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The outcome of the discussion is that as of **June 2022**

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# Campaspe River Update

## Coliban Licence Amendment.

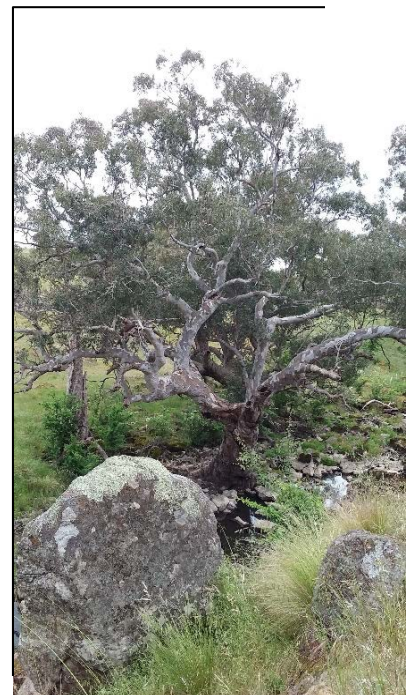
Coliban Water posted a News item on their website on April 20, stating that they would provide the EPA with the further information requested, in early May. The EPA also posted an update on their site that day, in which the Permissions Manager, Stephen Adamthwaite stated... "EPA won't start the formal process until we have enough information to make a complete assessment. The potential project has drawn a lot of interest from the community and EPA is placing strong emphasis on informing and hearing from anyone who might be affected. The regulatory process does not specify public consultation on the detail of a licence amendment, but EPA sees feedback as important to ensuring that people understand how it might benefit the community and have a chance to raise any issues before a decision is made," Mr Adamthwaite said. "EPA will inform the community once the application has been accepted for assessment and is available for public feedback, and there will be more community engagement sessions, with the timing to be set once the application has been formally accepted."

Keep an eye out on the [engage.vic.gov.au](https://engage.vic.gov.au) site to view the amendment application when it has been accepted, and for your opportunity to present feedback.

**Lake Eppalock** was clear of blue green algae according to the GMW site on May20<sup>th</sup>, but please check the [www.g-mwater.com.au/news/bga](http://www.g-mwater.com.au/news/bga) site for current updates and report any sightings. Local knowledge and observations are very valuable. As part of the Go Fishing Victoria plan to get more people fishing more often, the Victorian Fisheries Authority announced last December that... "The Lake Eppalock stocking will consist of 500,000 Murray cod and 500,000 golden perch fingerlings, set to grow to catchable size within three to four years. This stocking is a milestone, easily surpassing the lake's previous season records – 200,000 Murray cod fingerlings in 2017 and 315,000 golden perch last summer." Good news for anglers. Let's hope the water in the lake stays clear of blue green algae.

Our river and the wonderful old growth trees along its bank provide habit for many species and a place of calm and recreation for humans. This water is crucial to farms and feeds into Lake Eppalock. The health of the waterways is definitely worth caring for.

All the best,      Lindy



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followed by morning tea

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Heathcote-Kyneton Rd, Barfold

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community members.*

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## UNITING CHURCH

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June 5th Parish Service Woodend

June 12th Mia Mia

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## Redesdale Mia Mia Primary School



### School News

### Respect, Resilience & Relationships

Over the past couple of weeks, the 3-6 students have participated in a few online learning sessions with Ecolinc via Webex. The highlight, without a doubt, was learning about dinosaur adaptations. Students were able to learn about different physical features of dinosaurs, traced a dinosaur based on its skeleton and then had the opportunity to design their own dinosaur. This was exciting to see students apply learning about their adaptations and habitat and explain how these features allow them to survive.

Our new turf area is officially up and running. Yesterday we were out playing a lot of games on the turf area. We also applied and were successful in obtaining a Sporting Schools Grant for this term, which allowed us to purchase new tennis equipment and receive a tennis lesson from a Tennis Australia coach. The coach, Steve, came out this morning for the first hour long lesson. These lessons will be happening every week for the next 5 weeks, which is very exciting for the students. It will be a great opportunity for students to learn more about tennis and develop their skills and teamwork.

As part of the Positive Start Initiative, we are heading off to the Melbourne Zoo for an excursion on Thursday, the 2<sup>nd</sup> of June. We are looking forward to taking part in a few different learning programs while at the Zoo and the students are extremely excited for this wonderful opportunity.

Over the past 3 weeks all RMMPS learners have participated in an online Victorian Opera Program. This program has been streamed live into our classroom and has given us an insight into what goes into the production of an Opera and will culminate in a viewing of the theatrical play, The Selfish Giant. In Week 1, we learnt what an opera is. This lesson discussed voice types and singing styles commonly heard in opera. Week 2 was all about how each scene is created, directed and refined. In Week 3, we learnt about the amount of effort that goes into set and costume design during the creation process. All students have enjoyed participating in these activities and are looking forward to seeing the performance of The Selfish Giant come together.



**Please contact the school for 2022 enrolment information to be a part of our wonderful school.**

# Travel Bits 4

In this edition, I am going to cover travel in Egypt, and as the easiest means of getting to Egypt is most commonly via Dubai and/or Oman, I'll give a small snapshot of them as well.

## EGYPT

"Man fears Time, yet Time fears the Pyramids" (Arab Proverb)

Egypt remains one of life's great destinations. The sheer scale, age and volume of the ancient ruins and tombs found along the entire course of the Nile, is extraordinary by any standard. Magnificent temples, superb sculptures and intricately decorated ancient tombs are only some of the delights of this wonderful land. Add to these bustling towns, diverse peoples, stunning desert landscapes, extraordinary bazaars, the World's longest river, and of course, the Pyramids of Giza. If you include in this mix the enormous and ancient city of Cairo, you have one of the most exciting places to visit on Earth.

Cairo is considered the Jewel of the Orient and its inhabitants call it "Mother of Egypt".

It is a city of a thousand minarets, and the melting pot of ancient and modern civilizations! Its 17 million inhabitants are at the centre of all routes connecting the three continents: Asia, Africa and Europe.

Greater Cairo extends on the banks of the River Nile to the south of its delta where the Nile divides into two tributaries. It is the city where past and present meet. On the east side stands the evidence of 2000 years of Islamic, Christian Coptic and Jewish culture which flourishes to this day. On its west side lies the ancient Egyptian city of Memphis (Giza), and site of the wondrous Pyramids and Sphinx. Whatever you do, make sure that you leave time to explore. Start your day with tea at Café Fishawi in the heart of the Grand Khan El Khalili Bazaar. Later explore this extraordinary bazaar with its gold and silversmiths, cloth-makers, metalworkers and woodworkers. Bargain hard! Then visit some of the beautiful mosques found throughout the city. Climb the ancient walls of the city, and explore the buildings and grounds of the ancient Citadel which dominates the skyline.

Luxor is possibly the World's greatest outdoors museum. The town is separated by the Nile, with the ancient site of Thebes on the West Bank, and the towns of Luxor and Karnak on the East Bank. Together the area is known as Luxor, and is the stepping off point for visits to Karnak and Luxor Temples, the Valley of the Queens and the incredible necropolis of the Valley of the Kings. The current world is represented in Luxor by wonderful bazaars, restaurants and bars. If you get the chance spend at least two nights here.

## NILE CRUISING

A journey down the Nile is a journey through time... a journey through the history of an immortal civilization whose legacy remains for all to see – temples, palaces and tombs of unparalleled size and grandeur, decorated with exquisite hieroglyphics and frescos, and towering above ancient mosaic floors. Ships on the Nile are really closer to a floating hotel than a traditional ship. Much smaller than sea-going cruise ships, they provide a wonderful linking journey between the



many archaeological stops along this greatest of rivers, and as you sail you are privileged to watch the lives of the local peoples as they farm the rich lands and fish the waters. Only a kilometre beyond the river's banks, the desert broods and waits. Nights are usually spent moored, and excursions to such sites as Edfu, the Valley of the Kings, Luxor and Karnak take place in the cool of the mornings, with the afternoons spent relaxing onboard by the pool as the journey unfolds.

## DUBAI and OMAN

These are the obvious and most common stopovers enroute to Egypt.

Originally a small fishing settlement, Dubai was annexed in 1830 by a branch of the Maktoum family who still rule the Emirate today. Traders from India and Iran began to settle in the growing town, with fishing and trade being the main industries. Following the discovery of oil in 1966, the subsequent break away as a British Protectorate and the formation of the United Arab Emirates, Dubai's transformation began.

The result is exciting modern Dubai, with world class hotels and brilliant amenities. Dubai remains a "tax free" oasis, attracting shoppers from all over the world with its vast and modern shopping malls. Make sure that you take the time to scratch beneath the surface of this amazing destination, and you will discover spice markets and gold souks, wonderful ancient relics of the past, a superb museum and many art galleries. For only 20 cents, join the locals on an abra (small ferry) as they cross Dubai Creek, or browse the bazaars of 'old Dubai'.

The Sultanate of Oman is perhaps the most traditional of the countries in this region, yet its peoples welcome visitors with open arms and friendly smiles. It is a fascinating country, with sub-tropical regions in the South, and spectacular arid mountain ranges and broad deserts in the central regions and the North.

Although the country is embracing tourism, strict guidelines have been put in place to limit development

to low-rise properties. Heavy emphasis has been placed on the preservation of architecture, history and cultural identity. In short, the whole of Oman is a breath of fresh air. Here you have the Middle East in all its finery, respectful of all peoples and proud of its ancient heritage. Join with us to explore this fabulous country.



The capital of Oman is Muscat, but in reality it's a blend of 3 cities – Muscat, Ruwi and Matrah. These three cities stretch along the coast for about 50 km, and each presents its own wealth of experiences and diversity. Ancient forts, a fabulous Corniche, beautiful Harbour side homes, the Royal Palace of the Sultan, exotic souqs and fabulous mosques can all be found in 'greater Muscat'. Muscat is most famous for its trade in mother of pearl and frankincense. Distances are quite long, so careful planning is required to get the best out of a stay in Muscat



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from front page.

## Endurance Riding

For the second year the the Legendary-Penn competition was held in Mia Mia with cancellations of interstate qualifying rides due to wet weather in NSW saw a strong contingent of riders from Victoria and interstate. The event was a last chance to qualify for the sport's pinnacle event, the Tom Quilty Gold Cup.

With 112 starters across the 160km, 82km, 41km and 10km divisions.

First over the line in the (160km) was Tabitha Schmetzer, from Gippsland completing the distance in a riding time of 12 hours, 57 minutes.

With endurance clubs facing ongoing problems due to being locked out of forests due to new access restrictions, the Mia Mia event is an example of a new style of event being run with the assistance of the farming community.

Owners of "Rocklands" happily relocated sheep to allow for the riders to pass through their undulating property, which provided perfect conditions under foot for the horses.

Organisers were particularly grateful to the Mia Mia community, which turned out in force as volunteers to help run the event.

## Letter to the Editor

### PLEASE NOTE:

*Views expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily the views of the publisher of The Bridge Connection.*

Hello Regina,

For what its worth, Here are my observations of this marvellous event that our community has contributed.

Vicki & I had some back-up work to do for the Tonka Food truck, & we were able to observe the event and people at close range. From our position in the valley one could have been forgiven for not even being aware an event was going on.

Let alone the state of which our flat was left; not a scrap of rubbish!

The participants were gracious and friendly, as were we, as a community, offered them.

Future events are not for me to guess at but...we kick above our weight don't we?

Regards **Bryan Mia Mia**

# The Bearded Vulture

I'd like to introduce you to my favourite bird: the bearded vulture, or lammergeier. This massive bird of prey with a 7-9ft wingspan lives in mountainous regions such as Africa, southern Europe and Tibet. Lammergeiers are Old World vultures, which means that they rely on sight to hunt and unlike most New World vultures, their heads are feathered. In fact, lammergeiers more closely resemble large falcons than the vultures we're typically familiar with. Their tail is longer than their wings, and their necks are heavily feathered (which is where the 'bearded' part of their name comes from).



Their feathers, like most species of birds, play a large part in their social lives. Lammergeiers bathe in dust to give their feathers a rust-red hue, which is believed to factor into their hierarchy; the more impressive your plumage is, the higher up you are on the social ladder. Just like humans wearing makeup, every vulture will have a different 'look': some feathers are more orange or pink, and the amount of colour on their feathers will differ. This fun cosmetic detail paired with their beard-like bristles and red-rimmed eyes gives them a lot in common with vampires, which might be why they're my favourite bird!





Speaking of vampires, the lammergeier also has unusual eating habits. The bearded vulture's diet is made up of about 90% bone marrow! This scavenger will often find bones from already dead animals on the

ground, but it has been known to kill its own prey more often than most vultures. The word "lammergeier" is German for "lamb stealer", because it was believed they carried off lambs, but their older name, ossifrage, means "bone eater". The lammergeier's method of eating involves dropping large bones from the sky until they break into bite-sized fragments, a technique that can take 7 years to learn.

One of their favourite meals is tortoise. A Greek poet named Aeschylus was allegedly killed when a lammergeier mistook his bald head for a rock, and dropped a tortoise on him.



A lammergeier's mating dance is a death-defying feat of air acrobatics. The pair fly in spirals, displaying their talons and wings. In an incredibly risky move, they lock claws together and plummet towards the ground. Timing is crucial, because if they don't pull up quickly enough they will crash and die.

Lammergeiers raise their young in a cave for about two years, with the parents alternating time in and



## April Rain Fall

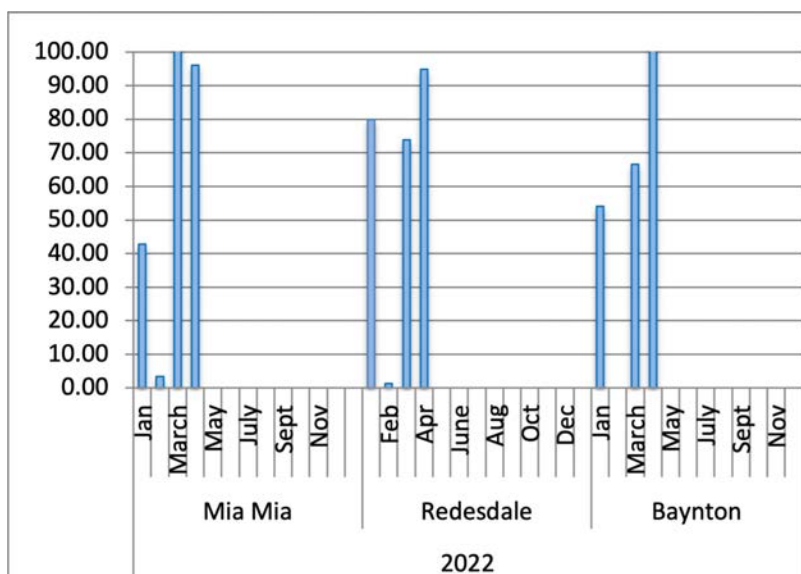
The average yearly rainfall for **Redesdale** is about 601mms.

Thank you to **Helen Bennett** for the  
**Mia Mia** readings & **Belinda Ryan** for  
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**Redesdale 94.80mm Year to date 249.80mm**

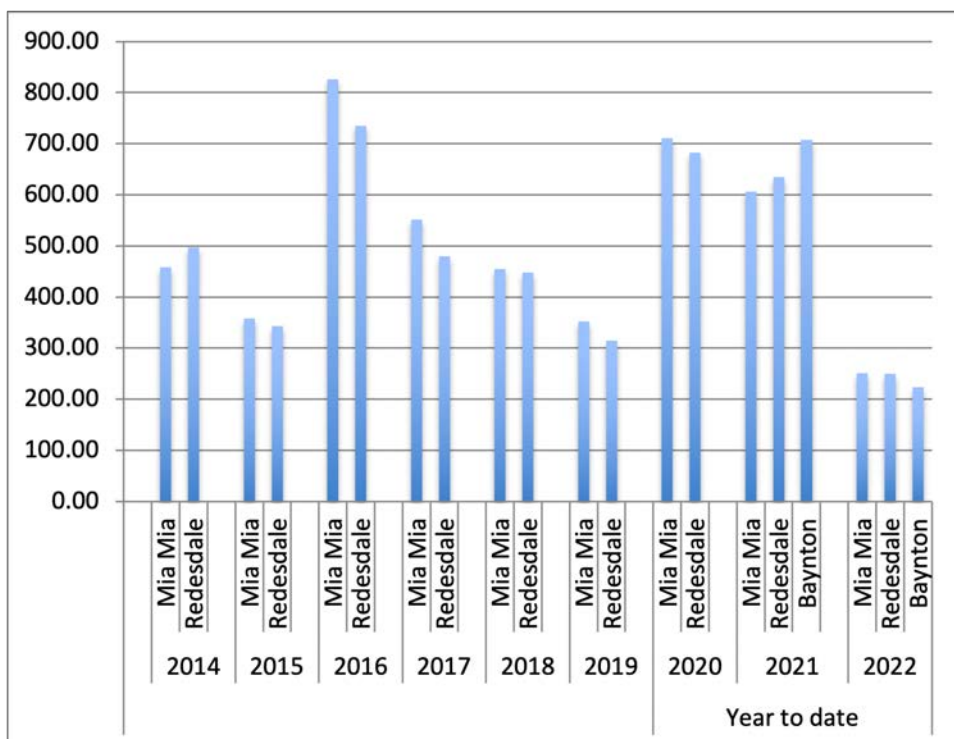
**Mia Mia 96.00mm Year to date 251.25mm**

**Baynton 102.4mm Year to date 223.00mm**



## 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
2019	Mia Mia	352.00
	Redesdale	315.00
2020	Mia Mia	711.25
	Redesdale	682.85
2021	Mia Mia	593.50
	Redesdale	634.40
	Baynton	707.80





## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

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### Amaretti



Amaretti (Makes 60)

500g almonds finely chopped

325g castor sugar

3 egg whites beaten to form soft peaks

2 drops of almond extract

Beat egg whites then gradually add the sugar till it has dissolved.

Add extract and almonds, mix well.

Rest for minimum of 2 hours.

Preheat oven to 180°

Line a baking tray with a sheet of baking paper.

Use a teaspoon of mixture to form balls and place on tray.

Bake for 10mins.

*Marisa Leahy*

## Redesdale Hall



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Umbrellas, charcoal	\$5 each

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For more information or to make a booking, please email: **3444reserve@gmail.com**

## Redesdale Ramblings

Redesdale Ramblings #4 2022

Some Aussie native plants for winter blooms.

In our part of Australia autumn and winter is when the native garden comes alive after the dry summer. Winter blooms are important for the nectar feeding birds so it behoves us to fill our gardens with them if we want to see our feathered friends flourish.

Correas are one of the most easy-going group of plants for the home garden tolerating a wide range of soils but preferring a situation that isn't water-logged. The tubular flowers appear in a variety of colours from white to pink, yellow to orange to red and some bi-colours. The foliage is mostly small and oval and dark green but there are a few varieties which stand out because of the foliage – one we grow is 'Barossa Gold' which has bright yellow "highlights" but only if grown in full sun – in shade it stays uniformly green. It's often recommended as a medium height hedge which can be kept clipped to the height you want. Another species used for hedging is *Correa alba* which can have quite grey foliage. Unlike most of the other species this one holds its flowers upright and though it is usually white as the name suggests, there is also a very pretty pale pink form available now.

Some of the prettiest types are the *Correa pulchella* cultivars which sport some of the brightest orange flowers in the genus. *Correa reflexa* is widespread and this shows in the number of variations you can find. The typical form is red with green tips which curl back (or reflex, hence the name) but can also be seen in pure green to fully red. 'Marian's Marvel' is a vigorous hybrid which has good sized red and green flowers and is easily propagated by cuttings. These days you can find correas in most nurseries, even hardware stores like Hume & Iser in Bendigo but especially in nurseries specialising in Australian Plants, such as Kuranga in Mt Evelyn or Goldfields Vegetation in Mandurang. While correas are mostly shrubs or ground-covers, Hakeas can range from low-growers to small trees. There are a lot

of good hakeas around and many have spikey or prickly foliage which is recommended where you are encouraging small birds to nest where they can get some protection from predators.

Grevilleas also vary from ground-covers to trees – the "Silky Oak" with its brushes of yellow and red is *Grevillea robusta*. Many difficult-to-grow species are grafted onto Silky Oak rootstocks to be able to grow them more easily in our gardens. Some are even grafted as tall "standards" to cascade like a weeping cherry as a specimen subject in the garden. There is even a local grevillea, *G. alpina*, which can be seen in flower on the roadside on the way to Bendigo with its curved orange-red flowers which earn it the name "Cat's Claws".

One of the best ground-cover forms is *Grevillea lanigera* "Mount Tamboritha Form" with densely packed stems of prickly spruce-like foliage and clusters of red and cream flowers. This can form a weed suppressing mat and looks very effective growing over a rock wall or in a rockery. We had two seedlings of this come up in the garden, one which was very similar to its parent but was shy of flowering and another that grew quite upright but flowered freely – as it came up in the rock garden it needs regular trimming to keep it in line.

The best way to get these plants is as tube-stock so that they adapt quickly to your soil and conditions. Plants in larger pots are growing in a lovely mix which may be quite different to your soil. There is little to entice the roots out of that mix and into the surrounding soil. Provide some mulch and water them well if dry during their settling in period – that's why it's best to plant them in autumn or early winter to take advantage of the natural rain.

There are plenty of other native Australian plants that flower now and the best thing to do is to visit a nursery or Botanic Garden now to see what's in flower to make your choice.

**Cheers**

**Fermi**

**The Redesdale Rock Gardener**



**Grevillea alpina – Eppalock road**



**Correa 'Barossa Gold' gold foliage; red and green flowers**



Do you have a fire plan?

We are constantly encouraging people to have a fire plan over summer. It usually consists of staying to defend, leaving early etc but a plan over winter is important too.

80 percent of homes being destroyed is caused by fires starting in the kitchen. A working smoke alarm is essential for your family's safety but what do you do if it goes off? A plan being constantly updated and rehearsed is a good idea. Different family members may have a role to play. One person may go for the extinguisher while another grabs the cat, for example. The most important part of any plan though is to decide on an outside meeting point and stick to it. For example everyone meets at the washing line and once outside don't go back in. It may only take 5 minutes to do a practice drill but that should be enough to commit it to memory.

The current trend of aromatic candles has caused a few fires, so don't leave unattended. Clothes dryers can overheat, so clean the filter with every load and once again ensure that you have at least one working smoke detector.

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## Quote of the month:

Gardens are not made by singing "Oh, how beautiful," and sitting in the shade.

**Rudyard Kipling**



Macedon Ranges Shire Council Youth Services is launching a remodelled Youth Ambassadors Program in 2022. It is a great leadership opportunity for young people in the shire to expand their skills, be a voice for young people and have projects they care about made into a reality. Below is some information about the Youth Ambassadors Program. More information is available on the website at [www.mrsc.vic.gov.au/leadership](http://www.mrsc.vic.gov.au/leadership)

### YOUTH AMBASSADORS PROGRAM 2022

The Youth Ambassadors Program is a youth leadership initiative that amplifies the voices of young people, and supports projects that young people are passionate about. The program helps young people to realise their leadership potential by building their leadership skills and peer to peer and community connections. Young people aged 15-25 who live, work or study in the Macedon Ranges are eligible to participate in the program.

In 2020/21 we reviewed and remodelled our Youth Ambassador program to ensure the activities it offers are relevant, and useful for young People in the Shire. In 2022, there are two main ways young people can participate in the Youth Ambassadors program:

#### GREEN MEANS GO and LEADERS IN THE LOOP.

##### GREEN MEANS GO

Got a passion project you want to get started, or one you want to keep go, go, going? GREEN MEANS GO gives dollars and project support to young people looking to do just that.

- Supports young people in pursuing projects they are passionate about
- Offers financial support of up to \$1000 for selected projects
- Offers worker time and skills support through a series of project 'cluster' workshops
- Participants can apply by pitching their projects through our Green Means Go 'Pitch' Portal

##### LEADERS IN THE LOOP

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- Supports young leaders by bringing them into

- consultation and decision making loops
  - Enables young leaders to feedback directly to decision makers in the community
  - Offers remuneration to young leaders for their time and input, into consultations
  - Participants can apply by registering their interest through the Leaders in the Loop portal
- Applications are now open for Green Means Go and Leaders in the Loop: [www.mrsc.vic.gov.au/leadership](http://www.mrsc.vic.gov.au/leadership)

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## Redesdale Recreational Reserve

Anybody casually passing the Redesdale Reserve will no doubt have seen the latest additions to the Community Pavilion.

With the support of FRRR (Foundation of Rural Regional Renewal) the shade sails have been installed above the recently completed decking, along with our “R” branding signs. It makes the Pavilion the ideal location and viewing point for activities on and around the reserve.

Whilst not as visually obvious, the Pavilion has also been the recipient of a battery system to store and provide un-interrupted electricity supply in

the event of power outages. This was sponsored by the Federal Dept. of Industry, Science, Energy & Resources. As the Reserve is the “Area of Last Resort”, as well as the staging point for emergency response, this will be a critical benefit. We hope it will never be required – but it’s reassuring to know it’s there...

Thanks once again to FRRR, Dept. of Industry, Science, Energy & Resources, and the tireless efforts of the RRRC members to make the Community Pavilion a truly great venue.

**Craig Newton**

**Redesdale Recreational Reserve Committee - Secretary**



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## A Tribute to Marge Griffin

An Afternoon Tea at the Baynton Hall was held on Saturday May 14 to acknowledge the significant contribution Marjorie (known as Marge) had made to the Baynton, Lancefield and Kyneton Communities. Marge passed away in February 2021, she was 92 years of age.

Marge's family and many community members attended the Afternoon Tea including Marge's adult children, Garry Griffin, Anne Symons, Mairead Emery, Katherine Harris and Deborah Pollock attended with extended family. The Pastoria CFA hosted the event to acknowledge the significant contribution Marge had made over many years as the Communications Officer. Trevor Watson, Pastoria Captain acknowledged Marge for her hard work and commitment as the Communication Officer. Marge was made a life member of the Pastoria CFA. Martin McKenna shared reflections of the Griffin family and the early days living in Baynton.

Syd Green presented a beautiful quilt to the Pastoria CFA on behalf of the quilters group in Lancefield – A Patch of Lancefield. Marge had been an active member of the Quilters Group for many years. The quilt depicts many aspects of Marge's life including images of farm life, church, livestock, the garden, spinning and weaving, cats and dogs and her beloved teddies.. The quilters described Marge's character strengths as gentle, patient, hardworking and determined and these words have been included on the quilt. The quilt will be on display at the Baynton Hall as a wonderful tribute to Marge. As an active member of the Kyneton Spinners and Weavers

over many years, Marge was awarded a Life membership. Grand daughter, Izzi Hutchinson shared family memories of Marge and thanked the Quilters and the Pastoria CFA on behalf of the Griffin family.

Marge was a member of the Kyneton Horticultural Society and a member of the Local Landcare Group. Over many years Marge planted trees at both Baynton and her Glenhope property.

Following the contribution Marge made during the Black Saturday fires, Marge was awarded a National Emergency Medal in 2014.

Marg will be remembered fondly for her hard work, dedication and commitment to the Pastoria CFA and many other community organisations.

Pics attached :

1. The Quilt made by the Lancefield Quilters
2. The extended Griffin family with the quilt
3. Katherine Harris, Syd Green and Trevor Watson







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