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Over 20 awesome people attended the Mia Mia CFA fire shed recently to learn the art of supporting Jika Knight with daily living needs.

Jika is a 23-year-old man from Mia Mia who lives with profound disabilities and requires dedicated attention.

Support training is held annually, and this year the Mia Mia CFA donated use of the very well-equipped fire shed for this purpose.

"Jika and his family are very grateful for this community support. Jika would like to thank his support team, his educators Lyn and Antoinette as well as the Mia Mia CFA for use of the fire shed" says Jika's father Ross Knight.



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Editorial

Dear Readers as we go to print everything has been Canceled or Postponed at this stage there won't be a Bridge Connection after this for at least a few months if you have the need to share anything important we can place it on our face-book page.

All local events have been Canceled or postponed.

Anzac service at Sutton Grange has been Canceled.

All Church Services have been Canceled.

The Bridge Connection Committee would like to thank Mary Bennett for her service over the last 112 editions as President and Committee member Mary has retired due to ill health thank you Mary we wish you well.

Till Next time if you need help don't be afraid to ask As a small community now is the time to come together to help each other out. **"One Community"**



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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

As our first term draws to a close, it pleasing to see the great progress achieved by our students in their new school year.

The school has been fortunate in being able to invest significantly into improving the resources available to our students in our Literacy program. So far we have introduced an extensive range of levelled readers into our classroom, numerous teacher resources to inform the teaching and we've provided all students with access to a selection of targeted online learning portals. We look forward to the continued growth of our student's capabilities over the coming term and year!

Bush Market

The school held a very successful stall at the bush market. It was great to see the community come together to host such a great event. Students were heavily involved in preparing the produce for the market. We sold a lot of succulents, honey joys, muffins and cold drinks to the passers-by. More importantly, we got to catch up with a lot of the other community groups in town and promote our school to the wider public. Thanks to all the students who helped prepare the produce and to Mr Addlem, Jodi, Max, Zoe and Alix for helping run the stall on the day.



Students enjoyed designing, creating and planting a new succulent garden at the front of our school.

Purple words word search

a	s	k	M	o	t	h	e	r
g	g	l	g	f	g	h	b	b
a	n	r	i	d	g	i	v	e
i	i	y	n	y	i	s	a	d
n	r	c	d	g	r	o	o	m
b	b	e	s	t	l	h	o	w
e	a	f	a	r	s	h	e	e
k	i	n	d	k	n	m	a	n
o	w	n	m	l	e	f	t	m

Riddle:

A word I know, six letters it contains, remove one letter and 12 remains, what is it?

A: Dozens

Again find man
Ask give mother
Bring how own
Best kind room
For left say



Hall Happenings with Norma Barker.

What a great Redesdale Bush market we had. We had a couple of visitors from England due to advertising by our hard-working secretary on Facebook. The couple had seen this and hired a car in Melbourne, where they were holidaying, and had a tour to see the highlights of Central Victoria including "Redesdale Bush Market".

The Hall Committee say Thank You. Thank you to all our friends who helped us make it such a great success. The work involved in staging such an event is enormous and our committee could not do it without our wonderful helpers. As far as I know the stall holders were happy with their results.

Our kitchen renovations will soon be a reality after years of fundraising by the hall committee members and helpers, along with assistance from the City of Greater Bendigo.

Now for the not-so-pleasant news; due to the Corona Virus situation our committee has decided to **postpone**

All events at the Redesdale Hall until further notice.

The events planned were the **Afternoon Tea Dance** in April, **The Redesdale Revellers** which was to be held each Saturday in May, and **The Biggest Morning Tea** in June.

We hope everyone stays well and we can get back to normal in a few months.

Regards,

Norma Barker

Mia Mia Mechanic Institute

Preliminary Dates for 2020

Flower Show
Saturday 24th October

**Community Christmas
Party**
Saturday 5th December



Redesdale Hall

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Amenities are available for catering, meetings, weddings and club or family celebrations.

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Redesdale Hall Activities:

- 2nd Tuesday monthly, 1pm - Hall Comm. Meetings.
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Joan Hindle March 27th 1923 - 1st March 2020



Joan Hindle, Joan, born in Heathcote, lived most of her life in Spring Plains/Mia Mia. With no school close to their farm, Joan's mother taught her using correspondence lessons until she was nine years old. Joan then rode her grey pony Dolly to the Mia Mia School, about 5 miles away, for about twelve months. When the local parents of school children in Spring Plains decided to apply for a school closer to their farms, the Education Department told them that if the locals organised a building and at least 12 children, then they would supply a teacher. A local farmer offered a building for the school to use, but getting 12 children was not so easy, so they had to 'borrow' some children to make up the numbers. With only ten local children they "borrowed" two from Melbourne. Joan's family boarded a young cousin until the local student numbers reached the required twelve.

From when she was 14 Joan's father was not well. She left school to assist him on the farm. They had sheep with a few milking cows from which they made cream. Joan would rise early to milk the cows. When World War II started she was an unofficial Land Army girl, the name given to those girls who worked on farms so that young men could enlist. Her family transport was horse and gig until they got their first motor car, a Chev ute. Its use was limited as there was petrol rationing throughout the war.

Joan spent all her working life on the Mia Mia farm but still managed to see many parts of the world. After the war she and a Mia Mia friend, Phyllis Marshall, set off to explore countries such as England where they saw the coronation of Queen Elizabeth. In Egypt they had an armed guard escort during a tour of the Suez canal, in Malta she marvelled at the magnificence and opulence of the Churches. She also travelled to New Zealand, Canada and Israel. When her father died in 1959 she continued to run the family farm. In 1962, she married John Hindle from Strathbogie, but only had seven years with him before his death.

She continued to run the farm until well into her 90's. She was active in several community organisations and was an active member of the Mia Mia Church, the Mia Mia Country Women's Association which she served as Secretary, President and Group Secretary. She excelled at several crafts including leather work, knitting, crochet and china painting. Two of her crocheted rugs won the regional competition of the Royal Melbourne Show. She won awards for her sheep and for their wool. She was an enthusiastic assistant at the Mia Mia kite flying days, a major contributor to renovations at the Mia Mia Hall, and a regular exhibitor at the Mia Mia Flower Show as well as judge in some categories.

The block from the Spring Plains station that Joan's father was allocated sits below the original Spring Plains homestead, separated from it by Pohlmanns Creek. When the Duigan brothers were testing their plane, they took the plane to the flatter land below the homestead. When the Duigan land was split into soldier settler allotments the Pigdon family was allocated the land on which the plane was tested.





YOUR HEALTH

with Dr Tim Stobie Ph: 5422 1397

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Dr Tim Stobie

There once was a man from Verona

Who claimed he lived through Corona
I asked him straight up
How long were you holed up?
'Cuz it don't much look like you're a loner ...

Ok - so seriously people - all bets are off. Stop listening to the warblers, the jokesters, the liars, the triers, the pretenders, the dodgers, the wannabes, and the commentariat - if ever there was a time to block out fake news this is it. In a crisis, accurate information is paramount.

Serious problems call for serious talk from the people who know. In the current Coronavirus crisis, the most important information is assiduously being garnered by the Commonwealth Department of Health. A vast array of people who know their stuff are sifting through the reports of info streaming in through numerous medical sources, collating, interpreting, processing. These people know the problems.

In most respects they also have the answers. Like those answers or not, they have the answers.

It's an unfortunate truth that humans in a state of high anxiety often find it difficult to process information accurately and to best effect. We tend to concentrate on information that sensationalises - hence the journalists preference for an attention-grabbing headline over a bland statement of fact.

When anxious, another processing error occurs when we concentrate on information that confirms our own preconceived ideas. Or in another way, people who are anxious are more likely to perceive threat in everything that occurs around them.

The Coronavirus pandemic is a situation destined to cause population-wide anxiety like no other. The threat is severe, that is, massive social disruption, and on a personal level, death. There has also been, particularly early on in this epidemic a huge gap in our knowledge of what we are dealing with.

And yet on a very basic level, the best advice we have gotten from our health chiefs is the advice that has been available to us right from the start.

We are dealing with a virus. It is transmissible from person to person. The likelihood of transmission between people is very much reduced if we keep away from each other, and is zero if we keep infected people isolated. The virus is not immune to simple chemical attack. Alcohol, or soap and water

are very good at getting rid of it. If we use these frequently then we can get rid of virus particles left behind by others in our shared spaces. If we are totally focussed on doing these things correctly then this pandemic will be effectively minimised. The rapid decline in cases amongst the Singapore population is surely the best evidence that these simple principles are hugely effective in controlling this virus.

The only problem is that we ALL have to do this. It is no good some of us thinking we are healthy and low risk - if we allow ourselves to be vectors or carriers of the virus then we put at risk the health of all those people in close proximity to us. Even younger apparently healthy people will die sometimes. The ill-health of our elders is something that none of us want to see.

Do not go thinking that drinking coconut milk, or rhinoceros horn or Harry Potter's Polyjuice Potion is going to cure this infection. Be sceptical that hydroxychloroquine is the answer too. A very small French study did present some interesting results, but remember all medications are potential poisons. Taken inappropriately they can kill just as surely as a virus, and hydroxychloroquine is no exception.

There will be a vaccine in time, but it will be several months in the making, even if trials and vaccine production and regulatory processes go as well as possible.

In the meantime, please let's all concentrate on doing our very best with the basics. Social distancing, sanitising and hand-washing as frequently as possible. If we do these things well then we can all be assured that we are doing the most important things to gain control of this truly dreadful situation.

Tim



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To the Bridge Connection

I have Just spent a few weeks in the Kyneton Hospital. The Staff both the Nursing and Domestic were terrific happy and willing to help anyway they could.

The food was delicious and presented beautifully
Thank you all at Kyneton Hospital.

Mary Bennett

By now the fire restrictions in your shire will have been lifted. COGB is one of the later areas with restrictions ending at midnight on the **30th of March**.

Just because you can light a fire doesn't mean you have to. Government departments may be doing controlled burns and northern wheat farmers may be burning stubble but until we have continuous heavy rain, it's not yet 100 percent safe. Also with the horrific summer that we have just had, there are concerns that for some people, the sight of smoke could be distressing. Use your discretion when having an outdoor fire. Pick the right day or time of day. To avoid an unnecessary CFA call out, register the burn with Vicfire on 1800 668 511.

Coronavirus. Like most of the population we are self isolating or distancing. There is no more CFA training or meetings but I want the community to know that if the siren sounds then it is "business as usual"

A disappointing directive from the CFA regarding the Good Friday Appeal. No brigades are allowed to collect on roads without traffic lights. This means that the usual 5 or 6 thousand dollars we would have collected won't be going to the Royal Children's Hospital. The CFA collectively contribute 4 million dollars plus annually to the appeal. In the absence of our tin rattling please find other ways to donate, especially with current conditions meaning the money will be needed more than ever.

Regards,

Andrew Campbell Fire Prevention Officer .

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My good friend has an abundance of stories which she shares with her friends on a regular basis. I would like to share her latest with you.

A woman was flying from Melbourne to Brisbane when, unexpectedly, the plane was diverted to Sydney. The Flight Attendant explained that there would be a delay, and if the passengers wanted to get off the aircraft the plane would re-board in 50 minutes.

Everybody got off the plane except one lady who was blind. The woman had noticed her as she walked by and could tell the lady was blind because her Seeing Eye Dog lay quietly under the seats in front of her throughout the entire flight. She could also tell that she'd flown this flight many times before because the Pilot approached her and calling her by name said "Kathy, we are in Sydney for almost an hour, would you like to stretch your legs?"

Kathy replied "No thanks, but maybe Max (the dog) would like to stretch his.

All the people in the gate area came to a complete standstill when they looked up and saw the pilot walk off the plane with a Seeing Eye Dog! The pilot was even wearing sunglasses! People scattered.

They not only tried to change planes, but they were trying to change airlines!

True story?

I was reading this to my husband and was laughing so much I could not speak.

I hope this has got your endorphins going too.

Life's good!

Norma.

Mia Mia Cricket Club

Emu Valley Cricket Association

Premiers 2020

Mia-Mia cricket club has had a tremendously successful year finishing the season two games clear atop the ladder at the end of the home & away season with many contributors, hard work and strong team performances in every match we've played. A stellar come from behind win in the semi-final earned us the right to play in our second successive grand final against the challengers Strathfieldsaye.

The news came through "the Wire" at Thursday training night that due to the Corona Virus the Grand Final would be cancelled and the premiership, as is protocol in these situations, would be awarded to the club finishing higher on the ladder, Mia Mia cricket club. The premiership marks 20 years since the last silverware graced our club, safe to say we didn't think it would finish this way, and we'd like to thank all those who supported us and we look forward to next year.

Brian Lauder & Will Ryan.

Redesdale Community Hub Project

Stage 1 of the Redesdale Community Hub Project is off and running!!

Yes, Stage 1 of the Hub project (renovation of the hall's kitchen) has commenced with the City of Greater Bendigo appointing a project manager, a kick-off and early design meetings held with the Stage 1 Working Group with planning for the installation of the new kitchen later in 2020 underway.

As a reminder the Hub has three stages:

1. Kitchen renovation
2. Addition of meeting rooms, refurb of the hall facade, storage spaces and the internal toilets
3. A traveller's Rest at the rear of the reserve.

The City is working with the Stage 1 Working Group to facilitate a series of discussions in March to gain community input into the design of the kitchen. Community groups will be contacted regarding these discussions which may now be via email or phone given the current Corona virus and Council constraints on public meetings. The information gained from these discussions will be made available to the designers for them to consider in refining and finalising the design of our new kitchen.

We have reached a very exciting point in realising the vision for the Redesdale Community Hub, which has been made possible through the community's ongoing commitment to

the project, and the financial support of the City of Greater Bendigo and the Redesdale Hall Committee. A huge thank you to all concerned.

If you have any input or queries regarding the project please contact the Stage 1 Working Group via:

RRRC Rep - John Beurle - john.beurle@gmail.com or 0422 001 924

RaDA Rep - Gloria Pocock - gapocock@bigpond.com or 0408 307 105

Hall Committee Rep - Janette Johnson - jan.eppa447@gmail.com or 0407 004 728

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Redesdale Recreation Reserve Committee Chairman's Report

Top of the day to you all,

The reserve committee would like to thank Lindsay for his secretarial duties over the past four of five years. He has been very diligent, succinct and timely with all the duties of a secretary and will be a hard act to follow. Lindsay will, however, continue to be a valuable asset to the Reserve by remaining on the Committee.

We would also like to thank Craig for taking on the secretary's position. We have no doubt he will be able to fill Lindsay's shoes admirably.

We welcome new committee member Simon Hills. Simon was the treasurer for the Reserve some years ago however due to personal reasons he had to resign. It's great to be able to welcome him back in the fold and has accepted the position of grant applications.

As most would have noticed the dead gum tree has been pruned back to a safe state. The committee thanks Dion Testro from Total Tree Solutions 0417602796 for a job well done. Not only did he clean up around the tree afterwards, he also cut up the branches to firewood size of which, for a small donation, we were able to supply The Redesdale Hotel with enough firewood for several months.

Thank you to Beth and Garth from The Redesdale Hotel for your generous donation to the Reserve.

The pavilion upgrade continues to progress. We are waiting for CoGB to inspect the building for the certificate of occupancy. In the meantime we have started the process of building the deck by going to tender for the stump works. So if anyone out there has a contact who could drill 14 stump holes and set 14 stumps up for the deck please contact any of the committee members.

The Bush Market, organised by the Hall Committee in conjunction with the Reserve Committee, was held in March and by all accounts was a great success. With some rain during the week prior the oval had greened up and settled the dust which made for a perfect environment. We were very lucky to

have been able to hold the event prior to the current ban on community events. All the vendors I spoke to thought it was probably the best one yet. So well done to the Hall Committee for another successful day.
Happy days

Mike Abramowski

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COMMUNITY UPDATE



Gloria Pocock
Redesdale and District Association Chair

email and phone contacts available in the cutout below

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NAGAMBIE

Nagambie Medical
2/2-48 Graham St

Testing only after
phone consultation
with GP: 5794 1816

Due to the Coronavirus COVID-19 Outbreak
The Redesdale and District Association wants residents
to know as the community responds to the coronavirus
pandemic.

The association has established a helpline of sorts for people
in the district, which draws upon the assistance of some of its
70-odd members and other kindhearted volunteers.

All a resident would need to do is contact the association's
chair, Gloria Pocock, and explain their situation.

She would set about tasking a volunteer with responding, if
they were able to help.

COVID-19 SCREENING LOCATIONS

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EEPING

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Testing 7 days
a week
9.00am-8.00pm

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My name is you in touch with a local Volunteer to help with Shopping

I live locally at **Redesdale** In Preparation for self - isolating please
make sure you have cash on hand.

My phone number is **Mobile 0408 307 105 E: gapocock2bigpond.com**

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hands regularly. Items should be left on your doorstep.**

#ViralKindness

Redesdale Ramblings

Some Strategies to Get Food from Your Garden

You have to plan ahead if you want to actually harvest food from the garden otherwise you're going to come off second best. I'm talking of course about the ongoing contest with wildlife, pests and diseases. Being in the country we're learning to live with parrots, blackbirds, silver-eyes, wallabies, rabbits and other marauders. For years we thought the worst pests were the Cockatoos and Rosella's which stripped the fruit from the trees before we could get any. Then we had a wallaby find it's way into the garden; "its"! method of pulling down branches to get to the tip growth often led to them breaking!

To get any fruit at all we finally had to resort to netting. At one point the fine black nets were popular but apparently they weren't easily seen by the birds which could get tangled up in them and get injured. So we were persuaded to use the white netting which makes a bit of an eyesore of your garden unless you are a fan of spider-webs! However they can be effective though not foolproof in deterring wildlife. Parrots are clever enough to find gaps and even make holes big enough to get through. If the fruit is too close to the outside they will eat it through the net not bothering to chew through it to get to them.

Deciding when to net is another issue. Obviously you can't leave the net on all year (unless you go to the trouble of enclosing your trees in a big, permanent cage) because the branches will grow through the netting and pruning becomes a nightmare. But you can't leave it too late because well before the fruit is ripe the birds will get it. An added complication I heard about is that from September next year the netting has to comply with

new regulations and the holes have to be smaller than 5mm to avoid birds, bats and reptiles getting caught in it. Replacing all their nets will be an expensive exercise for many fruit and vine growers!

If you only have a few fruit to protect you can try bagging them instead – even sturdy paper bags can be used, sealing the fruit inside and taping the open end shut around the branch. The disadvantage of this technique is that the bags can be ripped open to expose the fruit to attack and similarly if they get wet and soggy. Plastic bags can lead to the fruit going mouldy, so avoid them.

When we first started gardening here we had few problems with birds getting at the tomatoes but recently they have learned to attack the tommies as soon as they turn red. This has meant having to net or pick the fruit as soon as they start to show colour; fortunately they can continue to ripen indoors and though that's not as satisfying as picking a "vine-ripened" tomato at least you get to eat it yourself! This year we tried a "new" cherry tomato called 'Italian White' which is ripe while still yellow - I thought this would protect them from attack - I was wrong!

One of the problems with starting cabbage or broccoli seedlings before the warm weather ends is that the cabbage butterflies are still around and the resulting caterpillars will decimate them. Michael from Stone Jug Lane told us that ordinary bird-netting can deter the butterflies and you can rig up a simple cover using hoops of black plastic tubing or thin bamboo. We found that it worked but it was no protection from rats! Unlike teenagers rats quite like broccoli!

Cheers

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The Redesdale Rock Gardener



Netted broccoli bed



Italian white cherry tomatoes



Lady Sapphire Bombay

Hello dear readers,
Lady Bombay with this month's
ponderings and eventful happenings.

Whilst I give little notice to Thorn, the gardeners happenings, this day was a little bit different from others. I was rearranging and cleaning my larder and pantry, when suddenly there was an almighty crash, which caused all the

shelves and bottles to rattle. Lord B alighted from his chair as such a rapid rate, his cushion was attached to his back as he raced in to see what had happened. I assured him that it was not manor related and that we should investigate further afield towards Thorn, the gardener's cottage, as there were bellows of brown dust coming up through the chimney of his cottage. No need for us to knock on his door as the thought of not having Thorn, the gardener to weed the rose gardens tomorrow was incomprehensible for me.

What greeted us was sheets of all colours and patterns strewn all over the furniture with the deluge of a Mallee dust storm still active. With a faint coughing voice in the dust, welcome Thorn, the gardener, wearing pink overalls, an old army helmet and welders' goggles all in matching colours. It resembled grenade practice for the end of the world. For his sake, undenounced to me it was the commencement of renovations to the cottage which he had taken the liberty to commence. Starting with the removal of a mud brick wall and a window which is to be replaced with French doors leading onto the large hot house. The excuse for this so-called renovation was the dry rot in the existing window which Thorn, the gardener thought it imperative to remove, however somewhat forgot to mention to Lord B and myself before now. I will say that if you give your staff enough space to play, they will destruct. Therefore, I thought in my infinite wisdom, that Lord B should assist and possibly supervise this renovation. With a huge sigh and a definite grumble and a lot of muttering with words I have never heard before and some of them I am sure do not exist in the dictionary, they commenced the renovation together.

Not ten minutes after the team effort began, there was yet another crash up the cottage resembling the sound of multiple pile up on the freeway or maybe I have been watching too many B grade movies. Now what? Again, the fog of dust protruded like the Mallee storm and there was a much larger opening in the wall that I had remembered. I am not a builder or renovator, however even I could tell that the lintel above the old window was bare and not really supporting anything apart from a handful of bricks. They both agreed like a duet, that accidents happen. I conveyed to them my displeasure in the situation and this needed to be repaired, painted and patched before the end of the day as Thorn, the gardener had chores to attend to the following day. Lord B always calls me Saff when things are on the critical list and this was one of them. In my mind, I thought let them renovate to completion

before the onset of Winter. They don't need to know that. As I felt there was a need to change the subject, I enquired whether anyone had purchased toilet paper today? The response was null and void. Lord B had come up with the ultimate solution to the problem. The pianola. Blank was my expression on his solution. I couldn't understand what the three-tonne piano player has to do with toilet paper. I could only assume that Lord B had started drinking early. The penny dropped. The pianola rolls which we have hundreds in storage. In times of trouble, use what you have. We haven't pumped the old girl for years. We will need a longer toilet roll holder. Just think, we could have a sing along whilst contemplating life challenges. Must tell Lord B that the parchment rolls are out of the question: ouch!

The first roll to go shall be "With a song in my heart".

Keep well dear readers.

Time for Mothers ruin.

Lady B



Quote of the month:

*If you have a garden and a library,
you have everything you need.*

Marcus Tullius Cicero

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STAGE 2 RESTRICTIONS

From midnight tonight the following venues and activities are prohibited:

*please note this list includes venues and activities that were prohibited in stage 1 restrictions

Pubs, registered and licensed clubs (excluding bottle shops attached to these venues), hotels (excluding accommodation), restaurants and cafes - delivery and take away can remain operational;

Food courts – delivery and take away can remain operational; Auction houses;

Real estate auctions and open house inspections – private appointments for inspection are permissible;

Outdoor and indoor markets will be a decision for each state and territory – food markets will continue to operate in all states and territories;

Hairdressers and barber shops – up to 30 minute appointments, applying the 1 person per 4 square metre rule in the premises, are permitted;

Beauty therapy, tanning, waxing, nail salons, tattoo parlours; Spa and massage parlours;

Cinemas, entertainment venues, casinos, gaming or gambling venues, and night clubs;

Strip clubs, brothels and sex on premises venues;

Concert venues, theatre, arenas, auditoriums, stadiums;

Amusement parks and arcades;

Indoor and outdoor play centres;

Community and recreations centres – facilities may remain open for the purpose of hosting essential voluntary or public services, such as food banks or homeless services;

Gyms, health clubs, fitness centres, yoga, barre and spin facilities, saunas, bathhouses and wellness centres;

Boot camps, personal training operating outside and inside – for outside events, limited to groups of no more than 10 people, social distancing rules must be applied;

Social sporting-based activities;

Swimming pools;

Hotels, hostels, bed and breakfasts, campsites, caravan parks and boarding houses will be a decision for each state and territory – excluding permanent residents and workers;

Galleries, museums, national institutions and historic sites;

Libraries, community centres and youth centres;

Local government non-essential facilities and services (such as community halls, clubs, RSLs);

Religious gatherings, places of worship

Weddings – weddings with a maximum attendance of no more than 5 people, where the 1 person per 4 square metre rule applies, are permitted

Funerals – funerals attended by a maximum of no more than 10



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At this stage, all other businesses can continue to trade, while observing social distancing measures.

CHECK IN ON PEOPLE AROUND YOU

Please make sure you are checking in over the phone with older, disabled or vulnerable residents in our community wherever you can. If you know someone in your street or neighbourhood who might need assistance, please get in touch with them.

for assistance relating to coronavirus.

As always, if you need help, don't hesitate to get in touch and I will do my best to assist: email steph.ryan@parliament.vic.gov.au or phone 5762 1600.

Kind regards,
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COVID-19: IDENTIFYING THE SYMPTOMS

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

SYMPTOMS	COVID-19 Symptoms range from mild to severe	COLD Gradual onset of symptoms	FLU Abrupt onset of symptoms
Fever	Common	Rare	Common
Cough	Common	Common	Common
Sore Throat	Sometimes	Common	Common
Shortness of Breath	Sometimes	No	No
Fatigue	Sometimes	Sometimes	Common
Aches & Pains	Sometimes	No	Common
Headaches	Sometimes	Common	Common
Runny or Stuffy Nose	Sometimes	Common	Sometimes
Diarrhea	Rare	No	Sometimes, especially for children
Sneezing	No	Common	No

Adapted from material produced by WHO, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.



TOGETHER WE CAN HELP STOP THE SPREAD AND STAY HEALTHY.

For more information about Coronavirus (COVID-19) visit health.gov.au





Campaspe Valley Landcare

Proudly supported by the Victorian Government's Landcare Grants Program

Calling "Bridge Connection" readers on properties of around 70 hectares or more, with some spare, well forested areas.

The Campaspe Valley Landcare Group (CVLG) has been awarded a Grant to support the conservation of Brush-tailed Phascogales (more commonly known as Tuans) in the Group's boundaries which encompass Redesdale, Mia Mia, Barfold and Langley.

The Grant will cover the manufacture, placement and monitoring of approximately 50 Tuan nest boxes in our Landcare area to support the conservation of this threatened native mammal species. The paucity of hollow-bearing trees is of particular concern for the conservation of the Tuan (or Brush-tailed Phascogale), and the project proposes to remedy the lack of suitable hollows with purpose-built nesting boxes.

CVLG is calling for volunteer property owners with suitable habitats to offer forested areas for one or two Tuan boxes to be installed. CVLG will take responsibility for the

placements, and will be occasionally monitoring the Nest Boxes over a twelve month period to assess Tuan population changes.

Tuans live on large insects, mice and rats and other small forest creatures, so the ideal habitat includes forest with not widely spaced trees, and lots of coarse woody debris. The fallen logs, branches and other woody material on the forest floor provide shelter and food for Tuans and for their prey. If your property and the adjoining forest land (Tuans do not recognize title boundaries) totals 70 ha or more, has an abundance of fallen timber, logs, and a dense & diverse shrub layer, and no large, old & hollow-bearing trees in the forest, then your location would be a prime candidate for this project.

The specific siting requirements are placement of the nest boxes two metres or more above the ground, facing south-east so as to avoid the cold, driving winds of winter and the hot northerlies of summer.

Tuan nest box manufacture is well underway, and we hope to secure volunteers and install them by the end of June.

If you would like to volunteer your location for this project and "foster" a Tuan family, please contact Phil Don of CVLG on 0408 988 701.



UNITING CHURCH

10am Start

Morning Tea is shared before each service at 9.45



Barfold	1st Sunday of month
Metcalfe	2nd Sunday of month
Mia Mia	3rd Sunday of month
Sutton Grange	4th Sunday of month

Due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) there will be no Church Services till further advised by the Australian Government.

The Anzac Day service for Sutton Grange is also Canceled.

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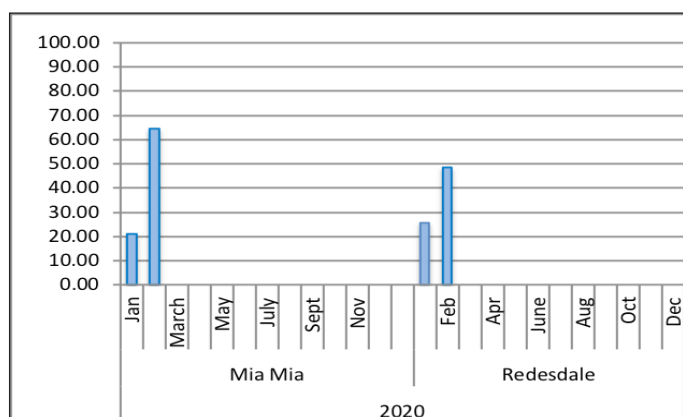
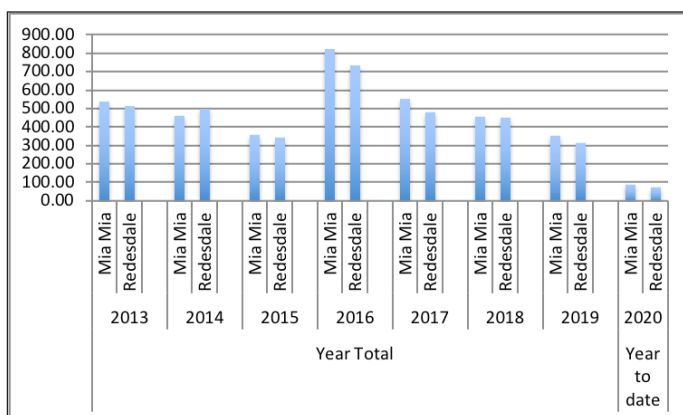
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The average yearly rainfall for **Redesdale** is about 601mms.

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



February Rain Fall

Redesdale 48.6mm Year to date 74.20mm

Mia Mia 64.75mm Year to date 86.00mm

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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1/2 teaspoon baking powder

¾ cup sugar

2 tablespoons sugar for sprinkling

3 eggs

1 cup mascarpone

3 tablespoons vegetable oil

¼ teaspoon salt

2 large ripe but firm pears

Pre heat the oven to 170 degrees. Lightly flour and grease a 23centimetre

Spring form pan.

Peel the pears, chop one into medium cubes, the other into thin slices.

Beat eggs and sugar till creamy, add mascarpone and beat till smooth.

Add flour, cornflour, and baking powder, stir to combine, add oil and mix well.

Fold in the cubed pear and spoon into the prepared cake tin.

Top with sliced pear and sprinkle with the 2 tablespoons sugar.

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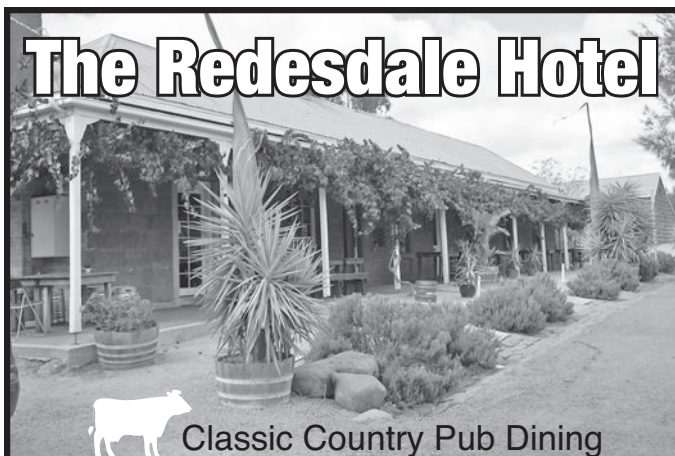


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Milder Weather Enjoyed By Many At The Redesdale Bush Market.

The annual Redesdale Bush Market, run solely by the Redesdale Hall Committee, was held recently at the Agnes Mudford Reserve with many visitors enjoying the 45 stalls which offered "something for everyone". The milder conditions helped ensure that the day was both enjoyable and successful, with many of the stallholders and visitors returning each year to enjoy the special atmosphere. The Bendigo and District Concert Band and the Floyd Black Band once again entertained the crowds, whilst an animal farm, jumping castle and face painting kept the young entertained. Visitors also had the chance to enjoy the unique and interesting display of vehicles from the Northern Victoria Spyder Ryders and Kyneton Vehicle Appreciation Society. Nearby in the Redesdale Hall, visitors enjoyed the scrumptious Devonshire Teas organised by Norma Barker and her helpers. In addition, the Hall Committee had their popular BBQ and cake stall. The Redesdale Fire Brigade were also in attendance with their two Raffles proving very popular. Many visitors save the date each year to travel from all directions, but we must acknowledge the special efforts of one particular couple - Alex and Pam Kerr from Sheffield, U.K.,

who messaged to ask if there was any public transport from Melbourne where they were soon due to visit; stating that our "Bush Market advertisement jumped out at them". Alex and Pam ended up hiring a car and turning up at the Market; allowing them to meet several Members which was a lovely surprise - thank you both!

The Redesdale Hall Committee would like to give a special thank you to this year's Sponsors: Macedon Ranges Signs, Kyneton Dry Cleaners and Hardwicks Meats.

The Hall Committee would like to thank the Bendigo and District Concert Band, The Floyd Black Band, the various children's entertainment, Northern Victoria Spyder Ryders, Kyneton Vehicle Appreciation Society, stallholders, volunteers and of course the public who came to enjoy the market which contributed to making it such a successful day. A big thank you must go to the various media outlets, including radio stations, publications - (including of course the Bridge Connection!), shopfronts and all who displayed our Flyer and advertising material. Thank you to all involved - we do appreciate your support and could not succeed without you!

Carolyn - Anne Boyd.

Optus switches on a new tower in Redesdale to tackle Mobile Blackspot

Residents and businesses in the town of Redesdale, Central Victoria are enjoying improved coverage and connectivity thanks to Optus switching on a new tower as part of the Federal Government's Mobile Black Spot Program.

The new site is being co-funded by Optus and the Federal and Victorian Governments as part of round 2 of the program. Coverage from the site, which is co-located on an existing tower along Knight Road, will enable more than 175 residences to experience improved Optus coverage when making and receiving calls, texts and browsing the internet.

The site will deliver more than 100 square kilometres of dedicated Optus mobile coverage to Redesdale and the surrounding area for the first time, including enhanced coverage to 37 kilometres of major connecting roads.

Andrew Sheridan, Optus' Vice President of Regulatory and Public Affairs said, "We are thrilled to be bringing much-needed coverage to Redesdale and improving on our existing coverage in parts the town, as it means greater safety for those living and travelling through the area by unlocking access to mobile voice, text and data services."

"We strongly believe that whether you live and work in cities or smaller towns and regional locations, you should have access to the same network services and coverage. Programs like the Federal Government's Mobile Black Spot Program are crucial to helping us achieve this goal, enabling us to offer regional communities competition and choice."

"To date, our mobile black spot sites have generated more than 8,600,000 calls over 429,000 hours; reflecting our commitment to enabling a greater availability of mobile services for our customers no matter where they live."

"We look forward to continuing to invest in our network across Central Victoria, with the new tower in Redesdale providing a competitive telecommunications alternative for local residents and businesses."

Minister for Regional Communications, Mark Coulton said the switch on of the new mobile base station in Redesdale

under the Mobile Black Spot Program reflects the Federal Government's commitment to further improving connectivity in the regions.

"We all know how frustrating it is to be talking on the phone and then lose service, so we're getting on with the job of building more phone towers to deliver better coverage," Minister Coulton said.

"Not only will these towers make it easier for people to stay connected to family and friends, it will also make it easier to do business and access education."

Minister for Communications, Cyber Safety and the Arts, the Hon Paul Fletcher MP, said the switch-on in Redesdale is thanks to the partnership with the Federal Government, Optus and the Victorian state government.

"The new mobile base station in Redesdale is the latest to be delivered under the Morrison Government's highly successful Mobile Black Spot Program, providing greater connectivity for local residents and businesses and delivering coverage for those travelling in the area," Minister Fletcher said.

ABOUT THE MOBILE BLACK SPOT PROGRAM

The Mobile Black Spot Program is a Federal Government initiative to improve and extend mobile phone coverage in regional and remote Australia.

The Federal Government has committed \$380 million to this Program, which includes \$160 million in funding for two new rounds (Rounds 5 and 6). The Government's commitment has been supported with co-invested by state and local governments, businesses, community organisations and telecommunications providers.

As part of the Federal Government's Mobile Black Spot Programs Optus is currently co-funding and building a total of 175 mobile sites in black spots across the country, a large number of which are in very remote, parts of Australia. A total of 95 of these sites are now live with many more under construction or about to start build.

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