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Term One was a huge success. We have had some great learning experiences through our variety of specialist programs and students have made significant gains in their learning across the school. It is hard to believe that a quarter of the 2021 school year is over as it has gone by so quickly. I would like to acknowledge the efforts of students, families and the staff to make this term so successful. In particular, I would like to re-iterate how impressive the students and families commitment to home reading has been. The result of this ongoing support has helped to ensure that students are continually practising lifelong reading skills.



### School Activities

Our week of swimming at the Kyneton Aquatic Centre has come to an end. The students thoroughly enjoyed getting into some lessons and having lots of fun learning about different sorts of swimming techniques and strokes. In particular, the last day was a whirlwind of fun, with the students playing together and having an absolute blast in the water.

To end the term, we had a humongous Easter egg hunt across our vast outdoor areas. We hid a lot of eggs and the students spent a fair bit of time, running around happily searching in all the nooks and crannies of the trees, ovals and buildings. It certainly was a lovely way to finish off a terrific terms work.

Term Two has started with immense ease. Everyone was very excited to come back to school and see all their classmates and teachers. We have another busy term planned with numerous incursions and excursions, the first being a learning sessions around robotics. The next week we are off to Melbourne to the Museum, which is very exciting.

Our other specialist programs have also hit the ground running, with other great learning opportunities being organised. Our fantastic Indonesian teacher is beginning to make plans about an Indonesian curry night at RMMPS, so watch this space.

# MIA MIA CFA NEWS



On Friday night Mia Mia fire brigade held their elections and we honoured 4 members with Brigade Life Membership. This was given in recognition of the long service and dedication to both the community and the CFA. Congratulations to them all.

Calvin Millard captain Mia Mia Fire Brigade

Ian Ross 45 Years

Anthony Ryan 45 Years

John Dempster 60 Years

Grant Hulls 45 Years

I'm hoping that you may be able to assist me with a problem that I have run into down at the brigade.

I have attempted to show the history of the brigade for everyone so that it's not lost for good.

I'm chasing the photos of the original captains of the brigade to complete the task I have set myself.

I have to admit that it has been a lot harder than I thought it would be.

What I'm hoping you can assist with is asking your readers of the Bridge Connection newspaper if they had a picture of the following captains of the brigade, I'm led to believe that they were all local people so hopefully someone may have a photo. The people I'm looking for are the following and the dates they were Captain.

**J.Latter 1927 – 31**

**H.Babbage 1931 – 40**

**R.Knight 1940 – 46**

**J.Cullen 1946 – 49**

**G.O'Sullivan 1949 – 60**

I'm hoping you can assist, if you require any further information please feel free to contact me.

Calvin Millard

Mia Mia Captain

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Redesdale CFA update

Fire restrictions lifted

At a recent brigade meeting there was some discussion about the number of call outs to out of control burn-off's in surrounding brigades.

Without significant rainfall and with a lot of dry grass still about we are not completely safe when it comes to having outdoor fires.....yet.

There are certain regulations and precautions that must be observed when having a burn- off.

A few important points are:

- Advise CFA on 1800 668 511
- Notify your neighbours
- Ensure the fire is supervised by an adult at all times.
- Consider others, don't burn toxic materials.
- Do not light a fire if winds are stronger than 15 kph
- Locate your fire a minimum of 5 metres away from a building or boundary.
- Have a working hose or fire fighting unit on hand.

Also if you are unsure of the safety of your burn-off then don't hesitate to contact myself or any brigade member for an assessment. We are sometimes able to have a tanker standing by just to be on the safe side.

Andrew Campbell

Fire prevention officer

0428253104

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## Campaspe Valley Landcare

*Proudly supported by the Victorian Government's Landcare Grants Program*

At the April Info meeting recently the Campaspe Valley Land Care group hosted two speakers Angela Gladman from North Central Catchment Management Authority and Ed McNabb a retired Avian field researcher whom worked for DSE during the 1990s conducting Owl surveys across Victoria.

Angela is currently seeking interested property owners along the Campaspe River between Boundary Rd Langley and the Kyneton-Heathcote Bridge over Campaspe at Barfold for rehabilitation of riparian vegetation within 20m of the river this includes initial weed control and fencing replacement up to \$ 14 per lineal meter materials and labour. The project also offers up to \$ 3000 contributing toward off stream watering. The project aims include involvement with Traditional owners, land holders and local groups as part of the consultation process. The project is called Caring for the Campaspe 2012-24 and has been carrying out works for some time now to improve the river's surrounds and general water quality and biodiversity.

The presentation explained the need for this project in controlling weeds along the bank from spreading further and preventing stock from degrading the banks of the river causing soil erosion. Angela showed a map of areas that have been completed from the upper reaches of the Campaspe to well down stream to Echuca.

After the presentation a question was put to Angela by a CVLG member that has created some degree of concern in the confidence of the waterways management. The question being "Was North Central CMA involved in bringing charges against Coliban Water for breaches of its discharge license conditions" and the reply was "No" . The next question was "Why not" the reply was "You would have to ask the Director of CMA".

Sadly this came as somewhat of a revelation if not a shock as to who is actually watching over the health of the Campaspe River, never the less this project has merit, and we thanked Angela for the frank and informative presentation.

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Look for signs of regurgitated balls of fur, feathers and bone, this may be a sign of a nesting Owl feeding perch. Powerful Owls have been known to nest in trees other than natives particularly pine trees. Known as a predator of possums they are likely to take feral cats as well. The Barn Owl is a useful predator of field mice and small snakes, it is easy to accommodate with a nest box and may also help to keep away nesting swallows from building mud nests under your house eaves.

In summer Owls like to rest in cool shady places during the day so don't be surprised if you find one or two resting in the low branches of trees or shrubs with thick foliage.

The group thanked Ed and his wife for the entertaining and interesting glimpse into the whos hoot world of Owls.

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**Campaspe Valley Landcare Group**



**Barn Owl**



**Angela Gladman**



**ED McNabb**

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# Campaspe River Update

No progress to report from the EPA or Coliban Water/Lendlease regarding the licence review. Any amendments to the licence must result in the prevention of further damage to our waterways. Community consultation is to be part of the process. New developments in the area still seem to outpace the infrastructure needed to service them. It is up to the Victorian Government, and their shareholder CW, and their authority the EPA, to ensure that the infrastructure provided 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.

The long awaited interim reports by the RMIT team on the Kyneton Offsets Project have finally been released by Coliban Water. The project was initiated after the court case in Feb 2019 when CW was ordered to fund an environmental project after a lack of appropriate infrastructure and management planning had contributed to raw sewerage flowing into Post Office Creek in 2016. There are 3 documents, Year 1, Year 2 and a Summary which can be accessed at [coliban.com.au/community/current-projects/kyneton-solutions-project/kyneton-offsets-project](http://coliban.com.au/community/current-projects/kyneton-solutions-project/kyneton-offsets-project)

The North Central Catchment Management Authority is partnering with landholders who have river frontage, in order to install further riparian fencing and increase weed control and revegetation. "The overall goal of Caring for the Campaspe project is to improve the condition of riparian

vegetation leading to improvements in the aquatic and riparian ecosystem health of the Campaspe River." [www.nccma.vic.gov.au](http://www.nccma.vic.gov.au) Interested landholders can call Angela Gladman on 54487124.

Lake Eppalock Warning 16 April 2021  
[www.g-mwater.com.au/news/bga](http://www.g-mwater.com.au/news/bga)

Goulburn-Murray Water is warning the public to avoid contact with water in Lake Eppalock after monitoring detected high levels of blue-green algae. It is recommended that alternative supplies for stock drinking be used.

Stock and pets should be kept away from the water. Watering of edible garden plants should be avoided. Turpins Falls remains closed according to the Parks Victoria site. It is hoped that appropriate maintenance and infrastructure to keep the public safe and the remaining integrity of the area intact, can be forthcoming ASAP.

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## Redesdale Recreational Reserve Committee

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The **service is free** (within 20 k's of Redesdale and assuming a 30 minute visit); however, a donation to the RRRC of \$50 for the fit out inside the pavilion will secure you a booking. Please contact John Beurle on 0422001924 or [john@passivehouse.services](mailto:john@passivehouse.services) if you are interested in some shots from the air of your domain.



Best regards and stay safe from the RRRC team.

# Stone Reserve Heritage Walk Project

Stone Reserve Heritage Walk Project  
Quarterly Report  
March 2021

Just to recap: The Stone Reserve Heritage Walk project is focussed on the development of a walkway from St Laurence Church in Redesdale to the crown land known as Stone Reserve which was previously used as a quarry until the late 19th century. More recently the Redesdale Mia Mia Primary School has benefitted from a tree plantation and the school still uses the area occasionally for outside activities. It is planned to erect history boards and a monument to the Redesdale Bridge at the end of the walk which overlooks the valley and the bridge. The strategic plan can be viewed at the redesdale.net website.

The Redesdale and District Association appointed a subcommittee to pursue the project. There have been a number of developments since the last report. The Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) has become involved. They are managers of Stone Reserve. DELWP is currently examining the possibility of clearing the area of the rubbish that has accumulated over the years. The City of Greater Bendigo has performed a survey of the area in preparation for a site plan for the walkway.

The committee has applied for a \$6,985 grant from the City of Greater Bendigo to cover the cost of a site plan for the walkway and for the cost of readjusting the current fence line.

The three Eppalock Ward councillors (Marg O'Rourke, Matt Evans and Greg Penna) have visited and walked through the reserve with members of the subcommittee. Steph Ryan (our local State Member for Euroa) has also viewed the reserve and taken a keen interest in the project.

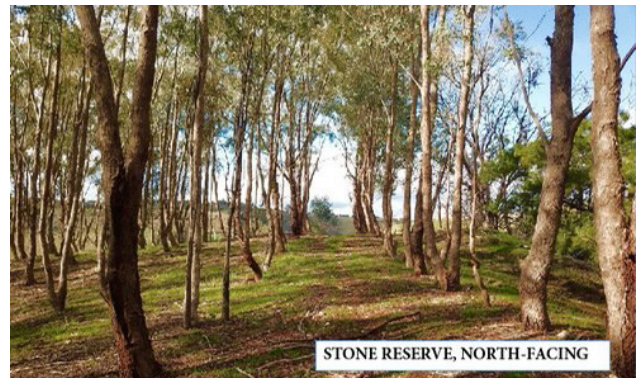
In terms of the cultural heritage of the area, a formal letter has been sent to the local aboriginal community representatives seeking their involvement in the project, especially regarding the construction of a story board depicting local aboriginal history.

The next task is to raise funds to undertake the site plan and the construction costs. A crowd funding project has begun and grants are being applied for. Please see the crowd funding notice below. So far \$3,850 has been raised from 32 donors.

The subcommittee welcomes input from interested community members.

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Kathy Hall  
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## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

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### Risotto with Sausages



- 1.5 litres stock (chicken, veg or beef)
- 2 large Sausages
- 1 large onion diced
- 2 cloves garlic chopped
- 1 carrot finely chopped
- 3 stalks celery chopped
- Olive oil
- 50g butter
- 500g Arborio rice
- 1 glass white wine
- 120g parmesan cheese

#### Method

1. Heat the stock.
2. In a separate pan, on medium heat, add the onion, garlic, celery and carrot with 3 tablespoons of oil, cook slowly till the vegetables have softened
3. Squeeze the sausage meat out of the cases and add to the vegetables. Cook for about 10 mins.
4. Add the rice and cook stirring constantly to make sure each grain is coated with the mixture.
5. Add the wine and keep stirring till all the liquid evaporates.
6. Now start adding you stock one ladle at a time, stirring constantly and allowing each addition to be absorbed before adding more, repeat this process for at least 15 mins.
7. Taste the rice to see if it is cooked. It should be firm to bite.
8. Remove from heat, add the butter, parmesan and salt and pepper.
9. Place the lid on the pan and leave it to stand for 2 mins.
10. Serve it up and enjoy.

This is for a basic white risotto but any assortment of vegetables.

**Marisa Leahy**

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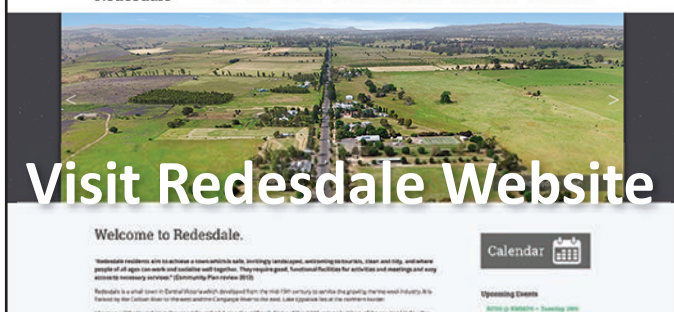
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## Redesdale Ramblings

Redesdale Ramblings 2020 #2. Autumn flowering daffodils. Most of us know that autumn is when you plant daffodil bulbs to get flowers in spring. But there are a number of daffodils which actually flower in autumn so need to be planted much earlier!

In general there are two ways to get daffodils to flower in autumn, firstly ones that naturally bloom now (or are bred to do so); secondly there are the types which can be prompted into bloom by controlling growing conditions or being brought from the opposite hemisphere.

Dealing with the second category first – controlling conditions or “forcing” bulbs to flower is an age old method usually used in places where nothing grows outdoors because of snow.

Any book on bulb growing from the northern hemisphere will mention it and involves potting up mature bulbs in late summer and storing them somewhere cool and dark to convince them that it’s autumn and time to start growing.

After a number of weeks the pots are moved into the warmth to imitate spring – usually a comfort for people who have no chance of doing any real gardening in the depths of winter.

Apart from wanting early flowers this hardly seems worth the effort in southern Australia when there is so much in flower during the cold weather, especially the local flora.

However in the past some of the big commercial bulb growers who imported bulbs from the northern hemisphere would sometimes have displays in autumn of daffodils (and other bulbs) which were still in sync with their place of origin.

Most of the stock has to be “turned” to be acclimatised to our hemisphere by allowing it to flower in autumn going into dormancy in winter/spring and being brought back into growth normally in autumn. Nowadays I think bulbs can be specially prepared to be kept in cool storage for more than 6 months so that they can be sent from one hemisphere to the other to flower at the “correct” time.

In the home garden we can practice a bit of control with a select few daffodils by watering them in summer. Watering summer dormant bulbs can cause them to rot unless they are some of the really tough customers such as the Tazetta daffodils (please don’t call them “jonquils”!) which are multi-flowered narcissus such as the “Paperwhites”, “Straws” and ‘Soleil d’Or’. These types will start into growth if they get

watered in late summer and can be brought to flower as early as April/May. Some daffodil breeders have used these types to create a range of hybrids which will flower in autumn without needing to be forced. They are becoming available in Australia under names such as ‘Autumn Colors’ and ‘Autumn Jade’.

Some of the naturally autumn-flowering species include *Narcissus elegans*, *N. miniatus*, *N. obsoletus*, *N. serotinus* and *N. viridiflorus*. These come from around the Mediterranean region so are well suited to growing in Central Victoria. They do not have the floral impact of a potful of trumpet daffodils but are a welcome sight at the end of summer before the cold of winter – though some will continue through that season as well.

Many people would not even recognise *Narcissus viridiflorus* as a daffodil at all! Usually starting in April the spikes pierce through the soil and quickly elongate to around 8 inches (20cm). The spathe then splits opens to reveal one to four thin petalled olive-green flowers with a small cup with an intriguing scent. Being such an unobtrusive colour it’s easily missed. It has been crossed with other daffodils to bring a green hue to the hybrids.

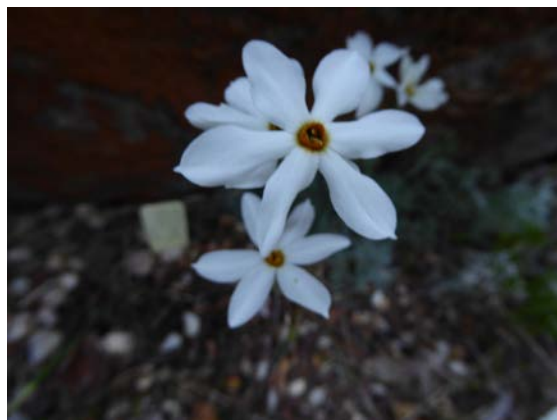
I find *Narcissus serotinus*, *N. obsoletus* and *N. miniatus* are difficult to tell apart. They all have wide, white petals and very small cups in shades of olive, yellow or orange. The brightness of the petals makes them a bit more visible in the garden but the size of the individual flowers is about the same as a typical Tazetta floret. *Narcissus elegans* is similar but are more likely to have a number of flowers on the stem. Lawrence Trevanion in Canberra has been using these autumn flowering daffs to create a range of hybrids. ‘First Stanza’ is the result of crossing *Narcissus elegans* with ‘Soleil d’Or’ and it flowers in autumn with a sturdy spike of white-petalled, orange-cupped flowers like a typical tazetta. The scent is however much less intense and can be considered pleasant by some.

Some of the “hoop petticoat” daffodils can start flowering in May and I’ll write about them next time  
cheers fermi

***The Redesdale Rock Gardener***  
***Narcissus ‘First Stanza’***



***Narcissus ‘First Stanza’***



***Narcissus obsoletus***

# ANZAC Day Sutton Grange 2021

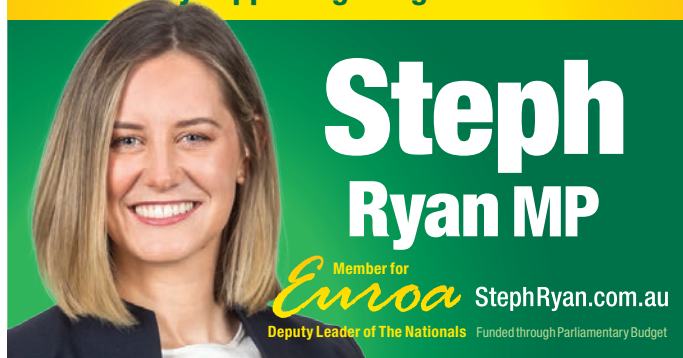
ANZAC DAY SERVICE was held again this year.  
On Sunday 25th April, at the Sutton Grange War Memorial.  
After last year with no service the community banded together with a lovely service.



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### River frontage camping ignores landholder concerns

Landholders across north east Victoria continue to raise concerns about the changes to licenced river frontage regulations.

Member for Euroa and Deputy Leader of The Nationals Steph Ryan today met with Camillo and Kellie-Ann Giannarelli at their Seymour property to see how their quarry and grazing operations stand to be affected by the changes.

"The draft regulations raise more questions than answers," Ms Ryan said.

"Landholders were shocked to discover that campers will have the right to remain for up to 28 days on someone's licenced river frontage.

"Questions relating to waste management, water quality, bushfire risk, vulnerable species, biosecurity, public liability and protection of stock have not been addressed.

"On the Goulburn River particularly, the Andrews Government needs to guarantee that public access will not negatively impact on soil erosion, river bank stabilisation, native vegetation regeneration and water quality.

"I have also been contacted by people on the Mitta Mitta, the Broken and a number of smaller river frontages who all share environmental concerns.

"Currently licence holders are undertaking significant environmental rehabilitation on behalf of the state government, however if public access is not adequately managed, important restoration work could be put at risk."

Ms Ryan said farmers are concerned that the draft regulations fail to even mention landholders or issues such as trespass and public liability.

"Allowing public access on licenced river frontages is a complex issue and frustratingly Labor has pushed through the legislation either without understanding or with willful disregard for the consequences.

"Many fear, in the absence of adequate resourcing including additional authorised officers, farmers will be left to do the policing, in effect becoming park rangers."

Ms Ryan said while she supported public land access, any regulations must be well researched, negotiated and balanced to avoid unnecessary conflicts between interested parties and impacts on sensitive environments.

"Many landholders hold a genuine commitment to enhancing dynamic river ecosystems and it is imperative that the Andrews Government gets it right."

Public submissions on the licenced river frontage draft regulations have been extended to Monday 26 April and can be made <https://engage.vic.gov.au/regulated-watercourse-land-regulations>.

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### RESTORATION WORKS SET TO BEGIN AT KYNETON TOWN HALL

Restoration works at the Kyneton Town Hall will commence next month, thanks to the federal government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure program.

Macedon Ranges Shire Council received \$1,441,261 through the fund, allocating \$632,989 to the restoration of the Town Hall.

Federal Member for Bendigo, Lisa Chesters has called for further investment from the federal government whilst detailing the local works today.

"It's fantastic to see upgrades and maintenance on some of the region's most historic and well-known buildings but we need more funding.

"The list of desired projects far outweighs the funding allocated and I urge the Government to increase their investment in this space.

"This fund should be increased and annual - not a once off," Chesters said.

Restoration works to the Kyneton Town Hall facade including repairs to various architectural elements and painting in heritage colours to restore the heritage value of the building. Works would also include new lighting, to be used to highlight the Kyneton Town Hall as a prominent heritage building in Kyneton.

Macedon Ranges Shire Council is funding an additional \$300,000 to undertake chimney restoration works, window renewals, re-rendering and painting, fascia, gutter and stormwater renewals on the south side of the Kyneton Town Hall.

The Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program supports local councils to deliver priority local road and community infrastructure projects across Australia, supporting jobs and the resilience of local economies to help communities bounce back from the COVID-19 pandemic. The funding is allocated to local councils who then selected projects across the council area.

"These works are important for improving safety, as well as boosting economic and social outcomes in the region," Chesters said.

"I look forward to seeing the completed restoration of the Kyneton Town Hall later this year."

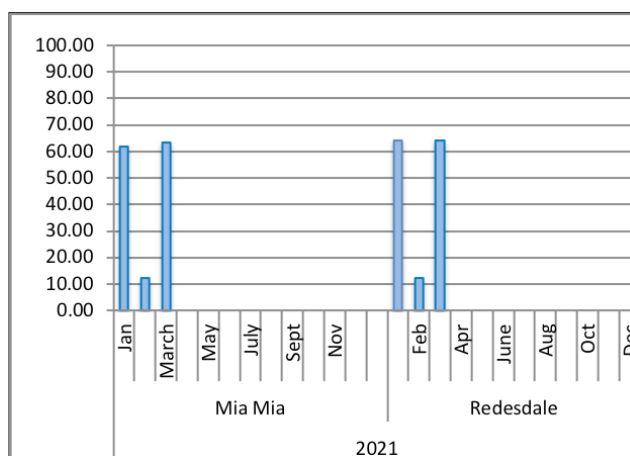
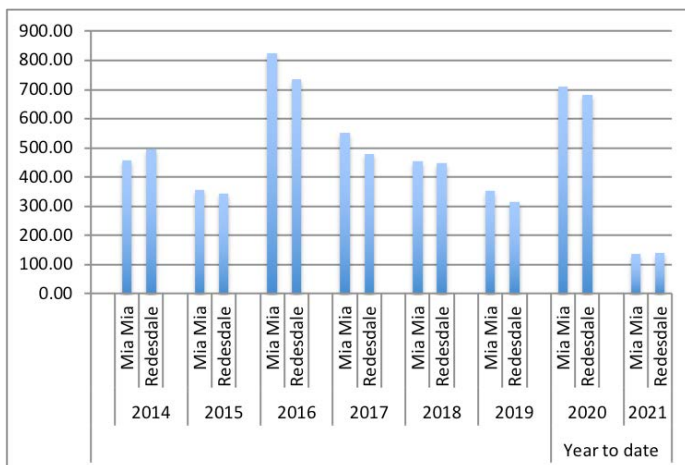
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# Rainfall



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

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



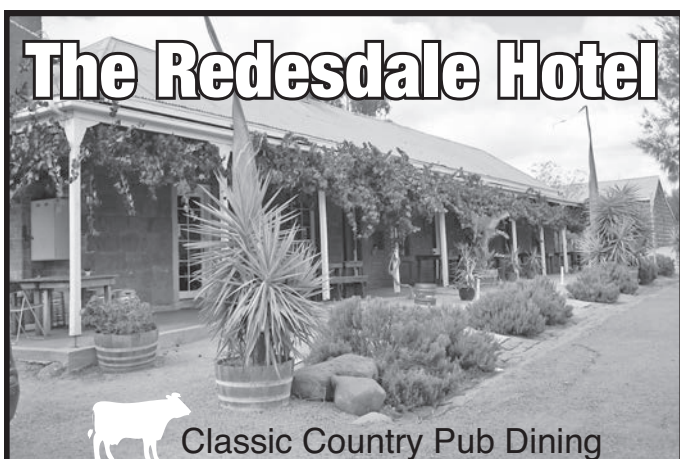
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2017	Mia Mia	551.75
	Redesdale	479.60
2018	Mia Mia	455.00
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Applications to our Rural Scholarship program are now open and will close **Monday 24th May 2021**. For more information, or to apply visit our website. [www.heathcotenagambie.community](http://www.heathcotenagambie.community)




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