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Editorial

Hello Dear Readers,

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We will be back in March 2020

The Bridge connection Committee wish everyone a

*Merry Christmas
and
a Happy and Safe
New Year*



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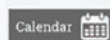
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Flying Doctor Community Transport Expands in Heathcote

The addition of a new vehicle to the Royal Flying Doctor Service's (RFDS) Community Transport fleet will mean greater capacity for the program, which is run in partnership with Heathcote Health.

The free service provides eligible community members living within 30km of Heathcote with free transport to health care appointments and planned activity groups within a 50km radius of town. The cars are driven by local volunteers and the service is coordinated locally, using RFDS transport scheduling software.

Previously, there had been two vehicles in operation but, with both vehicles regularly booked to capacity, the addition of a third was required.

"The RFDS Community Transport service has surpassed expectations, with more than 4,000 transports taking place since the program began in mid-2018 and an average of 17 trips per day," says Dr Melanie Trivett, RFDS Victoria General Manager, Primary Health Care.

"The addition of the new vehicle allows us to be responsive to the Heathcote community's transport needs by increasing service capacity and helping those who don't have access to suitable transport – something that, for so many, can severely limit their access to health care and vital social connection." More than 390 clients are currently registered with the service. The new vehicle will assist in servicing the demand of those currently registered, while also providing capacity for more eligible users to join. The most common trips are to specialists, hydrotherapy, cancer treatment, physiotherapy and GP appointments, with Bendigo a common destination. Passengers are able to travel with up to two family members or carers with them, and wheelchairs, walking frames, and mobility scooters can be accommodated.

Residents can enquire about their eligibility for the service by calling 1300 887 678. Once their eligibility is confirmed, bookings can also be made by calling 1300 887 678.

Media contact: Liz Lyons, elizabeth.lyons@rfdsvic.com.au, M: **0448 750 447**

About the Royal Flying Doctor Service Victoria

Now in its 91st year, the not-for-profit Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) has been taking the finest care to the furthest corners of Australia since 1928. The service provides 24 hour emergency cover to 80% of the Australian continent, via a modern fleet of specially equipped aircraft. Within Victoria, the RFDS delivers air and road patient transport and a number of Primary Health Care programs like dental, eye care, rural women's GP and telehealth programs.

On 29th October Tom Ryan, RFDS Education Manager visited Redesdale Mia Mia Primary School with our simulator plane. It's kitted out like an actual RFDS plane and the kids get to check it out, play dress-ups and learn about our work and history.

There was sausage sizzle put on at 4pm by the Redesdale and District Association (the sausage sizzle raised money for the RFDS).

Rohan Morris, our Community and Corporate Fundraiser had a talk for the parents, before Erin Foster (Program Coordinator, Community Transport) chatted to them about Community Transport.

The day demonstrates our commitment to being a part of local communities, educating the next generation about our work, and is good fun for the kids and parents.



Stinson Memorial Committee update 4

Positive news is great news! In mid November, I asked Ian "Macca" Mc Namara host of ABC radio's Australia All Over to help us find the relatives of air crash victims Peter and Kevin Lawn and First Officer Orvil Darcy Openshaw.

Within minutes a lady from Kerang rang to let me know that she knew of a family called Lawn and would contact them on my behalf. Ten minutes later I was talking to Bruce Lawn, brother of Peter and Kevin and he was very pleased to know of our project. I must say, after having rung so many phone numbers of people with the name Lawn and Keleher trying to find them, I felt very pleased and a bit emotional. Bruce and his brother Murray are keen to attend the memorial's dedication in January. They have visited the area once before with their father decades ago when they were boys.

Anton Hassel attended a special meeting to discuss the text, composition, and construction of the storyboard. In brief there will be a series of text blocks describing the Tragedy, the Plane, the Passengers and Crew, the People of the District and the Outcome. The final panel will recognise significant contributors.

Pictures will not be part of the panel but rather two tone laser cut graphics in stainless steel. It is anticipated the storyboard will be approximately 1.8m X 0.9m.

The program has not been completely finalised but we expect to start at 9.30 am and finish before 11am at the Memorial site. Colin Smith has organised the formation fly over salute by the Kyneton Aero Club which will take place at 9.55am followed by the wreath laying by the Kyneton RSL and the kin

of the victims.

The Kyneton RSL has donated \$750 to the memorial project and a big thank you to their Committee and members for this donation.

Howard Nathan and Graham Cooper have also given generous donations.

The Stinson Memorial Committee invites the communities of our district to attend the dedication ceremony on the **31st of January 2020** at 9.30 am at the memorial site on the Burke & Wills Track near the Duigan Monument.

Bring a hat and a folding chair as seating may be limited.

Refreshments will be available at the Mia Mia Hall in Valley Road after the dedication. There will also be a display of photos, news cuttings and any items of interest. If anyone has any relevant items we would love to include them.

We have invited the Kyneton Air Cadets to be the honour guard and place the flags.

BE ALERTED !

Should a **TOTAL FIRE BAN** be declared or local fire/ weather conditions become unfavourable, the dedication will be cancelled and postponed till after the end of the Fire Declared Period. **YOUR SAFETY IS PARAMOUNT!** CHECK for Bulletins on our face book page –

Stinson Memorial Project.

The Stinson Memorial Committee hopes and prays that conditions will be kind to us on the day in order to respectfully salute and honour those who died in a paddock at Spring Plains on the fateful mail run, early morning 75 years ago.



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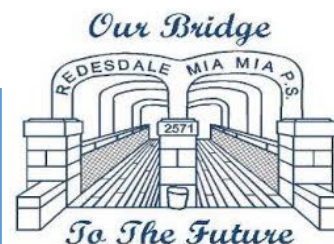
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Redesdale Mia Mia PS



Vision:

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

School News

Our term and year at Redesdale Mia Mia Primary School has seemed to fly by with year scheduled to end on 20th December.

A celebration of our year's work will be taking place on Thursday 19th December with our presentation evening to be held at the Hall from 6 – 7pm. I openly invite any community member who wishes to attend to come along. As well as the presentation of awards, we will be celebrating the end of the primary school journey for 5 of our graduating Year 6 students. The night will include slide shows of our year and several student performances incorporating both music and dance. The official ceremony will be followed by a BBQ dinner and dessert.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of the Redesdale and surrounding community for making me feel connected and welcomed in my first year at RMMPS. I look forward to working alongside you all in 2020, strengthening the schools connections across the community.

As this is the last Bridge Connections for the year, I'd like to wish you a safe and happy holiday season.

Cheers

Aaron

Kid's Corner

Riddle: If a lion had a Christmas jungle album, what would it be called?

Word Search by Jayden

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A: Jungle Bells

Looking forward to 2020

Next year our school will again be running separate P-2 and 3-6 classroom. We will be beginning the year with 18 confirmed student enrolments. Our staffing will remain the same with myself as the teaching principal, Dee Groves classroom teacher, Lou Bray as the business manager and an Education Support worker working across both classrooms.

We will be offering an extensive specialist program that will include weekly PE and Art lessons. Term 1 will see our students visiting the Kyneton Aquatic centre, completing an intensive 8 day swimming program.

Pak Mick will continue to teach a weekly Indonesian lesson and will begin a music program heavily incorporating the teaching of the Ukulele

We will also have a visiting Marc library van attending for 1 ½ hours per week, giving the students access to an assortment of new reading material and an expert literacy teacher.

New enrolments are always welcomed!

Royal Flying Doctor Service

Thank you to all that turned out for the Royal Flying Doctor's information session held in late October. The evening was well attended with a good cross section of the community, both young and old, enjoying a tour of the RFDS simulator as well as the RFDS transport vehicles.

Pleasingly, on behalf of the Redesdale community, we were able to hand over nearly \$200 raised from the BBQ conducted on the night.

Thanks to the RaDA members for the contribution to the successful organisation and running of the evening. As well to Beth and Garth from the Redesdale Hotel for their efforts in organising additional vehicles, speakers and for cooking the BBQ. Apologies to anyone I may have missed!



CROSSWORD

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QUICK CLUES

CRYPTIC CLUES

ACROSS

- 1 a Christian service of morning prayer, a vigil (6)
- 5 contradictory, wicked (8)
- 9 sharpness of taste; lack of sweetness (10)
- 10 the teacher calls this in the morning (4)
- 11 to no longer be on friendly terms with someone, alienate (8)
- 12 Shakespeare, Bronte and Tolstoy are literary - - - - - (6)
- 13 what magpies do in nesting season (5)
- 15 to amuse someone (9)
- 18 a sample or suggestion of something that lies ahead, anticipate (9)
- 19 a new military student (5)
- 21 salt and - - - - - (6)
- 23 appoint (someone) to a different post or role (8)
- 25 sweet perfumed flower (4)
- 26 music performed at a fairly brisk speed (10)
- 27 a place of graves (8)
- 28 existing but not yet developed; hidden or concealed (6)

DOWN

- 2 to come into being, appear (5)
- 3 place or insert between one thing and another, interrupt (9)
- 4 one piece of hair (6)
- 5 that which appears outside or beside the natural, unusual (15)
- 6 accepting, satisfied (8)
- 7 a large nest of an eagle built high on a cliff (5)
- 8 card game with one player (9)
- 14 suggestive of moral well-being (9)
- 16 fleeting (9)
- 17 coach; Cinderella had one (8)
- 20 mangelwurzel is also called - - - - - beet (6)
- 22 a bit of something (5)
- 24 conductors call, " - - - - - board!" (3,2)

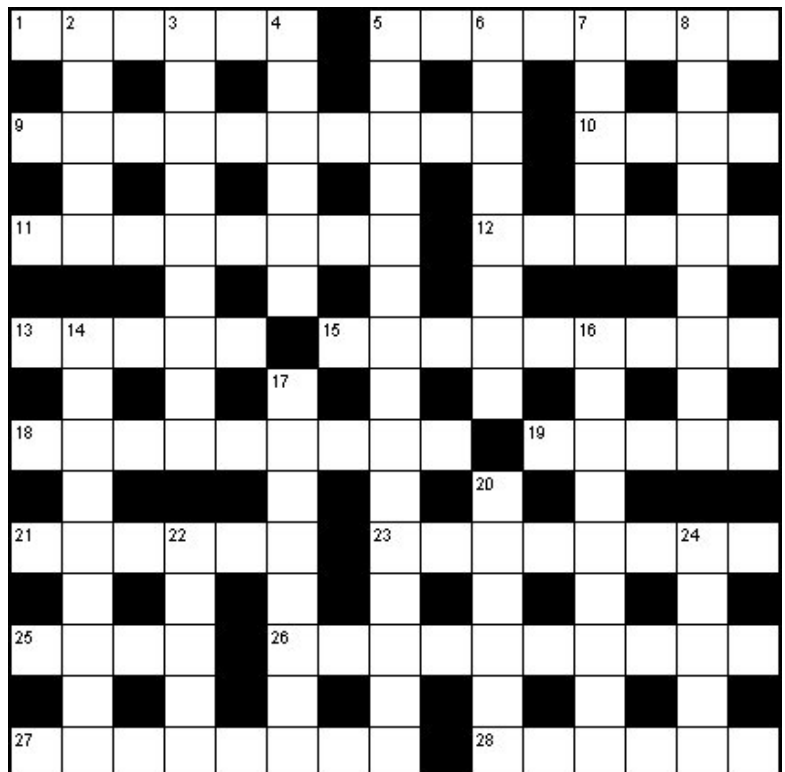
ACROSS

- 1 Vessel held by mothers in service (6)
- 5 Wayward salesman turns to poetry (8)
- 9 Doctor tests brine for sharpness (10)
- 10 Worker loses piano part (4)
- 11 Alienate European leader? Extraordinary! (8)
- 12 Reg sat rewritten Oxford exam (6)
- 13 Sudden attack results in prisoners of war returning around the beginning of October (5)
- 15 Come in – one inside can amuse (9)
- 18 Anticipate enjoyment of free toast for a change (9)
- 19 Revolutionary model describes military student (5)
- 21 Nobleman receives coppers for plant (6)
- 23 Reappoint fool taken in by rule (8)
- 25 Stood up for girl (4)
- 26 Every bird comes to the first hoop in fairly brisk time (10)
- 27 A grave situation (8)
- 28 Hidden soldiers retreated in fast time (6)

DOWN

- 2 Raise new sign (5)
- 3 On-site rep forced to mediate (9)
- 4 Weapons mounted around North Beach (6)
- 5 Abnormally friendly – ringing about bird at return game (15)
- 6 Troubled designer gave up (8)
- 7 Mountain home sounds strange (5)
- 8 Game bird (9)
- 14 Complete a few to get healthy (9)
- 16 Fleeting river engulfs the centre of Grange and is rising (9)
- 17 Coach deportment (8)
- 20 Cattle food causes disease at port (6)
- 22 Bit part (5)
- 24 Advance fare (3,2)

Answers on page 17



PLEASE NOTE:

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

Dear Editor,

I hope you're having a great week.
A quick note to say I loved reading Laura Bennett's story. It's so interesting to hear what young rural people do after school and uni, particularly if they have aspirations to come home.

Kind Regards
Vanessa

Vanessa Wiltshire
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The Mclvor Times
www.mclvortimes.com.au

We have recently been handed some stats ,from the fire and incident reporting service, that show how often,when and why we turn out. Along with our historical data we are able to piece together the most likely turn out scenario.

December is our busiest month and not surprising grass fires are the biggest reason for us having to respond. Our stats show that we are most likely to be called to a grass fire, started by someone mowing or slashing dry grass at 4 o'clock in the afternoon and the person will not have the minimum 10 litres of water with them.

To avoid being that person standing next to their grass cutting implement with a sheepish look on their face, there are a few simple steps to take.

Firstly and ideally all of your fire preparation work should have been done by now. Don't mow dry grass.

Secondly , finish up by midday. If you have to operate in dry grass then do it early while the temperature and wind speed are down and there's still some moisture in the air.

And lastly, carry a knapsack, extinguisher, garden sprayer or something that holds a minimum of 10 litres. Some large fires could have been easily stopped while they were just an ember on the ground.

On a separate note, it has been a horrific start to summer in the Northern states. I am hoping that this doesn't flow on to our region .Fingers crossed for cool conditions and even some rain!

Stay safe and merry Christmas,
From the Redesdale CFA.

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Campaspe River Update.

Coliban Water continues to warn that a rain event may cause them to dump into the river again over summer, and they're hoping the forecast of a dry period will prove correct and get them through. At the same time, all of us relying on tank water and a bit of run off would like to see a decent rain. I guess for everyone to be happy we'd better hope for our rain to come in instalments!?? If only!? If only the infrastructure to deal with the waste water and the weather was in place as it should be!

The petition for the upgrade to the Kyneton Water Reclamation Plant was delivered to the shadow water minister Steph Ryan in Parliament House on Nov 15th. Over 1,600 signatures. Thank you for your support. It is hoped to be presented before the end of the year, so please urge as many MPs to support it as you can.

Take care over summer. Good luck with the challenges it brings and report any river water anomalies to the EPA.

Lindy Connell

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The 138th Heathcote Show

The 138th Heathcote Show was held on Melbourne Cup Day in beautiful sunny weather that lured out one of the best attendances in many years. Over 1000 people came to the show with so much to see and do. The horse arena was a spectacular in full flight with around 200 horses competing in various classes vying for that elusive champion.

Whiteys ferret racing was a hit with the crowd with the ferrets racing through the tubes to see who came first. The children's entertainment section included Farmer Darryls Animal Farm, Face Painting, Professor Wallace's Puppet Show and the pot plant decorating with a seedling. All this was free to enjoy while at the show.

The side shows were as usual popular with the young and young at heart! All the traditional show events are still a major part of the show, with the Arts and Craft pavilion full of entries from enthusiasts of Craft, cooking, flowers and garden produce. The school section was a mass of colour with the art entered by the students. The ever popular yard dogs entertained all day with their skill and stamina. There was also Wool, sheep and poultry competitions that were well supported.

Overall it was a great day and well supported by locals. It gave our committee a great sense of pride to see the show be such a success. We are so proud to keep the tradition going for 138 years, while keeping the show relevant and ever evolving. We would like to thank everyone who helped, entered and attended our show to make it a great community event.

Alan Harris

All photos by Barbara Sungaila.



Show Secretary, Robyn Donovan with one of Whitey's Ferrets



Eric the Clown wowed the crowd with his juggling skills.



Winners are grinner's, Miss Junior Showgirl Talitha Whitaker 14, Miss Junior Taylah Leask 6, Miss Junior runner up Sienna Waldron 7, Miss Tiny Tot Charlotte Hogan 3 and Master Tiny Tot Connor Waldron 3.

Happy Birthday Redesdale Hotel

Garth and Beth and our wonderful staff would love to say thanks you to our fabulous patrons and local community for 4 wonderful years.

Happy Birthday to us

Come and celebrate and enjoy a delicious meal at this iconic established hotel.



Rural Communities Committee (RCC)

With this being the last Bridge Connection for the year and the RCC's next meeting happening in December, I wanted to share some great news with the community.

As a part of the City of Greater Bendigo's strategy to support rural communities and projects such as our Redesdale Community Hub, I am pleased to advise that the Agnes Mudford Reserve has been chosen by the City to host free community Wi-Fi access. This is great news especially with some of the challenges we have for internet access in the area. A huge thank you to the City for this support and service which (hopefully) will be installed before or soon after Christmas this year.

As managers of the Reserve, the Redesdale Recreational Reserve Committee (RRRC) will be working with council on the installation, coverage and support arrangements. During this time the finer details regarding access and coverage will be worked out, so please keep a look out for when this (local to the reserve) internet access will be available.

Thanks again to the City of Greater Bendigo for their growing support for Redesdale.

Recently I meet our newest Councillor, Ms Susie Hawke and have invited her to visit Redesdale when she has settled into her new role. Please welcome Susie to Eppalock Ward and we look forward to working with her and the broader Council as we progress our various projects.

If you have any queries regarding the above please do not hesitate to contact me or the RRRC.

Regards,

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Redesdale Community Hub Project Update

Subject to an updated resource and project schedule by Council, final documentation for the funding arrangements for the kitchen stage of the project will hopefully be finalised before Christmas.

Despite delays in this process, it is hoped that the project can start in the new year and completion of our new kitchen will not be too far away. An update on the schedule will be provided in the next Bridge Connection.

As mentioned elsewhere in this edition of the Bridge Connection, Community WiFi services (provided by the City of Greater Bendigo), located at the Reserve will support the strategy of making the Community Hub a reality and of real value to our community.

If you have any questions regarding the project please contact **John Beurle (for the Community Hub team)**.

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Redesdale Ramblings

Redesdale Ramblings # 10: Annuals for Bulbs

As we head into summer we're watching where we have to water. When we renovated some of the garden beds in the front yard we positioned some deciduous trees through one area and underplanted with a variety of bulbs, from daffodils and tulips to freesias and moraeas . These have provided greenery and flowers through the winter and into the spring but have now started to die down. During the winter we had sown seeds and planted seedlings of poppies, stocks and honeywort in the same area. Where there weren't many bulbs these will provide interest into the summer as long as we can provide a bit of water. Where there are bulbs we won't irrigate except to "spot water" the newly planted trees by trickling the hose on them; once these are established they should be able to get through the summer without our intervention.

We scattered an entire seed packet of California Poppy (*Eschscholzia californica*) over one patch in the winter and by October there was a carpet of ferny bluish-green foliage topped with pink, yellow, cream or orange flowers. This packet produced plants with single blooms in mixed colours but there are fancier types with double flowers or are available in separate colours.

The good thing about plants like California poppies is that they can survive and flower on minimal water - though they thrive when you can be generous - and keep flowering if you pick off the spent flowers to prevent seeds forming. This means there is no need to water them when there are bulbs underneath them but if there's an unexpected shower they will use the water which should protect the dormant bulbs from rotting. Other poppies such as the "Flanders" or "Shirley" or "Peony" poppies germinate in autumn or winter and grow with the winter rain to flower in the spring (see last month's article for more details). These can get quite large by the time they dry off in the summer but make sure you allow them to set seed before you pull them out.

Honeywort, *Cerinthe major* 'Purpurascens', is related to

Borage (and Patterson's Curse!) with glaucous blue-green foliage in a basal rosette which expands up into a pyramid of leafage bedecked with hanging bells of dark purple peeking out from bracts which can be the colour of a bruise! They add a bit of interest to a mixed bouquet of spring flowers.

When the bells fall the bracts clasp together to hide the developing black seeds. These are relatively large and easy to collect – if you want to – we let them fall where they will but move the seedlings if we want them elsewhere. However they do benefit from being thinned out so that they aren't too crowded. The plants get to about half a metre tall and die off as the seeds ripen so can be removed as they start to look unsightly. The spent plants can be bagged to collect the seeds as they fall or chopped up and scattered wherever you want them to grow the following season.

Other annuals often used with bulbs are forget-me-nots (*Myosotis sylvatica*), heartsease (*Viola tricolor*), pansies (*Viola x wittrockiana*) and wallflowers (*Erysimum cheiri*) though the last two can survive another year or two, so strictly speaking aren't "annuals"! You often see pics from the UK or Holland where the bulbs and the annuals are flowering together so colour coordinating is very important! The problem I've found with these annuals is that they often take longer to get to flower than the bulbs so they don't actually coincide.

However they are handy at covering the bulb foliage as it dies down. Plus if the bulbs have already faded there's no chance of colour clashes! These also have the benefit (or curse) of self-sowing so the following year you just need to re-distribute the seedlings to where you want them, though often they put themselves exactly where they should be.

Larkspurs (*Consolida* species), Love-in-the-mist (*Nigella damascena*), Pot-marigolds (*Calendula officinalis*) also self-sow and are what I call "perennial annuals" because once you have them seeding around you don't need to buy anymore. Recently we got half a dozen "potted colour" zinnias which we hadn't grown in ages – I hope they add to the continuing range of recurring annuals.

Cheers Fermi

The Redesdale Rock Gardener



California poppies mixed



Pink California poppies.



Lady Sapphire Bombay

Hello dear readers,
As the year nears to an end I
endeavour to prepare for all the guests
that adorn Mia Mia Manor.
As the family grows, so do their dietary
requirements. We have gluten free,
dairy free, vegan, vegetarian its similar
to picking coconut off a lamington. I
have advised all concerned to bring
their own food as us carnivores shall
proceed with all the traditional over the yuletide period.

A culmination of burn piles created ,diminished, created again
with more spent tree branches than ever before in the whole
time we have been here. Thorn, the gardener thought to make
a project of recycling a lot of odd shaped branches to create
a one of a kind replica in the main house garden of what he
considers to be a Christmas tree.

As Lord B and I stand in front of his erection, we think his
intentions are some what confused with that of a peasant
village somewhere around 1580. Such is my penchant for tin
birds, the garden has more wild life than a rain forest, they are
perfect for Thorn, the gardeners, Christmas tree ,along with all
the stuffed toy native animals that were the children's.

We smiled and nodded at his explanation of what he
constructed thinking in the back of our minds, how long till
the next burn off season? At night with the fairy lights dotted
all over it resembling that of some galaxy far away. I am sure
that any grandchildren coming to visit over the holiday period
will make short work of it.

As usual I have the hot houses full of my potted plants to give
as Christmas presents. I have taken a more water conscience
approach to this year's gift giving. A selection of yuccas and
echium which are thriving profusely for their next abodes.
The finishing touch is of course, the tartan bow to give it
a rather Christmas in July look. To top it off, everyone will
receive a photo of myself and the King of Bali, just so they
remember the year that was for myself and Lord B and of
course, Thorn, the gardener with his adventure of climbing
coconut palms in rice fields.

The market umbrellas are aired and ready for the big day to
be dotted around alfresco environs that we call Christmas for
this year.

Lord B and I wish you all Yuletide felicitations and a safe and
prosperous New Year.

Thorn, the gardener, is planning next year's tree which will be
made from packing crates.

Time for Mothers ruin.

"Deck the Halls with bows of folly"

Lady Sapphire Bombay

Merry Christmas



Quote of the month:

*May the spirit of Christmas bring you
peace, The gladness of Christmas give you
hope, The warmth of Christmas grant you
love."*

Author Unknown



Redesdale District Association Report

JAN SMITH – GIRGARRE; DYNAMIC & PROGRESSIVE

A MUST READ FOR ALL REDESDALE / MIA MIA RESIDENTS

Jan Smith from a small town called Girgarre (approximately 1hr 15mins from Redesdale towards Shepparton), with a population of just 180 residents, was invited by the dedicated and highly motivated RaDA President, Gloria Pocock, to speak to representatives from the community and the three committee's recently at the Redesdale Hotel.

What unfolded over the two hours was nothing short of mind-boggling and breath-taking as Jan proceeded to tell us about the incredible successes and achievements their small, yet very, very progressive community has developed and created.

Since the Millennial Drought (approximately 15 years ago), Girgarre struggled as its dairy farming community has reduced its dairy farming economy to 30% of it's former self. With only 3 stores/businesses remaining, the community rallied as one to form a "Development Group".

After the closure of the Heinz factory in Girgarre in January 2012, the town's major employer, the town was offered \$50k to help build the music festival and the farmers market. Heinz was approached with a community dream – to build a botanical garden. The community requested a parcel of land adjoining our community park to undertake this project – Heinz's response was spectacular- an offer of the 24 acres and its water right as well as 3 house blocks in the town. After a little prompting Heinz also paid for all conveyancing/legal costs for their land transfer.

With the land, the community started a botanical garden project with an estimated cost of \$12m. This was just the start of many projects over a period of 15 years.

By creating a 'one community' approach and vision, Girgarre, has on offer some of the most dynamic and progressive community outcomes that one could ever contemplate from such a small community.

- Their enterprise started with \$700 – it's now has an enterprise value of \$1 million
- An open-minded approach to the world has seen an organic milk factory producing butter with stage 2 underway which will manufacture cheese (a \$ 60 - \$80 million project) which will inject 40 -60 jobs into the community make Girgarre home
- Another company is to build a Solar farm, creating 4 – 8 full-time jobs
- Their farmers, craft, produce market t brings \$50k into the community
- They have a large music festival every year which attracts people Australia wide and includes a 'mini-muster' each month and camp-overs raising more funds for the community
- The Girgarre Hall which is their 'hub' has been used over 250 times in one year
- They are one of only two communities Victoria wide that have a self-funded community car with enough funds in the bank for a further two cars

- The Open Garden scheme started with just 2 gardens; it now earns \$8k in one day
- Other farms now moving into the area include goat milk farming; flower farms, camel farms
- Girgarre was awarded one of 6 Small Town Transformation grants Regional Arts Victoria S by RDV of \$ 350,000 which allowed the building of the Sound shell and Amphitheatre – the community put \$ 100,000 toward these costs. Part of the grant was to create an arts program which was facilitated by 3 well known artists (one coming from England) – an ongoing partnership with one of these artists is leading the creation of a sound walk featuring large scale musical instruments made of re-purposed junk and the creation of a unique orchestra
- Their local newspaper is one of 'the best' according to Jan

THEIR GOAL and SECRETS TO THEIR SUCCESS

Was to create a Sustainable Community and work together as one. All residents have skills and talents; they are from all different age brackets and denominations; they enjoy being involved and they all offer to help one another to achieve the best outcome ultimately for the sake of their own community.

They started with small events and grew from there even if it wasn't an immediate hit they kept going building on it each year with feedback and new ideas.

They find solutions to problems; nothing stays the same; you need to be different to keep the town alive and vibrant

They find people to do the work – it may be as small as selling raffle tickets or making cups of tea but involvement on any level is great involvement.

They have a holistic approach to the community; it's not us against them; it's all of the community working together, asking for help and offering help.

Their committee members are not just from Girgarre, but from everywhere with up to 19 reports each month from different committee's/interest groups.

Jan is a gutsy woman who has a 'never say never attitude' and if 'you don't ask you don't get approach. She is funny, interesting, straight up and challenges the status quo; she is totally inspiring.

REDESDALE – READY FOR ACTION

After hearing about a small community like Girgarre that have raised themselves from devastation to one of incredible economic growth and a town that continues to grow and thrive, Redesdale is perfectly positioned for much of the same and more.....

We have on offer:

- A community that is driven, highly skilled and talented, artistic, agriculturally savvy and WE HAVE A PUB (unlike Girgarre)!!
- Local producers of grapes, wine, olives, pomegranates, walnuts, sheep, cattle, alpaca's, almonds, art, ceramics

and much more.

- A local newspaper that is literally self-funded and driven by one very talented woman, Regina Bennett which helps the whole community understand what's going on
- A CFA that is totally committed and dedicated to keeping the community safe
- Local businesses that attract local's and visitors driving further growth and economy
- A beautiful, well maintained reserve and (almost) completed Reserve
- A Hall that welcomes all types of events and with a newly renovated kitchen will potentially attract more usage for the wider community to use/rent a commercial kitchen
- Accommodation offerings bringing people from all around Australia to our little slice of heaven
- A 'Hub' project that continues to build
- A Strategic 'One Community Plan' that will see Redesdale into the future
- A community of both old and newcomers – each adding a new layer of experience, knowledge and thoughts into how our community can continue to thrive

All we need now is an action plan to bring it all together and form a united and cohesive community and make Redesdale a little larger on the map!



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Or contact

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**Carols by
Candlelight**

Family Christmas Carols by Barfold Community Church

Last year someone posted that it was time that Redesdale had a Christmas Carols Service. This year for the first time Barfold Community Church will host a Family Christmas Carols evening for Barfold community and surrounds at the Barfold Union Church, 1653 Heathcote-Kyneton Road, Barfold.

BYO food, drinks and chairs or blankets to sit on in the grass alongside the church. We will have coffee and tea available. We hope that all the local families can join us.

Steve Messer (Tamworth mouth organ champion) and his band 'Wild Country' plus Dan McDonald

Come and join in singing familiar Christmas carols and catching up with friends and families from the local area to celebrate Christmas 2019 together. Everyone is invited.

**at - Barfold Union Church,
1653 Heathcote-Kyneton Rd
Sunday 15 December 7.00 p.m.**



Please note this is an alcohol-free event

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at Barfold Union Church

Heathcote-Kyneton Rd, Barfold

**Christmas Service will be
Sunday 22nd December 2019**

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CHESTERS URGES CENTRAL VICTORIANS TO HELP THOSE IN NEED THIS CHRISTMAS

Federal Member for Bendigo Lisa Chesters will today launch her 2019 Christmas Donation Drive.

"Once again, I'm encouraging locals to join me in supporting the Uniting Emergency Relief Assistance Centres in Kangaroo Flat and Bendigo," Chesters said.

"Last year we helped to provide Christmas presents to hundreds of local children and I believe we can do the same again."

The Emergency Relief Assistance Centres assist several thousand local people each year by providing food, financial assistance, advocacy, household goods and clothing.

"For a number of Central Victorians, Christmas is a time of stress and a time when financial hardship and family breakdowns are felt most strongly," Chesters said.

"Bendigo is a generous community. We take care of our own. Together we can help make Christmas special for a local family worse off than our own.

"We are fortunate to have a network of not-for-profit organisations who work especially hard at this time of year to alleviate some of the financial stress and loneliness felt by many in our local community.

"I would like to encourage people to make a donation if they can," said Ms Chesters.

Each year, Uniting requests donations of unwrapped new toys (still in packaging) for ages birth to 16 and non-perishable or specialty Christmas food items.

"Donations can be dropped off at Uniting or at my office on the corner of Williamson and Myers Streets," said Ms Chesters.

The Kangaroo Flat Emergency Relief Assistance Centre is open Tuesdays and Fridays from 10am – 1pm and is located on the corner of Church and Camp Streets.

Bendigo Uniting is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10am-3.45pm

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Preserving the past

Local history grants now available

Euroa MP and Deputy Leader of The Nationals Steph Ryan is encouraging local history groups looking to preserve, record and share their town's history to apply for the Public Record Office Victoria's Local History Grants Program.

Applications are now open for grants of up to \$15,000 to assist local community groups and organisations that collect and preserve the stories of our region.

Ms Ryan said these grants aimed to support local historical groups planning or currently working on projects to secure their stories for generations to come.

"The Euroa electorate has a vibrant history with many important local stories to share for generations to come," Ms Ryan said.

Projects previously supported through the program include the digitisation and preservation of newspapers, cataloguing of objects and records, the development and production of exhibitions and the purchase of high standard storage and display cases.

Local recipients from last year's round of grants included the Benalla Aviation Museum Inc., Euroa Historical Genealogical Society, Kilmore Cemetery Trust, Merrigum and District Historical and Education Society Inc. and the Wandong History Group Inc.

Ms Ryan said that the diversity of past successful projects demonstrated how important it is to preserve our local history for future generations to enjoy.

"It's been fantastic to see a number of history groups and organisations from across our region successfully secure a local history grant to pursue their own local projects," Ms Ryan said.

"I encourage all local historical societies, schools, sporting clubs and specialist interest groups to apply for this grant to help share their stories."

The Local History Grants Program is now open to all not-for-profit community groups.

Applications close at midnight 8 January 2020.

For further information or to apply,

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visit: <https://prov.vic.gov.au/community/grants-and-awards/local-history-grants-program>.

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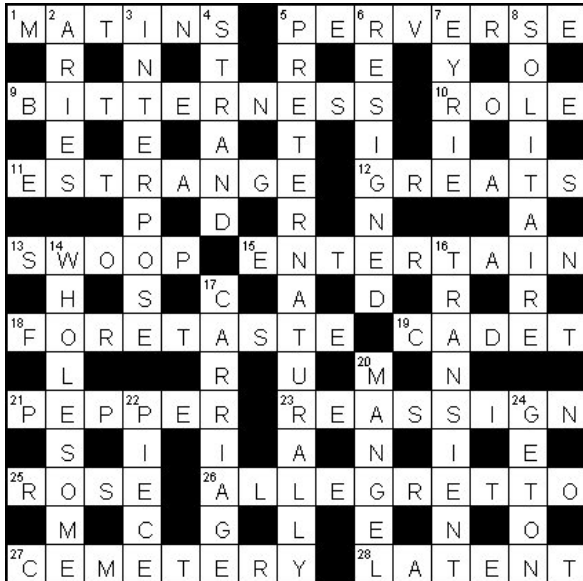
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Barfold	1st Sunday of month	1 December Holy Communion
Metcalfe	2nd Sunday of month	8 December
Mia Mia	3rd Sunday of month	15 December

Sutton Grange 4th Sunday of month **22 December**
7pm Family Christmas Carol Service. Supper to follow

5th Sunday of month is free for people to go to the churches or a **Macedon Ranges Partnership** event. Our services rotate around the churches during the month.

There are no church services in January

For more information go to -

www.macedonrangesunitingchurch.org.au

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Redesdale 2nd Sunday of each month 11am

FARMERS' MARKETS



Woodend Community Farmers' Market

Sat 7 December
Cnr High & Forest Streets, Woodend
0487 444 090 Sharon Kittson

Daylesford Farmer's Market

Sat 7 December
Daylesford Primary School
03 5664 0096 Peter Arnold

Kyneton Farmers' Market

Sat 14 December
St Pauls Park, Piper Street, Kyneton
54 221 025 Veronica Manifold

Riddells Creek Farmers' Market

Sat 21 December
Riddells Creek Primary School, Riddells Creek
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Lancefield & District Farmers' Market

Sat 28 December
Centre Plantation, High Street, Lancefield
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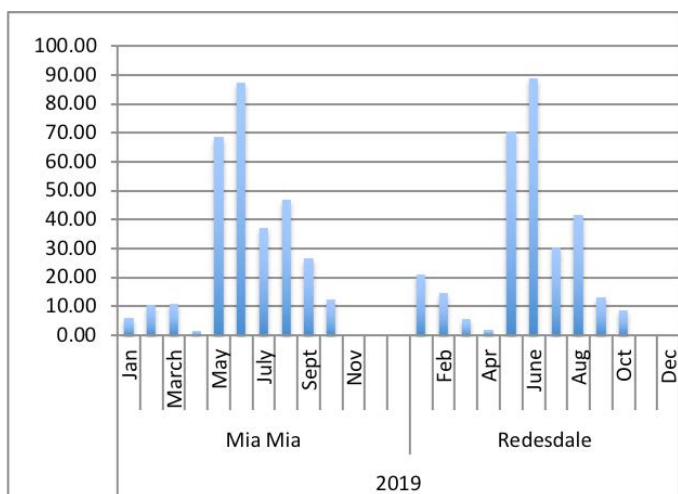
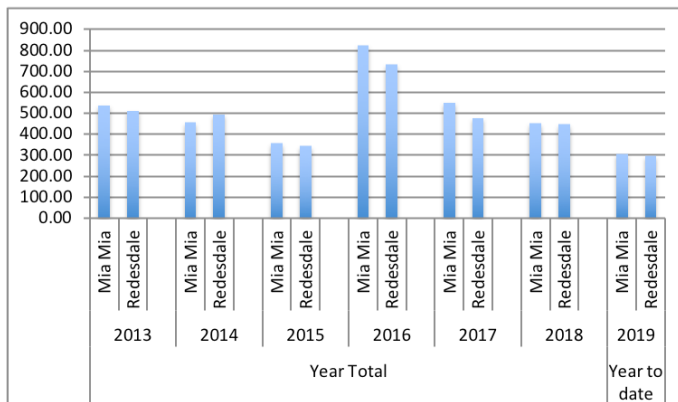
Maldon Market

Sunday december 8
www.vicfarmersmarkets.org.au

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

The average yearly rainfall for **Redesdale** is about 601mms.

Thank you to Mary Bennett for the **Mia Mia** readings.



October Rain Fall

Redesdale 8.6ml Year to date 296.8

Mia Mia 12.5ml Year to date 308

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).



Party Equipment for hire

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

Commercial sized steel roaster	\$120 per weekend
Large marquee 3m x 6m	\$225 per weekend
Collapsible marquee 3m x 3m	\$80 per weekend
Tables - 1.8m x 1m	\$8 each per weekend
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RECIPE OF THE MONTH

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Glazed Christmas Ham



- 1 Whole Leg Ham (about 8 kg)
- 1 cup of apricot jam
- 3 tablespoons of seeded mustard
- Whole cloves to stud

Heat the jam and mustard on the stove till it becomes runny

Preheat the oven to 180C

Use a sharp knife to cut around the shank of the ham, about 10cm from the end.

Place your fingers between the rind and the fat and gently lift the rind off in one piece.

Score the fat in a diamond pattern being careful not to cut through to the meat.

Stud the centres with the whole cloves.

Transfer to a baking dish lined with baking paper.

Brush half of the jam mixture over the ham.

Bake for 30 mins, brushing with jam every 30 mins.

Cook for a total of 1 hour and 30 minutes

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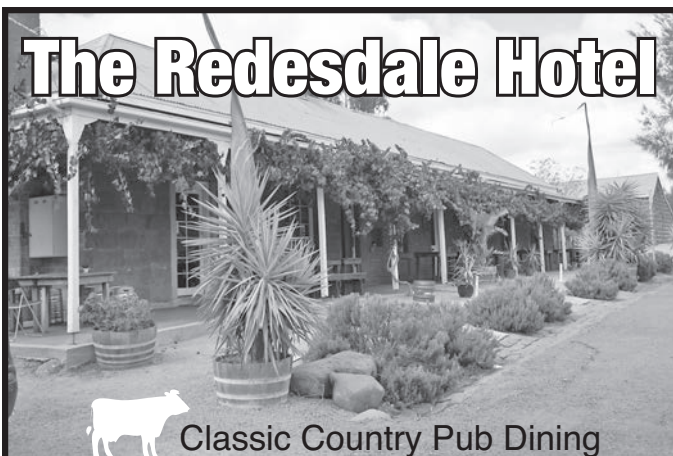
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Regardless of religious, or irreligious views, Christmas is a very appropriate time in our calendar year to reflect on the importance of the Christmas story. That is, one person was born into this world roughly two thousand years ago, who for all his humanity, managed to significantly promote a philosophy of peace and goodwill to all, that, despite the monstrous contortion that religion has sometimes become, persists to this day.

It is a reminder that the antitheses of peace and goodwill, which are intolerance, injustice, coercion and bullying, are the caustic acts which as individuals, as communities and even as nations, continue to impoverish our potential for happy and healthy life.

How many of us are subjected to bullying? It is a common problem unfortunately that is difficult to quantify. Bullying is behaviour that has the intent to humiliate, dis-empower or demean the targeted individual. Like beauty, it is somewhat in the eye of the beholder. Research in Australian schools suggests as many as one in four children are bullied. Unfortunately bullying is not just limited to children and schools. Workplace bullying is a common problem too. When people are demeaned or humiliated in a sexualised way this becomes sexual harassment. Bullying in a family context equates to family violence.

Bullying, over time, can foster a variety of significant mental health issues. These include Depression, Anxiety, Post traumatic stress, Obsessive Compulsive Disorder and Body Dysmorphic Disorder. Any of these conditions can be absolutely disabling when it comes to participating in work and relationships.

Even when the effects of bullying are less severe, the resulting unhappiness and low self-esteem can contribute to significant under performance at school or work and difficulty with relationships.

There can be long-term negative effects for the perpetrators of bullying too. If bullying behaviour in an individual becomes normal for them, this will affect more and more relationships around them. It can also lead to more extreme anti-social behaviours.

Another response to bullying which is well recognised is when the target of bullying, in a different social context, becomes the perpetrator. This is one way in which bullying behaviour "snowballs" through a community, as the experience of bullying conditions or changes other individuals also to bully. Individuals who are most likely to be bullied are those that "stand out", or have characteristics that set them apart from the group.

How should bullying be managed? It is important to understand the context of bullying. It is important to encourage the person who is being bullied to speak up to trusted others in their community. This could involve a conversation with a teacher, parent or work colleague, or a trusted friend can provide significant support. The worst outcomes happen where nothing is said or discussed, and therefore the bullying is allowed to continue. There are a number of strategies which can be used to counteract bullying. These strategies aim to minimise the chance that the bullying behaviour will be reinforced by the reactions of the target. Appropriate reactions can include walking away, pretending indifference, or fostering support from friends.

If teachers or work colleagues or others in authority are aware of bullying, these people can also be effective in challenging bullying when it occurs. In this way pressure is brought upon the bully to change behaviour, and perhaps address underlying causes, with appropriate referral to a Health Practitioner.

Here is to a peaceful Christmas with tolerance and goodwill to all.

Tim

RRRC final report for 2019.

The pavilion is near completion with all internal walls in place and the roof insulation installed.

Next year the ceiling cladding will be installed and our interior decorators are busy selecting paint colours and furnishings for the area.

We would like to thank the members of the community who helped with the working bees and gave up their time and expertise, even though they were not committee members. Also thanks to the residents who called in from time to time to see the progress being achieved.

The committee of the RRRC would like to wish everyone a safe and Happy Xmas and New Year

The President and committee RRRC

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Redesdale Bush Market - Sunday, 8/3/2020

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

The Redesdale Hall Committee Inc. is holding their annual Bush Market in 2020 on the Labour Day long weekend at the "Agnes Mudford Reserve", offering something of interest for all ages.

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

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

The Market begins at 9.00 am and finishes at 2.00 pm on **Sunday, 8th March.**

***Please Note - Limited sites are available for the following: Wineries, Fresh Produce, Plants, Car & Camping Accessories, Hats and Shoes, amongst others. Car Clubs and individuals with a classic car are invited to call in and display their vehicles.....always very popular!

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

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

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

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

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

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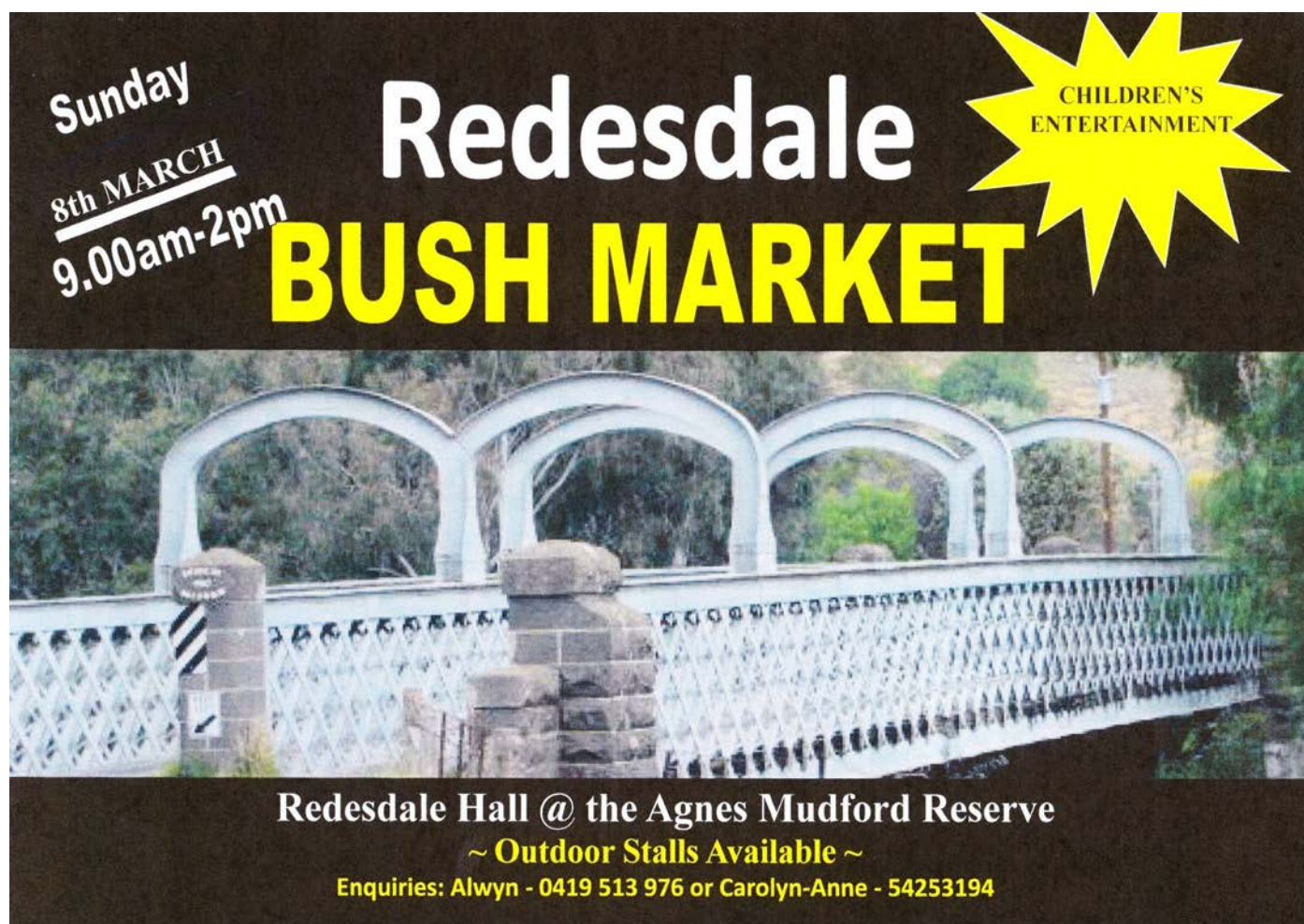
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Alwyn - **0419 513 976** or

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The poster features a dark background with a photograph of a stone bridge with multiple arches. Text is overlaid on the image. In the top left, 'Sunday' is written in a large, white, sans-serif font, with '8th MARCH' and '9.00am-2pm' below it in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. In the center, 'Redesdale' is written in a large, white, sans-serif font, and 'BUSH MARKET' is written in a large, bold, yellow, sans-serif font. In the top right, there is a yellow starburst shape containing the text 'CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT' in a small, black, sans-serif font. At the bottom, 'Redesdale Hall @ the Agnes Mudford Reserve' is written in a white, sans-serif font, followed by '~ Outdoor Stalls Available ~' in a yellow, sans-serif font, and 'Enquiries: Alwyn - 0419 513 976 or Carolyn-Anne - 54253194' in a yellow, sans-serif font.

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8th MARCH
9.00am-2pm

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Wednesday 4th December 2019— Swagman's Luck — **Time:** 6pm – 9pm. A show for all ages. Eleven realistic marionette puppets will take you through the bush to a quiet billabong and relive the story of Banjo Patterson's Waltzing Matilda. Enjoy Christmas roast with campfire roasted spuds followed by seasonal fruit & Christmas Trifle. **Cost** Adult \$35, Conc. \$30, Ch \$15, under 5 free. Ph **5432 2291**.

Venue: Bridgeward Grove Olives and Art, 170 Englishs Rd Goornong.

Saturday 7th December

Lions Bush Market — **Time:** 8am – 1pm. Stall bookings can be made by calling Jean on **0400 675 995** or via email at

www.lionsmarketmanager@gmail.com Venue: Barrack Reserve, High Street, Heathcote.

Saturday 7th December

Heathcote Inn - "Meet the Wine Makers" **Time:** 6.30pm. The second of the "Meet the Wine Makers series". Local wine makers will provide insights into all aspects of producing their wines. Dine with the winemakers from Munari Wines with an amazing 4 course dinner paired with matching wines. **Tickets** \$95 per person. **Bookings** phone **5433 2409** or **bookings@heathcoteinn.com.au** Venue: Heathcote Inn 9 Hunter Place Heathcote

Sunday 8th December

Sunday Session - Macer Acoustic Duo @ Heathcote Inn **Time:** 2pm-5pm. Talented will be playing a range of songs. For ticket pricing ring ph **5433 2409** Venue: Heathcote Inn 9 Hunter Place Heathcote

Sunday 8th December

DIY Beeswax Food Wrap Workshop **Time:** 10am. Learn how to make your own economical plastic free food covering that is safe and easy to use. You will get to make your own take home set to keep or give as a Christmas gift. Tea, coffee & snacks will be available. Cost \$40. Limit of 10 places. **Bookings** through **www.argyleapiary.com.au**

Venue: Heathcote Community House.

Thursday 12th December

Pizza Box Poets Open Mic @ Palling Bros **Time:** 6.30pm-8pm. Everyone can come and perform their original pieces of poetry and listen. Whether it's a vignette, sonnet, a slam piece or even a haiku this is the environment for these striking expressions of self to be displayed. **Free entry.** Ph **0402 848 073**.

Friday 13th December

Lions Night Market — **Time:** 5pm – 9pm. Wind down for the weekend with good food, drinks, music and crafts. Stall bookings can be made by calling Jean on **0400 675 995** or via email at

www.lionsmarketmanager@gmail.com Venue: Barrack Reserve, High Street, Heathcote.

Saturday 14th December

Heathcote Christmas Carols **Time:** 7pm-10pm. Free Event. Barrack Reserve High Street Heathcote. Contact: **0408 332 235**

Saturday 14th December

A Swellegant Christmas @ Toolleen **Time:** 6pm-10pm. **Cost** \$25-\$55. Sing, dance, laugh and clap along with Christmas carols and showstoppers accompanied by a delicious traditional Christmas

dinner. For ticket pricing & bookings phone **5433 6220** Venue:

Toolleen Hotel's Tin Shed

Saturday 14th December

Daniel Aaron @ Palling Bros **Time:** 7pm-10pm. Daniel Aaron is an up-and-coming musician playing tune-monger genre of music, with intricate looping and hard hitting riffs. Making huge strides in the Victorian music scene. Free entry. Phone **0427 848 073**

Sunday 15th December

Sunday Session - Felix & the Fuzz tones @ Heathcote Inn **Time:** 2pm-5pm. Heathcote's local band Felix & the Fuzz tones be on stage, so bring the whole gang for a great day. For ticket pricing & bookings ring ph **5433 2409** Venue: Heathcote Inn 9 Hunter Place Heathcote

Friday 20th December

Lions Night Market — **Time:** 5pm – 9.30pm. Stall bookings can be made by calling Jean on **0400 675 995** or via email at

www.lionsmarketmanager@gmail.com Venue: Barrack Reserve, High Street, Heathcote.

Tuesday 24th December

Christmas Eve @ Heathcote Inn **Time:** 2pm-5pm. Cost \$10. Live music from The Warm Bloods. Gourmet food & beverages. For bookings, ring ph **5433 2409** Venue: Heathcote Inn 9 Hunter Place Heathcote

Wednesday 25th December

Christmas Lunch @ Heathcote Inn **Time:** From 12 noon. Cost \$85 Adults, \$35 Children U12. Enjoy a stress free 3 course Christmas lunch. Antipasto selection to begin with, then a traditional roast lunch followed by plum pudding and Pavlova. Book your table now to avoid missing out! Bookings essential ph **5433 2409** or email **bookings@heathcoteinn.com.au**

Sunday 29th December

Sunday Session - Boh Dower @ Heathcote Inn **Time:** 2pm-5pm. Solo performer Boh Dower will be playing a range of music from 60's to present day. Swimming Pool & play ground available. For ticket pricing please ring ph **5433 2409** Venue: Heathcote Inn 9 Hunter Place Heathcote

Friday 3rd January

Outdoor Cinema **Time:** 7pm-9pm. Screening: Christopher Robin. Venue: Redesdale Recreation Reserve, Kyneton-Redesdale Road, Redesdale. FREE Contact: ph **5434 6000**

Sunday 5th January

Sunday Session - Macer Acoustic Duo @ Heathcote Inn **Time:** 2pm-5pm. Talented - Macer Acoustic Duo will be playing a range of songs. Bring the gang down for a relaxing day by the pool. For more information ring ph **5433 2409** Venue: Heathcote Inn 9 Hunter Place Heathcote

Tuesday 7th January

Heathcote Swimming Pool FloatFit. 10 Barrack Street Heathcote. Time 11am -11.45am. Free Ph **0459 277 255**

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