



RaDA Purposes

- To Develop, facilitate and review the Redesdale Community Plan
- To act as a central point of contact for residents, local government and other groups wishing to communicate with Redesdale residents.
- Provide a common communication point for representatives of existing groups and committees.
- Develop and maintain a community website.
- Encourage community cohesion through activities and improvement of facilities.

AGM Minutes

Saturday, October 30, 2021

Venue: Reserve Pavilion/Zoom Meeting

Welcome

Welcome to the 9th Redesdale and District Association's AGM.

Due to Zoom's limitation of 40 minutes, the meeting was kept to a minimum with all new business to be discussed at the next meeting in January 2022.

Apologies: A. Murray, A. King

Zoom Attendee: M. Stewart

Those present: P. Prendergast, R. Abramowski, L. Newton, K. Foley, M. Munro, F. Laurie, Y. McGrath, B. James, R. Bennett, J. Smith, C. Newton, K. De Lany, K. Hall, J. Beurle

Chairperson: M. Abramowski

Confirmation of Minutes AGM 2020 were distributed to all members via email October 28, 2021 and therefore not read out at meeting. P. Prendergast confirmed that everyone had read the minutes and proposed a motion that the minutes be accepted as a true and accurate recording of that meeting.

Moved: R. Abramowski Seconded: J. Beurle

Acceptance of Financial Report. Distributed to all RaDA members via email on October, 28, 2021 and therefore not read out at the meeting.

Moved: J. Smith Seconded: C. Newton

President's Report

I would like to begin with thanking the current committee members and the representative members from the Redesdale Mia Mia Primary School, The Redesdale Hall Committee, Landcare, CFA, RRRC and the Bridge Connection.

Particular thanks to our RaDA Secretary, Lin Newton, who has continued to be our "go to girl" during the Covid restrictions of the past year.

Also a big thanks to our valued treasurer, Robyn Abramowski who continues to keep up with the rules and regulations related to our financial obligations.

I wrote an article in February's edition of the Bridge Connection saying that Melbourne had just announced another temporary lockdown of sorts, I wasn't mistaken in guessing it wouldn't be the last.

Now that the lockdown has ended, it has been a total of 262 days since March 2020.

Our region has come out of 7 lockdowns, not all long, but again banning our city visitors to frequent our local businesses and putting our local plans on hold.

As things stand now, I am confident we will be able to hold the Redesdale Art Festival in 2022, thanks to the FRRR (Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal) and to Kym De Lany for securing a financial grant for this event.

I am happy to report we were able to achieve most of our planned business for 2021.

The Redesdale Welcome Bag was given to all of our Redesdale Mia Mia primary students in March 2021, as well as to some of our new local residents. The Welcome bag supplies important information to be prepared for our summer fire season and also supplies the new residents with relevant local information and contact details. Our appreciation goes to the following contributors

- Redesdale and Bendigo CFA
- Bendigo State Emergency Services.
- City of Greater Bendigo
- Royal Flying Doctor Transport Service.
- Bridge Connection Community News
- Redesdale and Mia Mia Primary School
- Redesdale Pub
- Fosterville Gold Mine

The RaDA initiative, funded by the City of Greater Bendigo, was the Free Community Concert showcasing Bobby Valentine and Band of Renown. The concert's purpose was to emphasise the importance of Health and Wellbeing with relevant flyers/brochures for local mental and health support on offer – especially relevant during our challenging years. RaDA was very happy that this event was finally able to be held in April 2021.

I believe we had around 80 people, despite numbers being restricted due to travel restrictions, and all reports would indicate a fun night was had by all.

Our thanks are extended to Lisa and Wayne Smith for securing the entertainment and to the RRRC for jointly running the bar and BBQ.

Some of our members and community also attended the 3rd Redesdale Community Clean Up morning organised by Jo Smith Sargent. This was another productive event though poorly attended by our local community. Sadly, some negative feedback was given about lack of awareness of this event despite the event date/time being advertised through posters, Redesdale website, database and in the Bridge Connection.

These events take considerable effort to liaise with council collection permits, request clean up equipment etc, not to mention the logistics of disposing of all the collected rubbish. I would therefore like to thank Jo for all her efforts, along with Lin and Craig Newton for taking the time to dispose of the collected rubbish.

Our thanks again goes to Kym De Lany for organising a Redesdale Community Engagement Forum with Sherrie Coote from Advance Heathcote Incorporated. Sherrie's chat was extremely informative about Heathcote's vision to build Gilbruk Place Dementia Village.

RaDA would also like to thank Debbie Graetz's continued responsibility of over-seeing the Redesdale Instagram page.

As always many thanks to the RRRC for the use of the community Pavilion for these meetings, and we look forward to seeing the completion of their next project.

RaDA will continue to support the Stone Reserve Project, the Community Precincts Future Plans, the Redesdale Reserve, the Redesdale Website and Instagram page, The Bridge Connection, the Hall Committee and of course the Redesdale Community Strategic Plan.

As previously mentioned, we are excited to finally organise the much-awaited Redesdale Art Festival in the early months of 2022.

Well done to everyone.

Election of Committee Positions:

P. Prendergast announced all committee positions vacant and handed over the meeting to M. Abramowski to run the election process:

Before commencing the election process M. Abramowski thanked RaDA for their on-going support to RRRC over the past years.

Nominations had been received prior to this meeting and the results are as follows:

President: Pan Prendergast

Vice President: A. Murray

Secretary: Lin Newton

Treasurer: Robyn Abramowski

Assistant Treasurer: Regina Bennett

Bridge Connection Rep: Regina Bennett

School Rep: Andrew King

CFA Rep: Craig Newton

RRRC Rep: Craig Newton

Landcare Rep: Barbara James

Hall Committee Rep: Yvonne McGrath

Stone Reserve Rep: Jo Smith

Ordinary Committee Members: Megan Stewart, K. Foley, Mandy Munro, F. Laurie, K. De Lany

Moved R. Abramowski

Seconded P. Prendergast

Meeting returned back to P. Prendergast

Chairperson's speech – Pan Prendergast

As the on-going President for 2022, I thank all of the nominated and committee members, and would also remind anyone from Redesdale and our close districts, we are here to act as the central point of contact to

represent our existing groups and committees. I also invite and encourage new members to contact us if they would like to be a part of RaDA, or simply have an idea to benefit our community.

I am confident we will stay open to celebrate being a healthy, vaccinated, rural Victorian town in 2021 – 2022.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

The City of Greater Bendigo have put forward 3 possible dates in November for the Hall Kitchen opening. We will be notified as soon as a decision is made by the council.

Next RaDA Meeting Date: Saturday, January 22, 2022

I would now like to confirm the AGM for 2021-22 finished.

Meeting Closed at: 10.26am.

Signed.....

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