email and phone details below:

Mail: Fosterville Gold Mine McCormicks Road

Fosterville, VIC, 3557

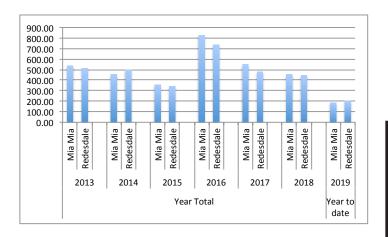
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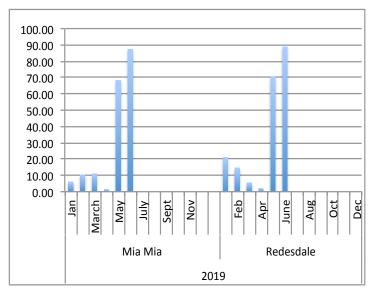
Email: FGM.Community@klgold.com.au

You can also follow us on Facebook (<u>www.facebook.com/FostervilleGM</u>) for regular updates

Redesdale / Mia Mia Rainfall

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





May Rainfall Total

Redesdale 89.00 ml Mia Mia 87.5 ml

CHURCH SERVICES

UNITING CHURCH 10am Start

Barfold: Sunday August 4th

Metcalfe: Sunday August 11th Metcalfe [Holy Communion]

Mia Mia: Sunday August 18th Sutton Grange: Sunday August 25th

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BRIDGE GARDEN PATCH CONNECTION

Redesdale Ramblings:

Iris part 3: non-Bearded, non-bulby Iris.

There are many rhizomatous iris which don't have beards but not all are suitable for our climate - or at least I haven't found them easy to establish. A friend in Kyneton is able to grow Iris cristata but it struggles here even in the shadehouse.

However forms of Iris spuria thrive here to the point of being difficult to eradicate! These irises are tall and stately and are best situated at the back of the border. They are not fussy about soil, growing just as well in our heavy "Adobe" clay as in friable garden loam. The rhizomes are thinner and tougher than those of the Bearded Iris and tend to bury themselves a bit deeper as well. They benefit from some water as the flower stems develop but can be quite drought hardy as suggested by the clump in the middle of the paddock near the Barfold Hall. That one is probably the most commonly seen species, Iris orientalis, with pristine white flowers marked with a bold yellow signal on each fall. Autumn/winter is the best time to split the clumps when you want to move them or increase their number. The type species, Iris spuria, is usually a bluey purple but the modern hybrids come in an increasing range of colours and combinations. The bright yellow varieties are particularly attractive in my opinion but there are even brown and gold combinations such as 'Buttered Chocolate' which can be quite striking. The flower shape is reminiscent of the Dutch Iris with 3 narrow upright petals, each one between the "falls" which contain the "working bits", the anthers and stigma (actually a strip or "stigmatic lip") and many seedpods are set each year so the bees or other pollinators obviously find them attractive. Growing from seed is another method of increase and if collected from the hybrids you may raise something quite different from its parent but it's sure to be beautiful.

The Siberian Irises are another group with which the hybridisers have had a field day – the variation in colour and form are a far cry from the typical Iris sibirica we used to see. The old hybrids were mostly in shades of blue and purple but the new ones include bi-coloured and heavily

patterned flowers in shades of blue, purpley-red and even orangey-brown. However even the older varieties are worth growing if you can get them. Their rhizomes are smaller than the Iris spuria types and branch a lot more, so develop quickly into clumps rather than travelling around. These Iris require a lot more water than the others mentioned if you want consistent flowering. They can be grown at the edge of a pond or dam but don't want to be submerged. They are also happy in a "normal" garden bed as long as they get water while actively growing in summer. The appearance of a well grown clump in full flower is eye-catching as the flowers sit on thin stems above the foliage and flutter like butterflies in the breeze.

A third group of this sort of iris is commonly called the Pacific Coast Iris (PCI) because they are the result of crossing wild species which occur on the west coast of America, mostly in California. They are easy to grow in our gardens but appreciate a bit of shade in summer. This makes them ideal for planting under deciduous trees and once established they seem to be drought proof. They also clump up readily so need to be divided every few years but they have a reputation for not reestablishing after being split up. The reason for this is that it seems that it is very susceptible to rotting if the roots are damaged. The best way to avoid this is to divide them when they are in their most active growth phase which is in winter. The range of colours of PCIs is probably second only to the Bearded Iris with some amazing blooms now appearing. The problem is sourcing them! Few of the big Iris suppliers carry them. Heidi Blyth used to have a mail-order business and had a very good range of varieties however she now only sells potted plants at some markets and fairs such as the Plant Lovers Expo at Mt Macedon in October. However they are very easy to grow from seed so once you one or two you'll get seed which you can sow to raise a whole garden full of them!

Cheers

Fermi The Redesdale Rock Gardener



Suria iris 'Clara Ellen'



Purple & White Pacific Coast Iris hybrid seedlings



Pacific Coast iris hybrid from Heidi Blyth



Yellow Spuria Iris hybrid

BRIDGE CONNECTION CARDEN PATCH



Hello dear readers,

This time dear readers I am sending you a postcard from afar rather than the platitudes of winter in the garden at home.

Lord B has taken it upon himself to provide us a warm winter holiday so this comes to you from the last place you might imagine.... Bali! When I say us, Thorne, the gardener has accompanied us as

we thought who would carry our bags?

Lord B took it upon himself to book an excursion on a river boat for the day which I thought would be delightful. I asked Thorn to request the villa we were staying in arrange a picnic hamper which through broken English and Bahasa, was quite the adventure.

The car picked us up from the villa at 9:30am which I thought was rather early however as we were going on a little adventure I let that slide. Off we went climbing hill after hill, winding road after winding road thinking to myself where in the blazes are we? 12:30pm the car finally stops and I am convinced we are either near or actually in a volcano crater.

"Where's the river Lord B?" I called? "Down there" was his excited reply. To be quite honest, all I could see was jungle and monkeys. It's what I couldn't see that had me worried!!

One hundred and fifty steps later we descended on what I thought was going to be a scene from Showboat. Far from that I gazed upon a raging torrent of water immediately thinking of The African Queen and myself as Katherine Hepburn of course.

Perfectly safe on the shore I looked at Thorn who was wearing his sailor's uniform for the occasion. His sunscreen had turned to what looked like plaster of Paris and we then all boarded the raft that was waiting for us.

Immediately we were issued with life jackets, which I considered an omen and unfortunately it completely clashed with my Fuchsia Kaftan and wide brimmed straw hat. Off we went with six German tourists crammed in like sardines on the SS Minnow.

With the young Fraulein sitting next to me at the back of the boat I detected a slight motion sickness problem with Thorn on the other side of me clinging to the picnic hamper and myself. Composure is the essence in times like this as the speed was picking up and Lord B standing there like Nelson in the bow.

Starting to feel like an apple in a washing machine sprayed, soaked and terrified the sweet Fraulein asked me if I had



been white water rafting before? No and never again were the words I used as I glared at Lord B.

Suddenly we came across a tree lying right across the river and our tour guide saying it wasn't there yesterday we were told to lie down immediately with Thorn landing on top of me. "Save me," shrieked Thorn.

The adventure continued and the raft carried all of us to the end of our trip safely except for the picnic hamper which Thorne had let go overboard.... Dom Perignon, chicken, caviar and the bread!

After alighting from what one would loosely call a boat tour we were soaked, shivering and exhausted. "Wasn't that fun old girl?" said Lord B. A smack in the solar plexus with my hand bag was my first idea, instead my response was, "Row 1A in Business Class Melbourne to Venice please."

Time for Mother ruin was my second request. With a face of trepidation upon Lord B, he told me we must climb three hundred steps to return to the car. Thorn fainted from the thought, all for a bit of Winter warmth? Far safer and warmer in front of the fire at Mia Mia Manor.

Note to self, must keep a hipflask of Mothers ruin in my handbag at all times.

Lady Sapphire Bombay



Quote of the month:

Who lives without making mistakes is not as wise as they think they are.

Francois de la Rochefoucauld, from Maximes, 1664

"Out of the flames, into the light" a Creative Arts legacy

continued from edition 106

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 & fundraising 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

My picture was meant to demonstrate the incredible resilience of our eucalyptus forests. Not only are they survivors of fire, they may actually benefit from what appears to be a total catastrophe.

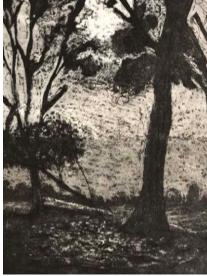
Epicormic growth (as it appears in my picture as green sprouts in the foreground) is one of the miracles of botanic evolution. The potential for emergency growth is locked into trunks and branches and is unlocked when inhibitory hormones are lost through damage to the far ends of burnt limbs.

Our family was incredibly lucky on Black Saturday. We lost fences and pastures and we had several scary hours while friends and neighbours successfully fought fires travelling up the hill towards our house. The fire brigade was unable to reach our property.

In the picture I hoped to portray the dusty, ashy, smelly and eerily silent bush after all life has left...but then it all starts again as it has for thousands of years before humans were here to witness this phenomenon.

Kathy Hall Redesdale, Victoria











The Guardians

Snoopy the Alpaca was gifted to our family after the Black Saturday Bushfires. The aim of this gift was to give back a sense of connectedness between the farm and our children. Our children spent 8 days immediately after the fires, with people they'd never met before, while their mum and dad were putting out spot-fires 24/7.

It was the first time they'd been apart from us and we were grateful to have something new and exciting for them to do when they came home again.

From that time on Snoopy has become firmly entwined in our lives. He loves being hand-fed and is a very curious boy, always keeping an eye on things. Snoopy is not only a guardian to our lambs, he is a guardian to our family.

The blackened tree represents the 'fire-tree' that we spent so much time on, night after night, pouring water on, only for the wind to pick up and start it burning all over again. We eventually got that fire out, the 'fire-tree' still standing as a reminder of our persistence and determination.

Lisa Campbell Redesdale, Victoria

RECIPE OF THE MONTH 44

Ricotta and Lemon Cheesecake



250g plain biscuits crushed

1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

150g butter

300g ricotta

250g cream cheese

1 cup castor sugar

4 eggs separated

1 cup cream

2 tablespoons lemon zest

Preheat the oven to 170° C

Line the base of a 23cm spring form tin.

Whizz the biscuits, cinnamon and butter in a food processor

Until finely ground then press into the base of the tin.

Chill in the fridge for 15minutes

Blend the ricotta, cream cheese and castor sugar until smooth.

Add egg yolks, cream and lemon zest and beat well.

In a separate bowl whisk egg whites until fluffy with soft peaks.

Fold egg whites into the ricotta mixture then pour onto biscuit base.

Bake for 45-50 minutes or until just set.

Dust with icing sugar and serve or alternately if one is to impress

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Your Health!

Dr Tim

Thinking of heading somewhere warmer???

So the weather is getting colder and while many of us are huddling around the fire to stay warm, some others might be thinking of migrating to warmer climes for a spell.

If you're thinking about planning your next trip to a tropical paradise, or anywhere new to you, then it might be worth thinking about a few health issues that come with the tourist territory. Travel these days is far less risky than it was even 100 years ago, but it is still sensible to take stock of the issues and manage them appropriately.

In the days of jet travel it is all too easy to spread contagion from one corner of the globe to another in a day. Sitting in airport lounges, and on airplanes in close proximity to so many other people gives the perfect opportunity for respiratory viruses to spread. But there are other ways to catch a nasty disease overseas as well. Let's take a quick headcount.

The flu virus has no regard for whether you are sunning yourself on the beach at Cannes, or shivering under the doona at home, once you have hosted it in the airport lounge. All travellers regardless of season should at least consider flu vaccination.

Measles is another highly contagious respiratory virus to which not all of us are immune. Measles outbreaks recently in various countries around the world have emphasised the virulence of this virus and the importance of considering boosters if necessary.

Dengue fever is definitely one to avoid if possible, and you don't even have to travel that far north to catch it unfortunately. Outbreaks of this nasty are occur with regularity in northern Queensland. There is no immunisation for this virus yet so prevention is all about avoiding the mosquito bite.

Yellow fever vaccination status is really important if you're travelling to some central and South American

countries. If you don't have the right paperwork you will get stopped at the border in some countries. But the inconvenience of being delayed by customs is much less than Yellow fever itself.

No article on travel health would be complete without a mention of Malaria and the aptly named "black water fever". Malaria does not spread directly person to person of course, but hungry mosquitos ensure it is endemic in many parts of the world. It is kept in check in many tropical tourist areas with careful local health control programs, keeping mosquito numbers down, surveillance for cases of malaria and so on. Discussion about avoiding malaria is complicated and must take into account itinerary, duration of stay and a range of other factors.

If you are thinking of eating fresh foods then waterborne disease needs to be considered. The sad reality is that sanitation and sewage treatment is far less than perfect in some holiday locations and this is how diseases like hepatitis A, typhoid fever and cholera are spread. Yes, you can try just drinking cans of coke and eating your steaks well done, but avoiding these bugs is sometimes not that simple, whenever someone else is serving your food and drinks.

Then there is the new virus - Zika - to think about. There's nothing specifically you need to do about this - unless you are planning a family on your holiday too....

Ebola, Rabies and Japanese Encephalitis are all worth a mention, though it is rare that specific precautions need to be taken for these illnesses. Finally think about all the viruses or other infections you might contract, being single and young at heart. Travel infections happen between the sheets as well as out on the hiking trails.

So my advice is - if you have the opportunity - travel! But do it safely too. Travel photos through the local hospital window are never that exciting.

Tim

Dr Tim Stobie 5422 1397



Crossword Answers

Crossword

ACROSS

1 pliant. 4 charming. 9 stop-gap. 11 dead-pan. 12 tidy. 13 rotor. 14 bore. 17 Virgin Islands. 19 instinctively. 22 puff. 23 inert. 24 Stan. 27 ordinal. 28 current. 29 Bulawayo. 30 exotic.

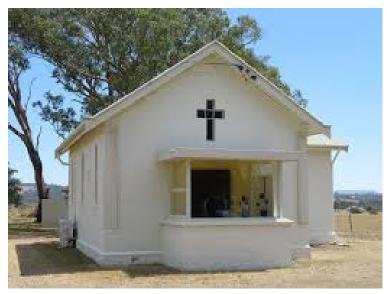
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1 positive. 2 in order. 3 nigh. 5 hydroelectric. 6 reap. 7 impious. 8 gander. 10 provisionally. 15 tipsy. 16 unfit. 18 hypnotic. 19 infidel. 20 entreat. 21 aplomb. 25 know. 26 crux.

Sudoku Answers

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Barfold Community Church



Barfold Community Church has been meeting for just over 12 months and was started by a few local Christians doing life together who love God, His word the bible and people. We are very pleased to be able to share the historic Barfold Union Church with the folk from the Uniting Church who meet on the 1st Sunday of the month. Barfold Community Church is part of the larger group of Christian Community Churches Victoria and Tasmania (CCCVaT). Our church meets on every other Sunday (2nd to the 5th) and would love you to join us even if you just pop in for a visit.

The church building is the one on the hill that you

can see as you cross the Campaspe traveling from Redesdale towards Kyneton. If you are coming from Kyneton direction on the Redesdale Road, it is about 1 kilometre on your left past Watchbox Road at Barfold.

We want to be a church that serves the Barfold Community. If you are looking for new friends, a church to attend, or would like to explore what Christianity is all about, we warmly welcome you at Barfold Community Church. We meet for a cuppa at 9.30 am and our service is at 10.00am. Often we enjoy good country hospitality and share lunch together after church. For any inquiries please call Leigh 0425 812786

The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever."

Isaiah 40:8

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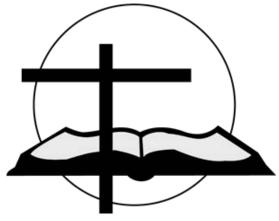
at Barfold Union Church

Heathcote-Kyneton Rd, Barfold

Contact; Leigh 0425812786







STINSON MEMORIAL UPDATE

It has been almost six months since the Stinson Memorial Committee was formed under the auspices of the Mia Mia Mechanics Institute Inc at it's February General Meeting.

The project has received letters of support from Dr Brendan Nelson Director of the Australian War Memorial, Federal MP for Bendigo Lisa Chesters and State MP for Euroa Steph Ryan.

The Shire of Mitchell has been most supportive in this project. Mayor Bill Chisolm and Manager for Liveable Communities Karen Watson attended our June meeting where we discussed the initiating process of issues of planning and the composition of the memorial plan within the site.

We then adjourned the meeting to look at the site, and visualise the memorial in context within the area as a whole. Joining the Duigan Monument to the Stinson Memorial with a walking track through a treed reserve was a feature that was greatly supported as it invited the "visitor" to explore both sites.

The Memorial reserve overlooks the crash site area 500 metres into the paddock which was spread out over several hundred metres. No tangible signs of this painfully tragic event actually remain today as they were removed long ago, but having a geographical perspective creates meaning to the scene.

Ellis Knight, the last known living eye witness then took us on a tour of air crash points of interest on the family farm. Ellis talked us through the tragic events that occurred high above the ten year old Ellis in his plain sight.

An application for a grant of \$3,600 has been applied for under the "Saluting Their Service" Veteran Affairs grants program for a plaque and landscaping. Unfortunately there is no certainty of receiving this grant, we are hopeful and optimistic. Should we receive this grant, Kate Hicks deserves much of the credit for her assistance to the committee, a big thank you to Kate, and to David Cheal for his help with navigating the bureaucratic internet jungle.

Four families of the crash victims have expressed their interest and support in this project, unfortunately we have been unsuccessful in contacting the remaining four families of the five other crash victims.

Rob Chapman



The Stinson Memorial Project

What's on





in the Heathcote Region

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's Groovin The Moo, this intimate performance in Heathcote is not one to miss. 7pm – 9pm with free entry. Venue: 168 High Street, Heathcote.

Saturday 3rd August 2019 – Saint Martin Heathcote Wine Show Celebration Dinner- Tasting from- 6pm. Dinner from-7pm. Buy tickets at www. heathcotewinegrowers.com.au Gold medal winning wines for tasting. Four course menu matched with trophy winning wines. Entertainment by MC Brian Nankervis (RockWiz) and local Blues & Roots musicians. Venue: Barrack Reserve High St, Heathcote

Sunday 4th August 2019 – Irish session at Palling Bros. Brewery – The monthly Irish session is on again. Bring yourself and an instrument to join the Irish session. Musicians gather to play on first Sunday of every month playing Irish tunes. Free for all to come and enjoy. Phone: 0427848073 Email: brewery@pallingbros.beer

Sunday 4th August 2019 – Sunday Session at Heathcote Inn – Heathcote local solo acoustic Gary Vee will be making his first appearance at Heathcote Inn. Bring the whole family down for a great day out; enjoy the amazing winter menu, local wines & beers and great entertainment. www.heathcoteinn.com.au or phone 0403 530 297.

Sunday 11th August 2019 – Sunday Session at Heathcote Inn – Solo acoustic artist Ben Whiting will be showcasing his talents from 2pm-5pm. Bring the whole

gang along to show our newest artist the local spirit. Try our amazing winter menu, local wines & beers in our cosy restaurant. www.heathcoteinn.com.au ph 0403 530 297.

Saturday 31st August 2019 – Heathcote Film Festival - The Heathcote Film Festival celebrates its ninth-year screening a diverse program of short International and Australian films: Matinee session at 1.30pm; Meet the Filmmaker: Q & A at 4.30pm; plus an Evening session from 6.30pm. The same films are screened at the Matinee and Evening Sessions so, if you don't like going out at night, come along to the Matinee session! Bar service and supper available.

Information on where to buy tickets will be added closer to the event. Tickets are \$13 - \$26 and the venue is: RSL Hall, High Street, Heathcote. Visit: www. heathcotefilmestival.com.au for more information and enquiries can be made on: 0425 759 573.

Saturday 7th September 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 7th September 2019 – Crosswind live at Palling Bros. Brewery - The local band Crosswind will be playing a live set of music for a great night, with amazing beer and food as well. 7pm – 9pm with free entry. Venue: 168 High Street, Heathcote.

Saturday 14th September 2019 – Peter and the Wolves live at Palling Bros. Brewery - With amazing beer and food as well. 7pm – 9pm and entry is free. Venue: 168 High Street, Heathcote.

Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th October 2019 – Heathcote Wine & Food Festival – Where else can you taste Heathcote wines from over 40 producers, as well as regional foods and produce in one central location over one great weekend? Venue: Heathcote Showgrounds. Tickets available online from Friday 17 July. www. heathcotewinegrowers.com.au/festival

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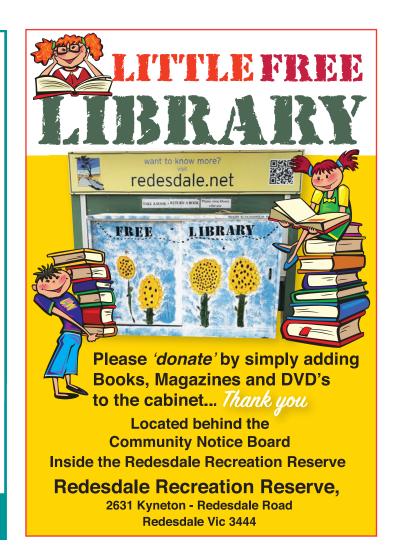
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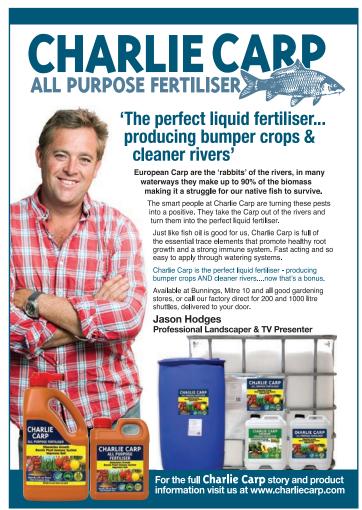
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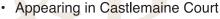
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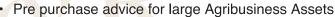




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