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*L to R Kym De Lany and Sherrie Coote from Advance Heathcote Incorporated*

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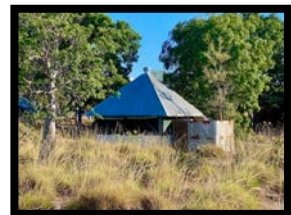
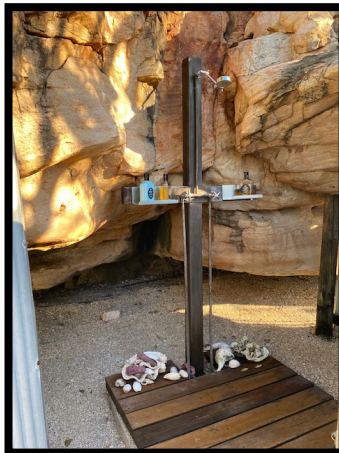
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# Where Have you been



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One afternoon we were lucky enough to accompany Tubs on a short walk behind the camp to see some amazing aboriginal paintings on the walls of a cave area that had clearly been used as a group kitchen area, thousands of years ago. There were Bradshaw figures and depictions of local fruits as well as the more familiar illustrations of spiritual representations.

When we returned to the camp in the late afternoon, we would jump into the pool for another cool down before repairing to our huts to change for the evening. Meals were eaten at a long communal table with staff and guests mingling and enjoying Jules' delicious cooking. Tubs and Jules have published a very special recipe book with wonderful photos of the area. I can give you the details if anyone is interested.

We spent 9 brilliant nights at the camp and we can honestly say that it was the best holiday we have ever had. Getting home was challenging. We had to helicopter to Mitchell Plateau and then fly in a very small plane to Broome where we spent the night. The next day we flew to Perth and then (another state permit) back to Melbourne.

The Kimberly is magical. Try to get there if you can.

## Editorial

Dear Readers this month after another lockdown and community restrictions there was not many community events held. The Gilbruk Place information session was fantastic and I cant wait to see how it takes shape over the coming years.

Please send in some what have you been Watching, Reading or Where have you been info to the below email.

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## Gilbruk Place Dementia Village Heathcote

A dementia village planned for Heathcote

Access to better health care has long been a regular 'call-out' in our Redesdale community engagement forums. I know from personal experience, as I am sure many of you can relate, how frustrating, challenging and sometimes disappointing the search for appropriate and accessible services and local facilities are for our loved ones living with dementia.

Facts:

1. Dementia is currently the single greatest disability in older people (65+ years).
  2. It is now the 2nd leading cause of death: 5.4% of all males and 10.6% of all females.
  3. In 2020, around 450,000 Australians were living with dementia. It is estimated that 25,000 suffer from 'younger onset' dementia.
- Dementia does not discriminate.

Recently we offered our community the opportunity to hear about a world first health care initiative: a bush inspired dementia village in Heathcote. Sherrie Coote from Advance Heathcote Incorporated shared with us the story of "Gilbruk Place": which means 'place of respect' in the language of the land's traditional owners, the Taungurung people.

Gilbruk Place's vision is to build a 150 bed facility, addressing the needs of dementia sufferers with assisted living through

to palliative care for people living within a 1.5 hour drive of Heathcote. No more long corridors of sterile patient rooms. Gilbruk Place envisages its residents living in 'small houses' of 10 with communal living areas and access to open space that allows residents continue purposeful daily living. It is hoped that a clinical research and education hub will also be realised to ensure this facility contributes to and leverages best practice research to improve dementia care. Another difference will be the relationship of the village to the community: the vision is that residents, their friends and family will venture out into the township and enjoy local amenities. Gilbruk Place will also include a small supermarket, hairdresser, a café and library, veggie gardens, recreation areas, a lake and a farm nursery.

A 17-acre parcel of land adjacent to Heathcote Health has been earmarked for the project. There's a long way to go yet, but Heathcote Dementia Alliance is working on plans for a dementia friendly display home to showcase innovations to support people with dementia remaining in their own homes. Advance Heathcote Inc Working Group are in discussion with a short list of aged care providers and financial backers to make Gilbruk Place become a reality.

Those Redesdalians that did attend were treated to floor plans, site maps and the opportunity to share their ideas and thoughts for how to improve this plan and discuss the potential additional growth it will bring to our region.

A big "thank you" to Sherrie for giving up her Tuesday afternoon – we all came away impressed and excited about the possibilities. Thanks also to RRRC for, on short notice, allowing us to use the newly available Pavilion.

If you want to know more about this project:  
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# REDESDALE CFA

A changing of the guard.

At a recent election held at the fire station a number of long serving members took a step back from their positions. The brigade and community would like to thank them for their hard work.

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## Campaspe Valley Landcare

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Membership subscriptions are now due. Maintain your voting rights \$25 per house hold.  
New proposed rules for all volunteers working in Parks Victoria reservations 1) A working with children check card would be required for all volunteers working within Parks Victoria reserves. 2) An annual plan of works as well as works acquittals for each item of work carried out in the works plan. Generally some dismay was expressed that Parks Victoria does not understand the nature of volunteerism and the difficulty in recruiting people to carry out more administrative duties. These rules are not mandated yet so some input to their application may be possible.

Landcare Vic Insurance coverage is good for members and volunteers, but task specific records must now be kept to verify status of persons and other operational details. As before all CVLG projects must be passed by the committee before works can commence. The CVLG will look into starting the process of becoming an incorporated group to ease the concern of any incident arising out of works carried out by CVLG. Malmsbury and District Landcare group members led by George Walter are assisting in process of incorporation. All 50 Tuan / Glider Boxes have now been committed now under the grant program despite the difficulties of covid issues. There are no more free nesting boxes available. Morgans Rd plantings now completed by Phil Don Watchbox Rd plantings in need of some maintenance with plant guards and some brush cutting. Barbara James is organising a Working Bee.

Windward, Mangans Lane nearly 400 plants and guards installed with 1600 to go in soon.  
Upper Campaspe Network meeting discussed the benefits of Incorporation and how it should be structured to obtain best results. The Pollinators program, how to encourage pollinating insects and bats, was discussed for further future engagement.

Graeme Connolly suggested changes to the CVLG Logo to recognise the indigenous peoples of this area. A motion was passed to look at possible designs that would achieve this outcome as our contribution in recognition of indigenous peoples Naidoc week.

Campaspe Valley Landcare group Annual General Meeting will be held on 4th September 4pm prior to the General Meeting, all positions will be declared vacant at Barfold Hall. Rob Chapman President CVLG

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# Heathcote and District Financial Services Ltd Men's Health event

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Men of Heathcote get a free tune-up

On Thursday evening the Heathcote & District Community Bank hosted a free Men's Health event at Palling Bros Brewery called 'Chewin' the Fat'.

Over 60 local men attended and apart from enjoying a locally brewed beer, some sausages cooked by the Lions Club, a chat with friends and a chance to win some door prizes donated by Heathcote Mitre10, they heard from two highly experienced speakers covering men's urology issues and men's mental health.

Stephen Trompp, volunteer chair of the Community Bank said:

"Our first speaker was Dave Heath who gave a down to earth talk on the issues men face in their plumbing and set out the usual causes and likely impacts in a way that no one could be left wondering. Everyone was enthralled and pleased to hear such straight talk about these important issues

The Heathcote community is very lucky to have Dave working as part of the Heathcote Health team. He is a specialist nurse who concentrates solely on men's urology issues and is clearly someone who truly cares and wants to give good and clear advice to men. His main message on the night was 'Don't put up with issues, get them checked and it is usually the case that there is a fix'.

For the second speaker we asked Nathan Burke, legendary St Kilda football player, to come and talk about roofing – men's mental health. Nathan used terrific examples from his football career and as a devoted husband and father to set out simple strategies men (or anyone) can use on a day to day basis to do a quick self-check on how they were travelling and if not in good shape, how to work your way into a better place.

Nathan finished his highly interesting and entertaining talk by emphasising that we should all check in with our mates and friends if we sense they are a bit off and just as importantly, if YOU are asked and there is a problem - say 'yes'. He also said there was "a time when professional help might be needed".

The Community Bank is also sponsoring a similar event in Nagambie and continues to look for ways to support and contribute to the local community to help it stay healthy, prosper and grow.

Community Bank Branch Manager Michael Prowse said "It's because of our fantastic customers that we're able to provide valuable events like this to the community. The more people we have banking with us the more funds we have to return to the local community, it really is as simple as that".



**Nathan Burke**



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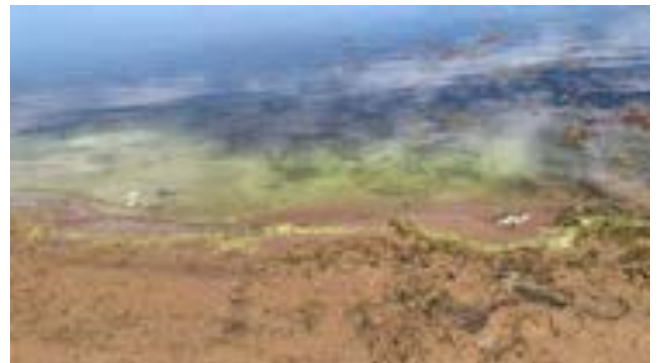
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# Campaspe River Update

Good news for Lake Eppalock as the Goulburn-Murray Water warning for blue-green algae was lifted on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. (Next update due August 6<sup>th</sup> [www.g-mwater.com.au/news/bga](http://www.g-mwater.com.au/news/bga) )

It was of concern that in mid July GMW continued to warn of high levels of blue-green algae in the lake, advising the public to *“avoid contact with water in the lake and recommends 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”*. These photos were taken by local Dale McGillivray in March 2020 (N.B. Blue-green algae can be present without being visible as it is in these pics.) and in the accompanying article by Emma D’Agostino in the Bendigo Advertiser, it was reported that testing of the lake had begun in 1990s and the first recreational warning was issued in 2006.



At that stage 10 blooms of blue-green algae had been detected since 2006. GMW operates and manages the lake. When Coliban Water was asked if there could be a link to the low quality water releases from KWRP, their response included that ...*“blue-green algae was a regular occurrence at Lake Eppalock in the summer months”*. It is of concern that this year in mid winter, after substantial rains, Eppalock still had high levels of the toxic algae. *“Managing the increased risk of blue-green algae blooms is part of our climate adaption considerations in our Strategy 2030 strategic plan,”* CW said.

Much information is available on blue-green algae. **The Victorian Fisheries Authority’s** article [vfa.vic.gov.au/recreational-fishing/fishing-locations/inland-angling-guide/special-articles/blue-green-algae](http://vfa.vic.gov.au/recreational-fishing/fishing-locations/inland-angling-guide/special-articles/blue-green-algae) states that *“...algal bloom is triggered by a high level of nutrients, particularly nitrogen and phosphorus”*, and points out the dangers of blue-green algae *“...which is now considered to be a photosynthesising bacteria rather than a true algae”*. GMW has a **Frequently asked Questions** sheet that contains valuable information as does the **Agriculture Victoria** for the primary producers. <https://agriculture.vic.gov.au/search?query=blue-green> Also

<https://www.water.vic.gov.au/waterways-and-catchments/rivers-estuaries-and-waterways/state-environment-protection-policy> and for those who are interested in learning more of the health risks linked to blue-green algae <https://theconversation.com/toxin-linked-to-motor-neuron-disease-found-in-australian-algal-blooms-95646> and <https://imb.uq.edu.au/article/2020/03/algae-toxin-linked-parkinsons> may be of interest. The health of the Campaspe as a major tributary to Lake Eppalock is vital to primary producers, anglers, recreational users, tourism operators and the ecosystems alike. The endeavours with new infrastructure and management development at the KWRP, along with the upcoming licence review that Coliban Water/Lendlease is negotiating with the EPA, will hopefully ensure optimum outcomes for healthy waterways. Engagement sessions with the community are due to commence in coming months before the new licence is finalised.



# LIGHTNING Strikes in Redesdale.

The excitement of good rain was thrown into slight panic with the “loudest crack I’ve ever heard “ according to Pan Prendergast from North Redesdale Road.

Spending the morning outdoors both Gary and Pan were getting prepared for the rain that was to arrive around lunchtime. “When it did arrive I was checking the weather warnings and noticed two, one for sheep graziers and the other highlighting storm conditions with thunder and lightning”.

“Within a minute of reading that , we were both startled by a huge lightning crack.” I actually thought the house had been hit as it shook quite a lot. “

“Checking that Gary was safely indoors , I then looked outside and realised we had a tree on fire in the garden. “ Immediately Gary went out to douse the tree and to put out the fire.”

“Showing how quickly lightning can spark a fire in all types of weather has been quite the educational lesson. “

After doing a bit of research I found some interesting facts.

About 10 people a year die from lightning strikes in Australia with a further 100 injured. That means you’re more likely to be hit by lightning than win the lottery. (That’s a sad fact!) Grant Kirkby, who is a specialist in risk mitigation says “while strikes were rare, their force was often severe.”

“The key thing to understand about lightning safety is that no place outdoors is safe. Obviously the last place to stand would be under a tree.

Lightning wants to get to the ground and a tree can be the quickest way to get there. If your standing around near the tree the electricity can get to you too.”

## Here are some MYTHS and FACTS .

**MYTH # 1** Lightning never strikes twice in the same place

Fact. Lightning often strikes the same place repeatedly especially if  
It’s a tall pointy isolated object.

**MYTH# 2.** If you’re outside in a storm lie flat down on the ground.

Fact. Lying flat on the ground makes you more vulnerable to electrocution, not less.

**MYTH#3.** If you touch a lightning victim, you’ll be electrocuted.

Fact. The human body doesn’t store electricity. It is safe to touch a . lightning victim to give them first aid.

Lesson learnt, always be vigilant and aware during thunder storms.





# WHAT ARE YOU WATCHING?

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During the colder months it seems some days are just not worth stepping outside, for fear of cold, wind or hopefully rain in our districts case. We are hearing from Redesdale residents they are into certain programs for entertainment these days and thought we might share their tips.

## If you would like to contribute suggesting some entertainment

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## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

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### Sausage Rolls



- 1 pack puff pastry sheets
- 1kg sausage meat
- 1 onion finely chopped
- 1 carrot finely chopped
- 2 tbs parsley finely chopped
- 2 tbs Worcestershire sauce
- 2 tbs soy sauce
- 2 tbs tomato sauce
- 2 tbs bread crumbs
- Salt and pepper
- 1 egg beaten to use for glazing

Set the oven at 200 degrees  
 Cut pastry sheets in half.  
 Mix together all other ingredients.  
 Place sausage meat on top of pastry and moisten the edges of pastry with the egg.  
 Roll into a sausage shape.  
 Cut into bite sizes and place on a lined baking tray.  
 Brush with the egg mixture and bake at 20 for 20 – 25 minutes  
 When cooked place onto a serving plate and serve with homemade tomato sauce.  
 Or whatever takes your fancy.

*Marisa Leahy*

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- 2nd Tuesday monthly, 7 pm - Rec. Reserve Meetings.

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Welcome to Redesdale.

Calendar

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## Redesdale Ramblings

Redesdale Ramblings 2021 #6. Some Winter-time flowers  
Despite being locked down in winter there is plenty to do and see in the garden in Central Victoria. Though not as balmy as the tropical north we can't really complain about our winters compared to places like Canada where you could be snowed in for months. In fact many Australian native plants wait for the winter to flower so that they can grow and set seed while there is sufficient moisture in the ground.

Correas can throw a flower at various times of the year but reserve their main show for winter. The nectar enriched bells are a necessity for the local birds, especially the New Holland Honey-eaters. We mainly have forms of *Correa reflexa* or *C. pulchella* mostly obtained from Goldfields Revegetation Nursery in Tannery Lane, Mandurang. The colours include pure white, pink, orange, red and bi-colour forms mostly combinations of yellow and red.

Locally you can find the false sarsaparilla, *Hardenbergia violacea*, in its royal purple colour draping embankments, shrubs and small trees in the bush and on roadsides. The first one we grew was a shrubby form with white flowers. Interestingly though a few seedlings came up and were identical to their parent, one actually reverted to a climbing habit and is festooned with sprays of pink. I must remember to collect some seed from it this year.

August is of course the main time for many bulbs, especially narcissus and many of the South African flora. Narcissus continue on from last month with more hoop petticoat daffodils, tazettas and the early trumpets. They are such obliging bulbs that every garden should have some. Even in a small yard you can grow different types of daffs in pots and tubs moving them around to highlight the ones in flower. When there is a severe frost you may walk out to find the flower stems collapsed on the ground but they recover as soon as the day warms up.

Some of the Cape Bulbs which do well here in August include species gladiolus like *Gladiolus gracilis* which is a delicate creature so unlike the Dame Edna type of gladdie. The species gladdies are graceful and charming and can never be used as projectiles. Other winter varieties to look for include *Gladiolus carinatus*, *Gladiolus hirsutus* and *Gladiolus watsonius*.



*Gladiolus gracilis*

For those fearful of planting woodbine (climbing honeysuckle) because of its rampant tendencies there is a much more subdued shrub which can provide scent through the winter. *Lonicera fragrantissima* makes a medium sized, nondescript bush for most of the year but from July onwards the branches erupt in small bunches of highly perfumed flowers. They aren't the most eye-catching, being off-white to cream but the scent is quite powerful. We haven't had any luck with Witch-Hazels (*Hamamelis*) or Wintersweet (*Chimonanthus*) which do better in less harsh conditions. "Christmas Rose" and "Lenten Lily" are names applied to Hellebores in the Northern Hemisphere implying their peak flowering period during the colder parts of the year. Hellebores provide colour through the winter and the birds appreciate the nectar as well. There are a huge range available these days especially from Post Office Farm in Ashbourne. About 30 years the first double form, a clean white, appeared and now they are available in every conceivable colour. Not all types will tolerate our conditions but the "common" *Helleborus x hybridus* forms are happier than most of the others, especially the interspecific hybrids like 'Penny's Pink' and 'Anna's Red'.

The only thing against *Jasminum nudiflorum* is that it has no scent. It's also yellow. It also suckers so can spread slowly through your garden. The best thing about it is that it needs no care from the gardener. And it flowers in the dead of winter.

The spurges are a great addition to the winter garden but their propensity to catapult their seeds metres away means you have to be careful where you position them. *Euphorbia rigida* is one of the best in our region. It has upright stems clothed in spikey blue-grey foliage topped with clusters of yellowy-green flowers surrounded by colourful bracts which can be bright yellow or red. *Euphorbia myrsinites* is similar in colour but the stems trail and the leaf tips are less pointy. We have hybrids between these two populating our rock gardens. A friend warned me about the vigour of this hybrid swarm and at first I didn't believe her – I do now!

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**The Redesdale Rock Gardener**



*Winter jasmine, Jasminum nudiflorum*





## Redesdale & District Association Connecting Victoria Engagement Survey

Please consider completing the following Connecting Victoria Engagement drop pin Survey from the Strong Communities Dept, of City of Greater Bendigo where all of our community has the opportunity to flag where you're experiencing mobile and internet coverage / access issues. Please also encourage people in your own networks to complete the survey.

## Connecting Victoria

Help us understand the places where you think the Victorian Government should be prioritising better mobile and broadband connectivity

<https://engage.vic.gov.au/connecting-victoria>

### Overview

The Victorian Government is fast-tracking better mobile coverage and broadband across the state through the \$550 million Connecting Victoria program.

It's never been more important to be connected – for family, community, work and safety – and the Victorian Government is asking Victorians to help identify where mobile and broadband improvements are most needed.

Connecting Victoria will enable more businesses to take advantage of digital opportunities with more reliable, better value broadband in more places, including popular shopping streets and business parks.

The program builds on the state's \$130 million investment in connectivity projects since 2014 and will bolster the state's economic recovery.

The program will focus on getting more Victorians access to business-grade broadband and upgrading mobile coverage, improving 4G mobile coverage, helping more places become 5G ready, and improving access to safety information during bushfires and other emergencies.

The first locations to receive upgrades or new infrastructure are expected to be announced later this year, with more to follow across the state.

The Victorian Government will encourage the Commonwealth Government and telecommunications providers to co-invest in the delivery of new infrastructure.

New mobile and broadband infrastructure will mean more jobs and a boost for local businesses and will help Victorians stay connected to loved ones. It will give more Victorians the opportunity to participate in the online world, with better mobile coverage at home and when out and about.

Your insights will help deliver better connectivity in more places across regional Victoria and outer suburban Melbourne.

### How to participate

Have your say about connectivity issues where you live or work, and when you are out and about.

### Next steps

Your insights will help us to better understand where mobile and broadband improvements are needed across the state.

We will continue to engage with community and businesses throughout the program.

The Victorian Government will partner with industry telecommunications providers to help deliver new infrastructure in as many places as possible, as quickly as possible.

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For more information and to keep up-to-date visit the Connecting Victoria website.



## Adopt rapid testing in high-risk settings: Ryan

Member for Euroa and Nationals' deputy leader Steph Ryan has called on the Andrews Government to implement rapid testing to help Victorians get back on their feet and prevent future statewide lockdowns.

Ms Ryan said rapid antigen tests, which can produce a result in just 15 to 30 minutes, should be rolled out in high-risk settings including border checkpoints and major events to quickly identify infectious individuals.

"The Andrews Government should be firing every bullet in the public health armoury to prevent future statewide lockdowns," Ms Ryan said.

"Rapid antigen tests are inexpensive and have proven to work best during the early stages of infection when the viral load is at its highest.

"While the PCR test can take hours to process, rapid testing has the potential to turnaround results in just 15 to 30 minutes.

"Rapid testing is shown to be most effective in high-risk settings, including at national and state borders, helping to quickly identify high-risk individuals and stop Covid in its tracks.

"It is also an innovative solution to ensure major events, both in metropolitan and regional areas can proceed with little disruption to patron caps.

"Lockdowns should only ever be used as a last resort. There are a lot of other steps the Andrews Government should be putting in place to avoid snap lockdowns like the one we have just endured.

"Businesses and our communities are crying out for a plan. We need a pathway out of constant lockdowns and rapid testing is an obvious part of that plan to get us back to some normality.

"Major events in Europe like the G7 last month have been able to proceed because Europe is using rapid tests. If that's good enough for the G7, surely it is good enough for us."

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## MORRISON MUST FULLY FUND TERMINAL UPGRADE

Federal Member for Bendigo, Lisa Chesters has today called on the Federal government to take the Bendigo Airport terminal upgrade seriously, after it was announced \$300 000 would be allocated to the Bendigo Airport under Round 2 of the Regional Airports Program.

The City of Greater of Bendigo is seeking \$4.3 million to upgrade the Bendigo Airport terminal to ensure it is able to keep up with its growing demand.

"While any funding for the Bendigo Airport is welcome, the Morrison government's announcement today simply isn't good enough," Ms Chesters said.

"The construction of a helicopter stand and fuel truck area is important, but it is not the terminal upgrade that we so desperately need."

Figures last month released by the City of Greater Bendigo predict that over 240,000 people will be using the Bendigo Airport by 2030. The terminal needs an expansion if it services more than 30,000 passengers each year.

"\$300 000 is a drop in the ocean of what is needed to allow the Bendigo Airport to grow.

Now, more than ever, an upgraded terminal is needed as our region rebounds from lockdowns.

"People want to come to Bendigo. Upgrading the Bendigo Airport will allow more people, from more places to experience our region.

"I will continue to fight for the Bendigo Airport and ensure we get the funding that is needed to get this upgrade done," Ms Chesters said.

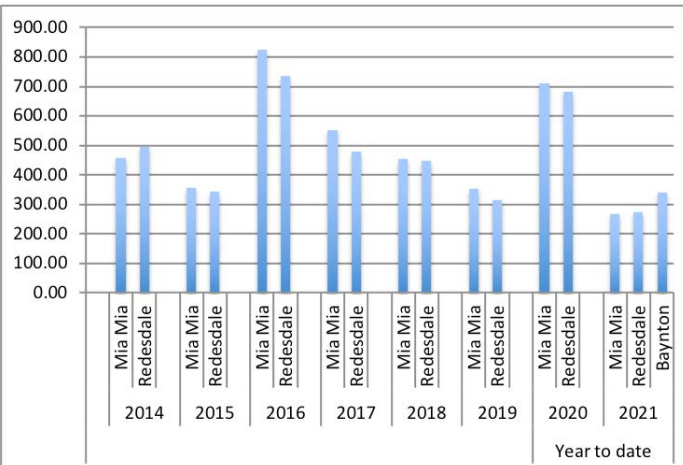
Redesdale  
/ Mia Mia

# Rainfall



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

Thank you to **Helen Bennett** for the  
**Mia Mia** readings & **Belinda Ryan** for  
**Baynton** readings



## June Rain Fall

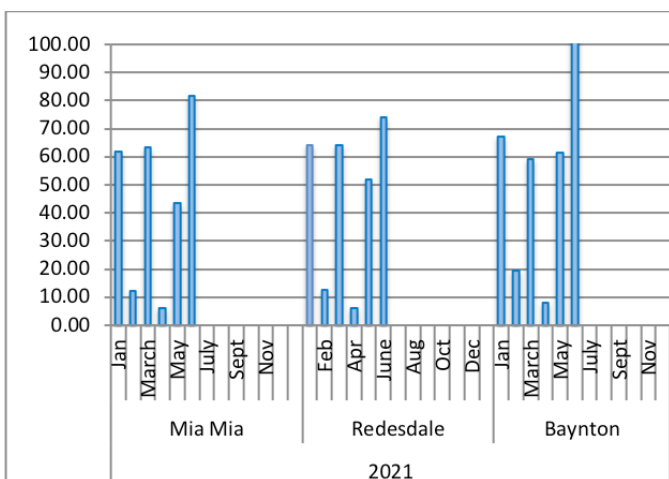
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**Mia Mia 81.75mm Year to date 269.25mm**

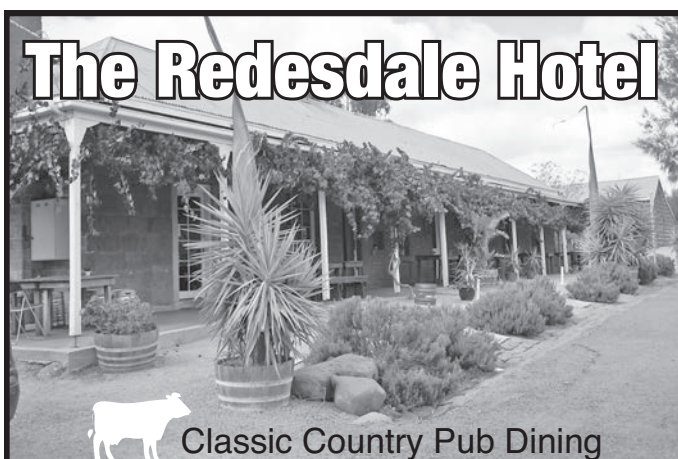
**Baynton 125.00mm Year to date 340.60mm**

## 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
	Redesdale	448.40
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