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Congratulations to the Mia Mia Cricket Club back to back Premiers for 2020/2021

It was terrific to see the community re-unite for our first community event for 2021 looking forward to more local events in the coming months.

Fire Danger Period ends

Macedon Ranges Shire Monday, 22 March 2021
Mount Alexander Shire Monday, 29 March 2021
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Happy Easter



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Redesdale is alive and well!

It was terrific to see the community re-unite for our first community event for 2021 and also very rewarding for a RaDA initiative to finally come to fruition after being postponed due to Covid last year.

The Redesdale Recreation Reserve Committee once again rose to the occasion offering a sausage sizzle and choice of beverages to suit all attendees.

The great weather allowed Bobby Valentine and the Band of Renown to perform on the decking of the newly renovated pavilion, wowing the crowd of 80 plus ranging from 5 years to 87 years.

Eppalock Ward Councillor, Matthew Evans opened the event with Councillor Margaret O'Rourke also offering her support. The opening speech was followed by Wayne Smith introducing the band that he has had a long term friendship with.

This concert wouldn't have happened without The Greater City of Bendigo providing financial assistance through a Health and Well-being grant. Our appreciation also is passed onto Haylee Kennedy from Headspace Bendigo and Karyn Bath – Co-ordinator for the Library Mental Health Professional Development Unit at Bendigo Health for supplying very relevant brochures and information on Mental Health and Well-being.

Lastly, we can't forget the continued support from our local sponsors - **Gary and Vicki Hardwick – Hardwicks of Kyneton, Wayne Smith from Farmer Smith Estate and John Beurle for his drone work.**

The committee of the Redesdale and District Association are also to be commended for their continued commitment to the community.

Looking forward to our next community event!

Pan Prendergast
President
Redesdale and District Association



Redesdale & District Association

On Monday, March 22, 2021 the new "Welcome to Redesdale information bags" were handed out to all the students at the Redesdale and Mia Mia Primary School by the President - Pan Prendergast and Secretary - Lin Newton from the Redesdale and District Association (RaDA).

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the School Principal, Andrew King, for arranging this opportunity for Pan to have a brief chat with the students highlighting the importance of understanding the Fire and Flood emergency procedures, complementing the information shared by the Redesdale CFA Brigade the prior week.

The Welcome Information bag also contains the local Redesdale/Mia Mia contact list along with information brochures and generously donated give-away items from the CFA, Fosterville Gold Mine, Bridge Connection Community Newspaper, Redesdale and Mia Mia Primary School, Landcare, SES, RFDS and Redesdale Pub.

The welcome bags are part of the 3rd Redesdale Community Plan which continues to 2023.

RaDA is proud to continue their collaboration with the CFA's efforts to increase the preparedness of local residents for emergencies.

The Redesdale and District Association (RaDA) will make available a Welcome Bag to all new residents - contact info@redesdale.net

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Redesdale Mia Mia Primary School



School News

Respect, Resilience & Relationships

Although we are nearing the end of the term, learning and rich learning experiences are still an integral part of life here at RMMPS. Over the past weeks at school, our students have loved the great learning opportunities that have been provided. Some of the major highlights have been travelling to Cairn Curran for Open Water Safety learning, we have had the local CFA come to school to help us learn about fire safety, we cleaned up the local environment for Clean Up Australia Day and next week, we are off to the Kyneton Leisure Centre to participate in our swimming program. Needless to say, we have been keeping busy, learning a lot and are looking forward to finishing off this fantastic term with some swimming.



School Activities

Our home reading has been a huge success to start 2021. All students are taking home our new readers every night and completing their reading tasks, which has been fantastic. We recently had a school BBQ to celebrate the fact that EVERY student has reached 25 nights of home reading.

In STEM and Living Green, students have loved getting outside and examining all the different animals and insects in our local environment. Lydia has also signed our school up to become River Detectives, where students will begin examining the local waterways to better understand the local ecosystem and the water quality.

Music continues to be a major part of our school program and identify. Mr Addlem has been teaching different chords on the ukuleles, had some lunchtime bucket drumming and taught some basic rhythm and beat with all the xylophones and variety of percussion instruments.

MARC Van has focussed on student understanding of narratives and they have all begun writing and publishing their own narratives.

Indonesian and Art has also been a lot of fun. Pak Mick and the students have looked at perspective of drawing and recently completed some art pieces highlighting hot and cold colours.

Being a small, flexible school, we are constantly working to engage our students in all aspects of learning and the curriculum. If anyone is keen to gain further insight into our fantastic school, please feel free to give us a call or check us out on Facebook.



REDESDALE CFA

Redesdale CFA update

Andrews government legislation to increase fire risk.

As the weather conditions lessen the risk of bushfire, our attention now turns to the high possibility of turning out to unattended camp fires. The likelihood of this happening could be greatly increased if draft Victorian government legislation is approved.

The government, through the Victorian Fisheries Authority and DELWP, plan to make all Victorian water frontages available for camping. This scheme is designed to keep holiday makers and their tourist dollars in Victoria but fails to acknowledge the negative impact on landowners and lease holders alongside these water frontages.

Residents who live along the Campaspe and Coliban rivers or around Lake Eppalock may have had experiences with fishermen before but the new law will create more problems. With camping comes camp fires, noise, unrestrained dogs litter and human waste. These ,plus antisocial and illegal behaviour, are able to be monitored in a camping ground but under the new law would be the concern of the adjoining landowner.

To make matters worse the government is looking at making river and lake frontages more accessible, increasing signage and developing an app to show where crown land water frontages are.

The consultation process has begun and you are able to provide feedback until April 19. You can find out more on the websites of Victorian Fisheries Authority and DELWP or complete a survey on the government's site by googling "Engage Victorian".

I would like everyone to voice their objections to what is a poorly thought out proposal. The list of regulations contain a lot of grey areas that are open to the campers interpretation. An example is " What defines the border between water frontage and private land. Usually the frontage ends 200 meters from the waters edge, but not always."?? and the statement that " there are a lot of rules but mostly campers do the right thing ". Our record of turning out to unattended camp fires says differently.

Stay safe.

Andrew Campbell

Fire prevention officer

0428253104



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 Café Budburst).**



Redesdale Fire Brigade Needs You

Your volunteer Fire brigade is there for the community, now there is a need to boost our Volunteer Fire Fighter capability to sustain the operational viability of this community service. This Brigade is one of the most modern equipped in the district all vehicles being acquired in the recent years, sadly many of our Fire Fighters are getting on in years and are acquiring the deficits that comes with age. Still active these Fire Fighters need the support of a younger age group to learn the skills of Fire Fighting to continue this valuable service. There are also non fire fighting roles for those willing to help the Brigade function such as Communications, Radio, Telephone and Computer, Vehicle readiness tasks such as cleaning, hose locker and provisions restocking, equipment maintenance which are all very essential for efficient turnouts. Men and Women are most welcome to learn the many fire fighting skills that are recognised throughout Australia and New Zealand.

Those skills are Wildfire Fire fighter, Low Structure, Hazmat Awareness, Level 2 First Aid, Medium Rigid Drivers Licence and Incident Management, and so much more. Many of these Skills are useful, necessary and transferable to paid occupations. The Redesdale Fire Brigade recently carried out a controlled road side burn on North Redesdale Rd near the intersection of Bendigo Rd, with joint participation with Langley - Barfold Fire Brigade, such controlled burns are useful for training and maintaining a safer community. Redesdale Fire Brigade intends to hold an Open Day at a future date to be announced.

Fire Fighter Rob Chapman

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The **Anzac Day** service for Sutton Grange will go ahead at **11am** This will be conducted under strict **COVID-19** restrictions if you need a chair please bring one.

For more information go to -

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Campaspe River Update

Campaspe River Update. Licence under review.

After the court case on March 2nd when the EPA saw Coliban Water charged for the contamination of the Campaspe in 2019, the EPA CEO stated: "EPA wants local communities to know that we will fight for them in Court, to get them justice and to seek ways to repair the damage that has been done." The river is now relying on the EPA to fight for it's health by ensuring that the Coliban Water/Lendlease licence for the KWRP, which is now under review, actually protects it from further damage and is not a licence to pollute. For example, the present licence dictates a ratio of 1 to 5 volume of discharge to river flow, and that river flow has been gauged at Redesdale, many kms downstream of the discharge point!??? The new gauging station 700m upstream of the plant discharge point should provide relevant river flow data. Annual median values allow for unacceptable risks to the river with high levels of contaminants over short periods of time, but still within the licence. The CW Community Update 13 June 2019 explains, "The Licence outlines water quality data medians, not maximums, over a 12 month period. This does allow for a level of flexibility in the quality of water (i.e. either Class B or Class C) that can be released...". NB Class C to B water is low in E.coli but high in nutrients and it should never be put in the river under licence or as an emergency

discharge. Another factor to consider are the appropriate use of Mixing Zones. Community consultation is to be part of the review process.

The teams working on the KWRP upgrades, have been working extremely hard to ensure their completion. It is up to the Victorian Government, and their shareholder CW, and their authority, the EPA, to ensure that the infrastructure prescribed is both timely and effective long term. It will take much time for the river and it's ecosystems to recover from the mistreatment it has suffered so far. Amendments to the licence must do all they can to prevent further damage. Lake Eppalock still has a warning for high levels of blue green algae (as at 19.3.2021). For more information visit <https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/healthyliving/Harmful-algal-blooms> Please check the www.g-mwater.com.au/news/bga site for reports.



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“We have a vaccine for that”

The infection that everyone is heartily tired of talking about, Covid 19, is on the wane, certainly here in Australia, if not necessarily overseas.

It's not thanks to a vaccine, but due to the many, many measures that have been put in place to ensure social distancing. That is the power of Public Health. The various state Chief Health Officers and Department of Health officials who have been working through the pandemic can arguably lay claim to saving many more lives than any other specialist could, working one on one, through a working life. We should all be hugely thankful for their dedication to the task of keeping us safe.

Let's be firm on this, if we were all going about our business as usual, with travel, healthcare, work, sports and entertainment, and business then Australia would be facing huge loss of life. It is mind boggling to consider the numbers – the United States with over 30 million cases total, for a total population of just over 330 million has seen at least 10% of its population infected. Even allowing for a large proportion of undetected cases, this is nowhere near “herd immunity”. There are still 7 million active cases, with deaths of over half a million currently, it is possible that deaths in that country could top one million before the pandemic is out.

So, while we continue our “Covid-normal” practices, it's time for the largest vaccination effort ever undertaken here in Australia.

Whilst vaccination for Covid-19 is entirely voluntary, judging by the interest shown by the patients I have seen, I think most Australians will want to be vaccinated.

There has been plenty of comment about the speed of vaccination roll-out so far, given that covid vaccines have physically been present in the country for weeks now. It seems likely that the AstraZeneca vaccine, manufactured under licence in Australia, will be the vaccine that the majority of Australians will receive.

The AstraZeneca vaccine is comprised of Covid-19 RNA, similar to DNA, which then “makes” the Covid-19 “spike”

protein, which our bodies react against with antibodies. Viruses normally cause infection by locking onto the surface, or membrane, of cells in our bodies. By locking onto this membrane, the virus can then inject its genes into the cell. This allows the virus to hijack the cells normal metabolism, to produce more viral particles, which are then released from the cell to continue the cycle of infection. It is the Spike protein which allows Covid-19 to lock onto a cell membrane to start the infection. Vaccines such as the AstraZeneca vaccine block this protein and reduce the severity of infection.

The AstraZeneca vaccine has been administered to many millions of people around the world. We can say with a high degree of confidence that the vaccine is very safe. The performance of the vaccine continues to be closely monitored in all countries where it has been administered. The subsequently unfounded concerns about blood clotting recently reported by European authorities, emphasises the degree of scrutiny of the vaccine. It is true that the vaccine is still very new in many ways and we have yet to find out exactly how effective it will be, for example in preventing transmission of Covid-19 from individual to individual, or how effective it will be against emerging strains of Covid-19. But at the same time, it is clear that Covid-19 vaccination is the best way we can all get back to a life that is as normal as possible, with all the benefits that that will bring.

Kyneton Medical Centre is one of a number of clinics locally which will be providing Covid-19 vaccination. I urge you to check the Department of Health Website for further information about vaccination in your area. I look forward to giving you further updated information about vaccination at Kyneton Medical Centre in the near future. Until then, take care and stay “Covid-safe”.

Dr Tim Stobie



Sutton Grange The Anzac Day Service

Sunday, 25 April

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Steph Ryan visits Stone Reserve

On Wednesday 24th March, our local member of State Parliament, Steph Ryan, visited Budburst Café and met with members of the Stone Reserve subcommittee of RADA. Also present were Greg Penno and Brady Moore from Penno Drafting and Design (Bendigo) and Simon Rosa from Simon Rosa Landscaping (Bendigo). After discussion regarding the project design and possible funding options, most of the group walked down to the reserve and stood at the summit overlooking the bridge. There is a terrific view of the valley from this point.

Ms Ryan was extremely encouraging and will be keeping in contact regarding possible state grants.



Above picture: Rod Gibson, Kathy Hall, Andrew Campbell, Steph Ryan



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Kathy Hall

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Chair, Stone Reserve Subcommittee
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RECIPE OF THE MONTH

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Easy Sponge



- 4 eggs
- ¾ cup castor sugar
- ¾ cup cornflour
- 1 tablespoon custard powder
- 1 teaspoon cream of tartar
- ½ teaspoon bicarb soda

Method

Preheat oven to 350
 Beat eggs and sugar till thick and creamy
 Sift all dry ingredients 3 times
 Add dry ingredients to the egg mixture
 Beat only to incorporate
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Marisa Leahy

Redesdale Hall



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Redesdale Ramblings

Some different Nerines.

Around here the first nerines we see are the large, bright red ones called *Nerine fothergilla* "Major". That name is no longer recognised – it has been subsumed into *Nerine sarniensis*. I have a problem with that as *Nerine fothergilla* "Major" is actually frost hardy whereas the other isn't. If Americans can still *Hippeastrums* "Amaryllis" after the name change 40 years or so ago, I'll keep calling it "fothergilla Major" for a bit longer!

There are plenty of hybrid nerines available these days with colours from pure white to darkest red, along with many shades of pink and some verging on purple. Unfortunately most are derived from *Nerine sarniensis* so I find that their frost hardiness is questionable.

In our garden *Nerine fothergilla* "Major", *Nerine rosea* (also subsumed into *N. sarniensis*!), *Nerine flexuosa* "Alba" and its pink type, are all hardy, withstanding the occasional drop to -7°C.

The most commonly grown nerine in Melbourne has to be *Nerine bowdenii* which could be seen in ribbon borders in many gardens when I was growing up. Its bright candy pink flowers last for ages and it makes a great cut-flower. This was the first nerine I ever grew – well, they were in the garden

when we moved in. They regularly put on a show every autumn and even set seed. The fat, pea-sized seeds would burst out of the papery seed-case and drop to the ground where the ones that survived the slugs and snails would germinate quickly and would reach flowering size in a few years.

When I discovered some of the different varieties I tried crossing them and could easily have fallen down the rabbit-hole of nerine breeding! A friend of mine breeds them for cut-flowers and he has paddocks full of them. It's a constant process of crossing and assessing the new seedlings for plants worth propagating. He said that unfortunately *Nerine bowdenii* tends to be useless for breeding because its hybrids are sterile.

In Central Victoria I've tried using *Nerine fothergilla* "Major" and *Nerine rosea* and have got a couple of interesting forms but they don't seem to be reliable flowerers – or I just haven't found the right spot for them! I'm trying some of the other hybrids under semi-deciduous trees to give them some frosts protection. It does require some trimming of the lower tree branches to avoid damage to the flowering stems as they elongate.

For the serious collector there are a few smaller growing species which are worth searching out. *Nerine filifolia* used to be grown much more and was often used as a border to garden beds. There



Nerine massoniorum



Nerine Fothergilli Major

are a few forms of it varying from pale to dark pink; basically it looks like a smaller, finer version of *Nerine bowdenii*. The foliage is very thin and tubular which made me wonder about some seedlings I raised. I didn't have the parent plants anymore and these seedlings looked correct except the leaves were slightly flattened and wider. I finally got some of the correct plant again and found that some of its seedlings display the same sort of foliage. Presumably it's hybridising with another nerine nearby or there is some variability when grown from seed. A similarly sized plant with shorter, stockier flowers is *Nerine massoniorum* which also has thin leaves. It's a plant I prefer to keep in a pot because of its size but also because it prefers to be watered during the summer as does *Nerine angulata* which has long petalled dark pink flowers. These two bloom around the same time and it might be worth crossing them to see what results.

I encourage you to try growing nerines from seed, particularly some of the small types that only take a few years to get to blooming size. Larger types are worth crossing to see what you can raise. The pollen-bearing anthers sit on long pedicels so are easy to remove so you can apply them to the stigma of the flower you want to pollinate. The tip of the stigma conveniently splits into three when it's receptive. If the cross has "taken" then after the flower withers the seed-pod at its base will swell and after a few weeks the seeds will be ripe and the pod will split to release them. Sow them on top of a pot filled with coarse potting mix (which doesn't contain water-crystals); after a week or so a root (radicle) emerges and will find its way down into the soil to start forming a bulb; soon after a leaf will emerge and you are on your way!

Cheers

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The Redesdale Rock Gardener



***Nerine flexuosa* 'Alba'**



Quote of the month:

We can complain because rose bushes have thorns, or rejoice because thorn bushes have roses.

Abraham Lincoln

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Labor's health cuts to leave more gaps in rural services

Grassroots programs that support healthier communities across the Euroa electorate are at risk of being axed under an Andrews Labor Government plan to cut funding to Primary Care Partnerships (PCPs).

Funding for PCPs will end on July 1, with the Minister for Health refusing to guarantee Labor will allocate long-term funding when asked by The Nationals in State Parliament last week.

The Minister ominously described PCPs as being in a "process of change and transition".

Member for Euroa and Nationals' deputy leader Steph Ryan said local PCPs played a crucial role in our community.

"PCPs are the quiet champions coordinating better access to health care and services in our local communities," Ms Ryan said.

"Many people have probably never heard of them but have likely benefitted from their vital work.

"If the Andrews Labor Government goes ahead with its plan to axe them, it will leave a massive health service gap in rural communities that already struggle with access to health care."

PCPs were also forced to fight for survival in 2019, but after a campaign strongly supported by The Nationals, they secured a funding extension.

Cultural awareness training, in-depth research into chronic pain and trauma following catastrophic bushfires and frontline mental health outreach support services are just some of the programs they co-ordinate.

"PCPs pull together a disparate group of local health providers to build healthier communities," Ms Ryan said.

"Even former Health Minister Daniel Andrews said Primary Care Partnerships do "significant work to help people with chronic illnesses", but his Labor Government is now threatening to axe them.

"Ending this funding threatens to destroy two decades of work to build trust in the community and strong local networks."

Victoria's 28 PCPs link in with approximately 600 organisations, including hospitals, community health services, Primary Health Networks, councils, local Indigenous communities, mental health services, drug treatment services and disability services.

Five PCPs cover the Euroa electorate including: Bendigo Loddon PCP, Lower Hume PCP, Goulburn Valley PCP, Central Hume PCP, Campaspe Shire PCP.

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Carers living in Bendigo will have more opportunities to be healthy, active and well thanks to a \$1 million package of grants from the Andrews Labor Government.

Member for Bendigo East Jacinta Allan and Member for Bendigo West Maree Edwards today announced that local community organisations will receive the following grants as part of the package to improve the health and wellbeing of carers.

\$17,073.00 for Loddon Campaspe Sports Assembly Incorporated to conduct a scoping exercise to identify local carers residing in the region and connecting to support and respite.

\$17,991.00 for Interchange Loddon Mallee Region Inc for a program for siblings of children with disability to obtain peer support and education within a recreational context.

\$11,000 for CSS Walking and Wellbeing Group as continued funding to expand and strengthen current weekly yoga sessions for carers of school aged children for improved health and wellbeing.

\$19,059.34 for City of Greater Bendigo to provide a series of workshops for carers of all ages, backgrounds and cultures to participate and share their stories.

Across the state 94 community organisations and groups are receiving grants to support carers to be physically and mentally healthy, socially active and better connected with other carers, support programs and resources.

The new Supporting Carers Locally Grants Program will focus on support for carers in regional areas, as well as under-recognised groups such as young carers.

More than 736,600 Victorian carers give their time and effort to look after a family member or friend who needs them. It can be difficult for carers to access the services they need to look after themselves and make sure they're supported in their care role.

The Labor Government is investing almost \$50 million to help carers with extra respite, transport concessions and grants to support local initiatives.

Supporting the health and wellbeing of carers is a key priority of the Victorian carer strategy 2018–22 – the first whole-of-government strategy recognising carers.

Quote attributable to Member for Bendigo East Jacinta Allan MP

"We're very proud to fund these fantastic local support groups and initiatives to help make sure carers get the support they need and have asked for."

Quote attributable to Member for Bendigo West Maree Edwards MP

"Often the best source of information and support for carers is other carers. These grants will give them greater emotional support and connect them with other people dealing with the same challenges."

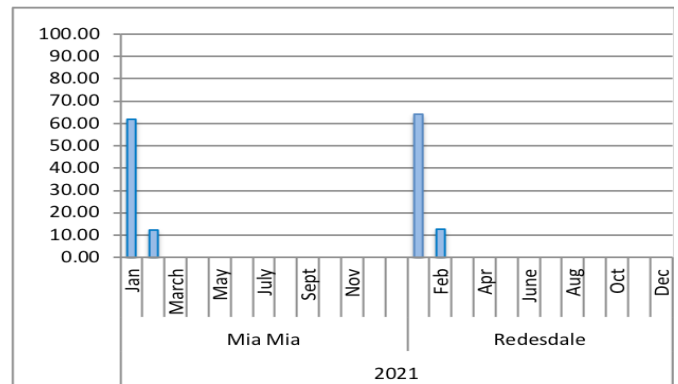
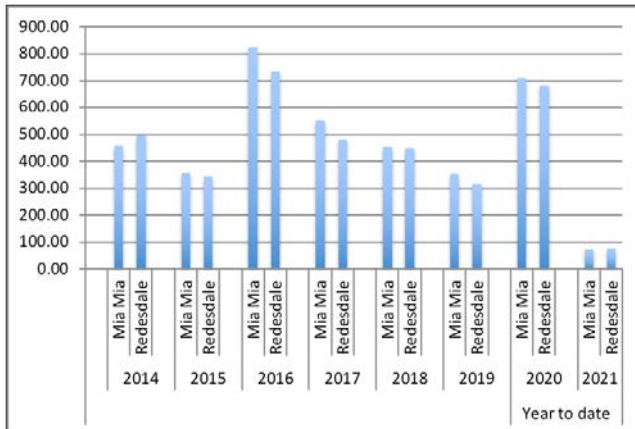
Redesdale
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Rainfall



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

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



February Rain Fall

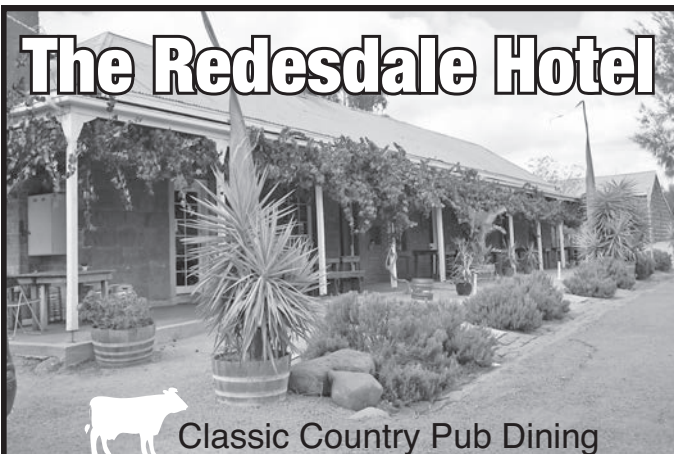
Redesdale 12.6mm Year to date 76.80mm

Mia Mia 12.25mm Year to date 74.25mm

Year Totals for Previous Years

2016	Mia Mia	826.00
	Redesdale	735.40
2017	Mia Mia	551.75
	Redesdale	479.60
2018	Mia Mia	455.00
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Stand Pipe Action Group fights to save failing Water Points

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Recently a grass roots movement to improve and upgrade water points for farming and fire-fighting support infrastructure, began a public awareness campaign, and not surprisingly it is gaining momentum.

The punishing effects of drought and threat of fire which usually follows, has highlighted the weaknesses in support infrastructure, namely access to water, which for many comes from Stand pipes fed from bores or water storages. Early in 2020 Redesdale got a glimpse of that when a Fire-fighting Helicopter flew around in circles looking for any surface water to pick up and dump on the grass fire that started from the Bendigo Rd that was burning in a northerly direction. Simply put without access to water the best Fire fighting equipment that we have is limited or useless.

Stand pipes are water points, these are a Fire tankers place of water replenishment and a farmers last resort in times of drought, there is one at the Redesdale Rec Reserve and one in Mia Mia on West Blade Rd both in the City of Greater Bendigo, and one in Watch Box Rd owned by Mitchell Shire which is in need of maintenance. So far our local bores have held up. Generally there are growing fears that there too few reliable water points to access water from in times of high demand. Dry seasons that turn to drought followed by the spectre of intense heat and threat of fire during summer have made the reliability of these water points a critical issue. Originally funded under Drought Relief Programs, most were established after the 1982 Drought, many have been failing over a number of years for various reasons, the main one being the drop in the water table. The issue of failing water stand pipes was brought to the attention of the Shire of Mitchell in 2016 as they are the responsible body for their maintenance in that municipality, but as climate change events have impacted upon the Victorian landscape the issue has become broader and is expected to impact on other Municipalities.

The Stand pipe Action Group held a public meeting outside the Shire of Mitchell municipal offices at Broadford on the 27th of February this year. About 150 people were in attendance mostly volunteer fire fighters and land holders/farmers The speakers included were Andrew Thompson

from a volunteer Farmer- Fire-fighter group called Blaze Alert, Kevin Butler the founder of Blaze Aid from Kilmore East, Charles Everest Water Policy Advisor for the Victorian Farmers Federation, and Jane Lovell VFF CEO.

Shire of Mitchell Councillor Bill Chisholm has been most active in pushing for this most basic, but critical infrastructure to receive the attention necessary to maintain farming and fire fighting viability for the district.

Councillor Chisholm has addressed Mitchell Council on this matter on a number of occasions, and written to the State Government for this issue to be put on the agenda for some years with little response. This has led to the need for this campaign of grass roots action.

A petition was endorsed for the purpose of requesting the Mitchell Shire form a partnership with State Government to address the need to upgrade 13 water points be they standpipes, tanks or bores, failing that "That the Mitchell Shire alone fund at least one community water point each year until all are fit for purpose".

Although not currently on the agenda, from this Redesdalian's point of view hopefully the State Government or local Council will recognise a need for designated fire-fighting helicopter water pick up points. These water points must be established from a reliable permanent water source to enable efficient deployment of this beneficial and essential fire-fighting tool. For further information contact Andrew Thompson 0428 335 263

Rob Chapman

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